



MEETING SUMMARY February 21, 2022

- Date and Time:** Monday 21 February 2022 at 5:30pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Anna Mosashvili
- Other Attendees:** Jim Turney

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 2 February meeting were approved without objection.

National Convention: Jim Turney asked about our plans for activities at the convention to help celebrate the LP's past 50 years. He said he didn't think having power at our table would be a problem, and he expects the convention committee will be willing to provide us a table without charge; he will be able to give us more details about the location after an upcoming site visit. Caryn Ann mentioned that identifying old photos turned out to be a popular activity at the August event, and is something we could do at the convention if we had a second table. Jim encouraged us to think about breakout sessions, e.g., old-timers telling stories. Joe suggested that certain types of videos could make sense to display in a breakout room, if there is spare time.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she retrieved the boxes from New Mexico and the cost was less than we authorized because she was able to make the trip in one day. She reviewed the large-format items to remove things that didn't need to be scanned (e.g., duplicates) and agreed on a price of \$1,500 to scan the rest (about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a box); the job should be completed in about a month.

Categories: Caryn Ann raised an issue about what seemed to be a duplicate set of categories relating to elected Libertarians, which she has cleaned up. Joe said that if the two sets related to Libertarians serving in office in a certain year vs. elected in a certain year, those are actually different topics, for which different people would be listed. Caryn Ann said that the particular articles that she encountered listed the



same people, and she expressed the view that when people served was a more useful way to organize this kind of information, though such lists could also note when they were elected if that information is available. Since the ones labeled as lists of Libertarians elected in a particular year were either duplicates or empty, she has been eliminating those in favor of the lists of officeholders in a particular year.

There may be an issue about categorizing state party positions; this was raised by Andrew with respect to New York but might apply also to other states. Caryn Ann will consider this further and we can discuss it in a future meeting.

Site Statistics: Ed said that recent statistics were generally uninteresting, but noted that the Mises Caucus has been showing up a lot in search results. Caryn Ann said the Mises Caucus article needs work, but nobody from that group seems to be interested in improving it. Joe noted that it is not their responsibility, specifically, to do that, and anybody with the relevant knowledge could do it. Ed said that the search results did not necessarily mean people were searching for our article on the topic, but could just reflect that somebody has been "pushing" the topic in search engines generally. Ed also mentioned an unusual amount of traffic seemingly coming from Sweden and China but which may just be some search engine traffic that isn't being identified as such.

California: There was a historical display at the state convention this weekend similar to last year but with some new material.

LNC Regional Representative History: Caryn Ann said we are missing information about regional reps for many years. Joe said this information should have all been in LP News so it should just be a matter of somebody going through and collecting it. He noted that about 20 years ago he had made a chart covering all LNC positions from the early 1980s through that point.

Colorado: Caryn Ann reported that their HPC now is fully populated and will have its first meeting next week.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1 March 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm Mountain time.