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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY February 21, 2023

- Date and Time:** Tuesday, 21 February 2023 at 5:30pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee, Sam Bohler, Lisa Gansky
- Other Attendees:** none

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 7 February meeting were approved without objection.

Biographical Articles: Joe volunteered to write language to be added to our existing policy pages addressing the kinds of concerns discussed at the previous meeting.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that Google is now indexing more than 15,000 LPedia URLs. He noted that he is making use of a robots.txt file to advise search engines not to index the modified URLs that represent things like past versions of articles or pages while they are being edited. James suggested that allowing some sites, such as the Internet Archive, to process old versions could be useful.

Site Technical: There had been a concern that our domain registration was about to lapse and that renewing it might somehow be neglected, but it turns out that it was set to automatically renew and was in fact renewed on time.

Storage Unit: Caryn Ann reported that the member in Pennsylvania who said he had material to send us has now sent it, but we won't know exactly what is included until it arrives.

California: Joe reported on the recent state convention. The state HPC had a display, and he made various updates to LPedia relating to this convention. The change in leadership has also resulted in a new and urgent project for the state HPC – the



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preservation of the content of the "party business" Facebook discussion group, which the new EC voted in their post-convention meeting to immediately shut down and then in the near future delete. There was discussion of various ways to approach doing this.

New York: Andrew reported that he has restarted the state party newsletter and is including in each issue an article about some historical topic. Caryn Ann mentioned that she had purchased on eBay a button from the campaign of Jerry Tucille, our first NY gubernatorial candidate. Andrew said that the LP is represented in the NY state (government) archive by just one item, a button, possibly the same one that Caryn Ann mentioned; he plans to send them some more to expand their collection.

Uploading Material Previously Scanned: Sam reported that he is continuing to work on this, now with the help of his wife who just joined the party.

Twitter: Caryn Ann said that she intends to start tweeting about some of our material. Lisa said that tweets which specifically mention individual people or state or local parties are more likely to get responses than ones that don't.

Project for 2024 Convention: Caryn Ann reported that she is discussing with the convention committee having us take on the development of a video presentation honoring people who have died recently (e.g., since the previous convention). They tried to have something like this last time but it didn't work out; because it had a sound track they planned to show it during a break but it then got postponed when the schedule changed. If we made one that didn't rely on sound it could be played while other things are going on. We could possibly include some other kinds of historical material, and it would also serve to make the delegates more aware of our work. This is a project on which more than one person could work, including components like gathering facts and photos of the individuals to be honored, and then actually assembling the video; we might be able to recruit an additional volunteer specifically for some of this. The convention committee might be able to help us with this by including mention of it in their e-mail announcements.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 March 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm Mountain time.