MEETING SUMMARY December 6, 2022

Date and Time:	Tuesday, 6 December 2022 at 5:30pm Mountain time
Where:	Online: Zoom
Committee Attendees:	Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee (arrived before site technical item), Sam Bohler, Lisa Gansky
Other Attendees:	none

The meeting was called to order at 5:39pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 1 November meeting were approved without objection.

Category Rebuild: Caryn Ann said she would soon be moving on to the categories relating to publications.

Site Statistics: Ed said a comparison of traffic from election season to election season showed 18% growth per year over the past four years.

Miscellaneous LPedia: Caryn Ann mentioned that Robert Kraus in the national office had been able to use LPedia to find information needed for our lawyer to deal with a legal matter. She also reported that she had found some additional old minutes via the Wayback Machine, but noted that there are still missing minutes.

Wikipedia: Caryn Ann reported that there have been attempts to "hijack" Wikipedia articles about state parties where there have been leadership/affiliation disputes.

Site Technical: Ed said he still needs to automate the process of submitting index information to Google. He also reported that the backup server is now using 43GB out of its 50GB allocation, which suggests this limit will need to be increased soon. James reported that he was able to add a "Random File" entry to the side menu.

Featured Article: James reported that he was able to make the current article fit better in the box by replacing the table with an image of the contents of the table.

County Articles: James said he noticed that there were many articles about county LP organizations that were marked as last proofed in 2017; since people are not necessarily updating such tags he has been going through some of them to make updates.

Year Articles: There was a discussion of how these articles should be formatted. James reminded us that we were using 2016 as an example, but said there hadn't been work on it recently. Joe suggested they would be more useful if they were reorganized according to general topic, e.g., "meetings", "elections" rather than the geographical hierarchy for which we are already effectively providing an index through the main organization articles and categories.

State/Local Organization Articles: Caryn Ann suggested we establish a standard format for such pages, because they are currently very inconsistent. She said the ones that have been worked on the most tend to take on similar formats, but guidance would be useful for people creating new articles of this type or expanding ones that don't yet have much in them. Joe noted that we already have a place for these kinds of recommended article formats in the Manual of Style. Points that came up in discussion included using some of the more developed articles as examples, organizing lists of past officers by type (e.g., a "list of past state chairs") vs. grouping them by "term"; both ways can be useful, depending on the amount of information available; large lists can be turned into separate articles; the meaning of "term" can vary from organization to organization depending on how they schedule their elections; headings may vary from state to state but there can still be a suggested minimum set; similarly the navigation boxes are probably best customized for each state but there are certain things that could be included by default.

Templates: Caryn Ann suggested it would be useful to have templates for articles about regional/affiliate/local conventions. Caryn Ann asked that the categories automatically generated from the Image Tag template date parameter be of the form "YYYY Images" rather than "Images in YYYY".

Definition Pages: There was a discussion of articles that define a topic or concept. James reported a case where one that had been referenced in an article had since been deleted. Caryn Ann said it was deleted because it seemed like a spam page. It was agreed that we are not trying to be an encyclopedia of everything, so it should not be necessary to have articles that provide definitions for terms that are already generally understood or where a reference to another source (e.g., Wikipedia) would serve the purpose; we only need our own definition articles for terms that are unique to the LP or used in a special way within the LP.

"Complex Organizational Structures Over Time": There was a brief discussion of what this topic is about but it will need to discussed further at a future meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 20 December 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm Mountain time.