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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY July 18, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee (came in during Convention Recap discussion)

Other

Attendees: Ben Leder

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm Mountain.

Committee Status: Caryn Ann Harlos reported that she had been re-appointed Chair of this committee by the new LNC, and that she had re-appointed Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, and James Gholston as members, along with Andrew Kolstee (replacing Joe Buchman, who preferred not to be re-appointed).

Member Comments: Ben Leder commented on the phenomenon of frequent “re-branding”, which resulted in some discussion of past and current LP logos.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 23 May, 6 June, and 20 June meetings were approved as proposed and will be uploaded to LPedia. Some other past minutes still also need to be uploaded.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she has not had time to visit the storage unit since the convention, but that other historical material is accumulating at her residence. The Ed Clark recordings are now on their way there from the national office.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman will be visiting Denver soon to help us get in touch with Susan Nolan and will also do some work at the storage unit. He is planning to write a biography of David Nolan.

Categories: Caryn Ann is still at “0” in the biographies but has caught up on patrolling of changes.



Policy Updates: Joe Dehn did some reformatting of the home page to make use of the new “Getting Started...” article.

LP News, Audio/Video Tapes, Lyrasis: Now that the convention is over Caryn Ann will be working on identifying volunteers who can upload all of this material.

General LPedia / Featured Article: Joe suggested establishing a queue for pending featured articles, following the general plan of rotating articles of various types and a goal of switching the featured article at least once a month, although the rate could be increased if we have enough articles in the queue. He will work on setting this up, with a separate page allowing any user to suggest articles for consideration.

Ben Leder suggested creating a “virtual reality museum”, based on the framework of a game like “Doom” but containing historical items.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention Recap: There was discussion of how things went with our booth, topics including sales of t-shirts, some items that were left there, and following up with people who signed up saying they have historical material. The booth was staffed for most of the time by Ed Fochler and sometimes by other volunteers, and we did a good portion of what we had planned. We did not do video displays and only had an LPedia display for short times; better preparation in terms of equipment would have helped with both of these. Ed reported that a number of people who visited the booth did not seem to associate LPedia with the HPC, even though they had heard of both; he suggested mentioning the connection on the home page. Caryn Ann reported that she still has the original Statement of Principles and will be bringing it to DC when she goes for the December LNC meeting, when there will probably be an installation ceremony at the national office. She is still seeking buttons to fill the rest of that display case.

Caryn Ann reported that she incurred a number of expenses relating to the convention, including for purchase of t-shirts beyond the amount already donated for them, supplies for the gift bags distributed to the states, and shipping of various items. She said that not including the additional t-shirt expense, the total was about \$470. She estimated that earlier expenses relating to the convention, including the



banner and items used for display that can be used again at other events, totaled about \$100.

James Gholston moved and Ed Fochler seconded to reimburse Caryn Ann \$470 for convention-related expenses; the motion passed without objection.

There was discussion of how to sell the remaining t-shirts. Caryn Ann noted that the vendor can make additional shirts as we need them, so we can continue to offer all sizes. One possibility mentioned was offering them through the LP Store. It was suggested that we could make use of Facebook's fundraising feature to solicit additional contributions for the committee.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler reported that traffic roughly doubled during the convention, but was back to normal now. He said there were a lot of visits to the convention page and also to pages about certain individuals, e.g., people running for things, but that people were coming to these pages largely through Google search.

Yahoo Lists: Joe spoke briefly with Bonnie Scott about this at the convention but there isn't any real news to report.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Joe Buchman will still be following up on this.

Request for Deletion of Biographical Page: There was discussion of a request from an individual in New York that the page about him be deleted from LPedia, topics including whether there should be a defined procedure for this and whether we should act on such requests at all. The person in question briefly held an LP position and this is documented in the state party's minutes. The individual did not give a specific reason for this deletion request. Reasons mentioned for not acting on this request included: (a) it is our mission to document the history of the party and leaving people out would be inconsistent with that; (b) our existing policy, posted on the wiki, specifically states that this includes people who were involved for only a short time; (c) removing just this page while still mentioning this person on other pages would be inconsistent with the planned structure of the wiki. It was decided to follow up with the individual to ask why he wants the page deleted and to see if some other approach might satisfy him, and to defer consideration of any general deletion policies/procedures until we have more examples of such requests.



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Committee Expansion: Caryn Ann asked for feedback on the idea of expanding the committee to seven members, as a way of bringing in people with additional skills and getting more people involved in our work. It was noted that people can help with wiki editing and volunteer in other ways without being on the committee, and that some people willing to help would prefer not to be on a committee; however, there are lots of kinds of work to be done and it might make sense as a way to get some people more involved. There did not seem to be any real objection from the current committee members to this idea.

Andrew reported that he is starting to work on the old New York materials that Bill McMillen had stored, and described some of the items that he found.

Ben Leder said he was interested in working on updating information about current candidates, many of whom are not currently mentioned in LPedia. He said he might also be able to help recruit volunteers for other kinds of work.

James Gholston suggested there may be various “databases” of information that would be relevant to our work, e.g., created by the national office, that could be converted to other formats.

Future Meetings: The next meeting was set for 8 August.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.