

MEETING SUMMARY February 5, 2020

Date and Time: Wednesday, 5 February 2020 at 4:00pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Ed Fochler,

Andrew Kolstee (arrived during the category rebuild item)

Other Attendees: none

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

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 15 January meeting were not yet available.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she will again be working in the storage unit next weekend.

Genera LPedia: Caryn Ann reported that the LNC is having difficulty figuring out how to handle things like posting presidential debates on the national web site, because of their standing policy of not providing services to candidates before they are nominated unless they make the same services available to all candidates. The LNC would like to be selective, to feature debates with good production values, and have decided to post one debate so far, but they may find it difficult to continue this way since different debates include different candidates. LPedia is better positioned to provide access to a broader range of material both because our decision-making is "at arms length" from the LNC and because our criteria for inclusion are generally much more inclusive anyway. For example, we already have a page that includes links to many debates. Caryn Ann suggested that we be more proactive about making this available as a resource for people who are actively seeking information about the upcoming nomination, e.g., by promoting this page on our home page. Joe said he would work on that.

Category Rebuild: Caryn Ann reported that she has started work on categories for images, and shared a preliminary outline with the committee. There was discussion of categories for "files" vs. "images", how to categorize things like maps, and the



possiblity of automatically including in each article about a person a link to the category for images of that person.

Templates: There was discussion of whether there need to be separate info box templates to handle articles about topics like caucuses or authors, or if the generic "organization" and "person" templates are sufficient. Andrew said he is working on standardizing the info boxes that appear at the bottom of state affiliate pages.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that traffic is very skewed toward the presidential nomination article, with that article getting five times as much traffic as the main page, and that overall traffic has increased to about 180 users per day.

California: Joe reported that the LPC HPC will have a table at the upcoming state convention.

Scanning Job: Caryn Ann said she expects to be getting a progress report from the scanning company shortly.

Yahoo Groups: Andrew reported that he had copied about a million files to the backup server; Ed reported that this is about 15GB of data in all.

Ustream: Joe said he will be making a copy of all the video files on a flash drive to give to Caryn Ann at the California convention. Ed suggested uploading them to the backup server as well.

Nolan Collection: Caryn Ann said she is planning to visit Joe Buchman to discuss his plans for continuing to work on this, and hoped to at the same time be able to do quick scans of some items of particular interest.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for 19 February 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:40pm Mountain time.