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MEETING SUMMARY May 5, 2021

- Date and Time:** Wednesday, 5 May 2021 at 4:00pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee, Anna Mosashvili
- Other Attendees:** none

The meeting was called to order at 4:24pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 21 April meeting were discussed. It was requested that the name of the person who will be providing material relating to David Bergland be included. The minutes with that change were approved without objection.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that the number of articles and files is unchanged from the last meeting, and that traffic continues at about 100 users per day. A question was raised about the accuracy of the counts because there were in fact a number of new documents added since the last meeting. A possible explanation is that the count of "articles" does not include pages in the "Document" namespace. If so, we should look into capturing that count separately since pages of that type constitute a significant portion of the wiki. Ed also reported that the number of our pages that Google search considers "valid" has now risen, from about 10,000 a few months ago, to about 12,000 now.

Site Technical: Ed reported additional information about the issue of articles containing non-standard characters. It does not appear that any information is actually being lost in either backing up or restoring such articles; it is just that for some reason the software that MyWikis is running is managing to display them meaningfully while the more generic version of Mediawiki running on our backup server cannot. This does not seem to be a problem limited to very old articles, as Ed found at least one case in an article created only about two years ago, but he has not been able to find a way to intentionally create additional cases. However, as long as we can figure out some way to identify all such cases while the MyWikis software is



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still able to show us what they are supposed to represent, we should be able to fix them.

California: Joe reported that he has been working on uploading LPC press releases.

Personal Collections: James reported that Marshall Beerwinkle, who for a while was scanning material from his own collection, has stopped doing that because the scanner he has is no longer working; James will try to contact him and offer help.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for 19 May 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46pm Mountain time.