LIBERTARIAN
PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY April 18, 2022

Date and Time:	Monday 18 April 2022 at 5:30pm Mountain time
Where:	Online: Zoom
Committee Attendees:	Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee
Other Attendees:	Morey Straus

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

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 5 April meeting were approved without objection.

Site Statistics: Ed said that the level of traffic continues to be pretty flat. We are now getting reports from the new version of Google Analytics which seem comparable to what we were getting from the old version. The AWStats reports continue to be polluted by presumably irrelevant traffic from China; he plans to do additional work to address this.

Site Technical: Ed said that he intends to make updates on the backup server which he hopes will clear up the problem with special characters in some articles not being displayed correctly.

California: Joe reported that the repopulated LPC HPC will be having its organizational meeting on 24 April.

New York: Andrew noted that this Friday is the 50th anniversary of the first NY meeting and that he still hopes to mark that with a Zoom event.

Convention: Joe suggested having a display of the first issue of various state newsletters, assuming some reasonable number of examples can be found; he has one for California and Andrew has one for New York. Ed said he will be bringing a scanner. Joe suggested that we might be able to use the space to the left of the table for some kind of display that would make our setup more visible from across the vendor area, specifically from where people are coming out of the elevator.

Photo Albums: Joe said that photos are an important part of documenting our history and that beyond the limited number of individual photos that people have been uploading to LPedia so far there are many albums associated with LP activities that would be useful to preserve and make more easily accessible. He suggested three general approaches for doing that: (1) referencing them where they are already stored in various photo-sharing facilities (e.g., Flickr, Google Photos, Facebook); (2) maintaining our own photo storage site using software intended specifically for that purpose; (3) making use of the MediaWiki article/file structure to store and present albums. Each of these has advantages and disadvantages in terms of things like preservation over the long term, storage costs, potential presentation styles, and ability to integrate the photos into other articles. As an experiment he tried creating a representation of an album using the third approach, based on the contents of an existing Facebook album, to see what would be involved; he said he thought the result looked reasonable, but the exercise brought up some questions about appropriate use of the "Image Tag" template, and also about whether storing a large number of photos this way might somehow strain the capacity of the site. Ed said that while in the long term this might be an issue, it was not likely to create a problem in the near term given the number of people we would expect to be doing this. There was discussion about copyright issues that might be involved in copying existing albums from other sites; Joe clarified that he was envisioning this primarily as a way for people to contribute their own collections of photos, which they already have the right to publish whether they had already been uploaded elsewhere or not. He also raised the possibility of defining "photo album" as a special type of page (e.g., by allocating a special namespace for them), but he thinks it would actually be better to allow albums to be either the main content of an article or just part of an article, in the same way that a table might be the main content or just part, depending on how much else there is to say on a topic; it was noted that if we do consider it useful for people to also be able to easily find all photo albums we could make use of the category system for that. Joe said he would continue experimenting with creating additional albums, including looking into ways to automate the upload process.

Phone Number Searches: Ed reported that the search result report is showing pages being listed because they contain phone numbers, which might be of concern

to some people; Joe suggested that this may just be a side-effect of people using a search engine as a reverse-lookup tool, that it isn't necessarily an indication that anybody is searching for information about our people specifically, and that since LPedia contains files with phone numbers going back decades it's very possible that the searches in question are completely unrelated to anything currently associated with anybody in the LP at all.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3 May 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm Mountain time.