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## PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY January 6, 2021

- Date and Time:** Wednesday, 6 January 2021 at 4:00pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee
- Other Attendees:** Trisha Butler, Kimber Fountain, Ben Leder, Anna Mosashvili

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm Mountain time.

**Records of Past Meetings:** The minutes of the 16 December meeting were discussed, including the possibility of removing something that might be considered confidential. One change unrelated to that, to remove a sentence from the section about templates, was approved. Approval of the minutes with that change failed by a vote of 2 to 3 (Joe and Andrew in favor; Caryn Ann, Ed, and James opposed).

It was noted for the record that the committee met in executive session on 1 January to discuss the Nolan Archive issue; no action was taken during that meeting. Joe said he wanted it to be clear that none of the discussion during the 16 December meeting was in executive session.

**Records Archive Update:** Caryn Ann reported that she has been spending time looking for material requested by a researcher, and mentioned the need for a volunteer to help with scanning.

**Templates:** Andrew presented the new info box template for meeting articles.

**Site Statistics:** Ed reported some statistics produced using a standard log analysis tool. He will be able to continue producing reports this way but noted that the numbers are not directly comparable to what we were getting from Google Analytics.



**Site Technical:** Ed said that action by MyWikis will be needed before he can get Google Analytics working again. He will also be looking into a problem that is interfering with the creation of new accounts.

**Featured Article:** Joe reported that he made an article switch but noticed that it took a while to take effect apparently due to caching of the home page; Ed will look into whether there is an adjustment that can be made for this.

**New York:** Andrew reported that he has been working on scanning things.

**Nolan Archive:** James moved, and Andrew seconded, the following resolution:

Elizabeth Nolan (the widow of the Party's best-known founder, David Nolan), as a result of the efforts of the Historical Preservation Committee, donated the entire collection of her late husband's records concerning the Party and his Libertarian research to the national Libertarian Party. In making this donation, she further expressed her desire that the items remain together as an intact collection even though not all of the items can be posted on LPedia (such as libertarian movement publications not produced by the LP which are subject to copyright).

The Nolan Archive is an important asset and body of Party historical documentation. It is worth preserving and making accessible to the Party, its members, and other researchers interested in LP history. The Historical Preservation Committee is the body within the LP responsible for fulfilling the function of preserving historical records and making them accessible to members and researchers.

Currently, this collection is in the possession of a volunteer who is not cooperating in delivering it to us, and according to some accounts may not feel he is obligated to do so. We believe that Elizabeth Nolan's intentions were clear, as stated (1) directly to the HPC Chair, (2) in continuing communication with another volunteer, and (3) in an e-mail dated 5 August 2017. Attempts to resolve this matter informally and discreetly having failed, we believe it is now time for more formal action and call upon the LNC to provide the assistance of legal counsel so that this matter can be resolved properly and expeditiously.



The resolution was adopted without objection.

Caryn Ann moved and James seconded that:

In light of recent conversations with Ms. Nolan, to allow opportunity for additional attempts at diplomatic resolution, we direct the Chair to defer passing this resolution on to the LNC until 31 January.

The motion passed without objection.

Caryn Ann moved and James seconded to allocate up to \$2,000 from this year's budget for scanning of material from the Nolan Archive; the motion passed without objection.

**Committee Membership:** The committee conducted interviews with three individuals interested in becoming members of the committee:

- ◆ Trisha Butler
- ◆ Kimber Fountain
- ◆ Anna Mosashvili

It was noted that Anna Moshashvili had not yet submitted a formal application but intended to do so.

**Future Meetings:** The next meeting is scheduled for 20 January 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm Mountain time.