



LIBERTARIAN

PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY February 6, 2019

Date and Time: Wednesday, 6 February 2019 at 4pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler,, James Gholston
Andrew Kolstee (came in after the records archive topic)

Other Attendees: Ben Leder

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 16 January meeting were approved.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she was able to do some work at the storage unit but because it's snowing again she has brought some of the material home to work on it there. She said somebody who worked on the MacBride campaign will be sending some boxes; she also mentioned meeting Paul Grant who told her he has some material.

Scanning/Uploading: Caryn Ann reported that all of the scanned LP News issues are now uploaded. As part of that scanning project some miscellaneous large-format publications had been scanned, including a few state newsletters; she has forwarded the California files to Joe. She uploaded one LNC video, from the last meeting held via Adobe Connect, and she has been creating articles for each meeting this term. She has been working on converting the minutes of the 1989 convention to wikitext, and in the process creating articles for the people mentioned. Joe said we need to be careful when creating articles about people when all we have is a name, since there can be more than one person with the same name.

There was discussion of future scanning work. Caryn Ann said there is a lot of regular-size material, both national and state, still to be scanned. Joe noted that he has additional large-format material from California, and asked whether it makes sense for California to be doing a lot of its own newsletter scanning if that might be done more efficiently as part of a national scanning project. Caryn Ann suggested that of the national material, press releases may be a priority, and people also seem to be interested in the fundraising letters.



Site Statistics: Ed reported that we are continuing to get about 100 users/day, so there does seem to be some lasting effect from some of the recent publicity we have gotten. Caryn Ann said we can expect another bump when she starts publicizing the fact that all the LP News issues are online.

General LPedia: Ed noted that backups continue to be done. Caryn Ann said she will be adding lists of convention delegates. Joe said that we should be very careful to label any such lists with exactly what they represent, e.g., lists submitted by the states vs. what was reported out by the Credentials Committee vs. who actually showed up and signed in.

New York: Caryn Ann noted that there were some New York newsletters included in the last Lyrasis scan.

Nevada: Caryn Ann noted that Emily now has the box of material previously mentioned and will be shipping it to Caryn Ann.

California: Joe reported that there has been significant progress in identifying the various past state newsletters, and that he was able to recover many of the issues of the more recent titles that had been available as PDFs on past versions of the LPC web site; these have now been uploaded to LPedia. He has also been working on filling in lists like those of past state chairs.

Yahoo Groups: Andrew said the person who had seemed interested in working on this had not gotten back to him, Caryn Ann noted that there had been many volunteers interested in being on the IT Committee and suggested that one of them might be interested in helping with this.

Copyright Waiver: Caryn Ann reported that the meeting with Elizabeth Nolan about this had to be rescheduled.

UStream Downloading: Caryn Ann said this is a project for which she still needs to recruit volunteers.



LPedia URLs: Ed said that we heard back from MyWikis on this and they did sort of think using the wiki/ format would be a good idea, but they weren't eager about making the switch. They said they can implement a redirect, but Ed isn't sure it is worth the trouble; he noted that Google has a way to request a rescan of your site, which should take care of most of the traffic. He said if we do have a redirect it would only be temporary. He suggested that we wait until after our next "publicity bump" to make the switch, but that we shouldn't wait too long because conventions and elections will be creating even more traffic. Joe said he has no real objection to making the switch as long as there will be a redirect in place long enough to avoid disruption for users and to allow links from other web sites to be updated.

Committee Membership: There was discussion of the 14 applications received and how to proceed with them. Ideas included interviewing them and asking them to join LPedia and work on something. Committee members offered lists of which of the applicants seemed to them most likely to be a good fit. After some discussion of overlap among these lists, it was decided to seek additional information from four of the applicants: Vlad Jecan, Matthew Long, Greg Pierce, and Jose Tumang. Caryn Ann said she will send each of them a followup questionnaire, and invited the rest of the committee to send her questions they would like included. She said she wants to ask them each to do some kind of LPedia project. After some discussion, it was agreed that asking them to work on and improve the article for some past presidential candidate would be a reasonable task; we will provide some examples of what we consider to be good biographical articles to give them target. Caryn Ann said she considers this an appropriate thing to ask of any applicant, because even though some committee members may end up mostly doing other kinds of work, since LPedia is our main product all of us need to be familiar with the process.

Volunteers: Caryn Ann reported that she has talked with some potential volunteers and is scheduled to talk with a couple more. She has already trained one, who is now working on uploading "national e-mails" from 2009 to 2018, of which the national office apparently did not keep copies when they sent them but she is making use of copies that Ken Moellman received and saved during that period.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for 20 February 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm Mountain time.