

MEETING SUMMARY February 7, 2023

Date and Time: Tuesday, 7 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 5:35pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 3 January meeting were approved without objection. (*Note: The meeting that had been scheduled for 17 January was cancelled.*)

Biographical Articles: There was discussion of a proposed policy regarding "Biographies of Living Persons", to address content that might be seen as damaging or harassing. The committee went into executive session at 5:38pm to hear comments relating to a specific article about which such a concern had been raised. The executive session ended at 5:58pm. There was discussion of various features that a policy addressing these kinds of concerns might have, including types of information that should not normally be included, the extent to which the fact that information is generally available or the subject of some formal proceeding (e.g., a court case or a Iudicial Committee action) matters, whether posting of information should be delayed in a case where some formal proceeding is still pending, the possiblity of flagging articles in which a potential judgement is still pending so they can be updated in a timely matter as appropriate, potential liability to the LP given that LPedia is a party resource, what sorts of policies Wikipedia has that relate to these concerns, whether some of these same issues apply to articles about individuals who are no longer living, and whether this would better be handled as a standalone policy or integrated into our general guidelines for article content.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that he continues to have trouble getting Google to index all of our pages; in particular "stub" articles are not being processed like pages which contain a significant amount of actual information. Joe said this sounds like



Google is behaving appropriately about this, and the way to address it is to add more real information to such articles.

Uploading Material Already Scanned: Sam reported that he had done 40 more uploads, mostly newsletters.

Twitter: Lisa reported that although there are now other committee members who have access to tweet on our HPC-specific account, she is still the only one doing so. Caryn Ann suggested that Sam could make use of this to highlight some of the things he has been uploading.

Membership Statistics: Joe expressed concern that the membership report that normally is published by the national office very regularly at the beginning of each month had not been published. Caryn Ann said that this was because there had been concern among some LNC members about the format of the report, and specifically about the inclusion of separate counts of "Active Members" and "Sustaining Members", so consideration was being given to changing the format.

The next meeting is scheduled for 21 February 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm Mountain time.