

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

LNC MEETING DECEMBER 2020 V1

COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Policy Manual Section 2.02 SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Historical Preservation Committee

The HPC shall be responsible for directing the preservation and publication of Party historical documents and the administration of LPedia.org. A report of its decisions and activities shall be delivered at each LNC meeting.

The scope of the initial organizing work will last well into several years (the estimate is at least additional five years depending on member involvement), and LPedia will need to be maintained for the time of its existence.

Committee Members

- Caryn Ann Harlos (Chair)
- Joe Dehn (Secretary)
- Ed Fochler
- James Gholston
- Andrew Kolstee

Status of search for potential additions to committee:

Applications have been reviewed and pending information requested from the Party Chair, interviews will be set.

Reports, Meetings, and Communications

The Committee is committed to transparency and conducts open meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month via Zoom. The monthly agenda is posted and updated here: http://lpedia.org/LPedia:LPHPC_Agenda. The Committee email list is in the process of moving over to the Party G-Suite account with a final transition date set of January 1, 2021. The minutes and other records from its proceedings are preserved on LPedia¹ (links noted below for member review):

¹ The complete history of minutes and reports can be found at: http://lpedia.org/National_Historical_Preservation_Committee

Minutes Prepared since the last report:²

- September 16, 2020 https://lpedia.org/w/images/7/7e/Minutes_2020-09-16_HPC.pdf
- October 7, 2020 https://lpedia.org/w/images/2/2d/Minutes_2020-10-21_HPC.pdf
- October 21, 2020 https://lpedia.org/w/images/7/73/Minutes_2020-08-19_HPC.pdf
- November 4, 2020 (draft) https://lpedia.org/w/images/3/31/Minutes_2020-11-04_HPC_Draft-1.pdf

Prior Committee Reports this Term:

- July 8, 2020 https://lpedia.org/w/images/7/7e/LPHPC_Report_2020-07-08.pdf
- September 13, 2020 https://lpedia.org/w/images/6/63/LPHPC-REPORT_2020-09.pdf

Motions Considered

- None

Regular Dedicated Non-Committee Volunteers

There are multiple regular volunteers that tend to specialize either in their state or in broader subject matters such as election statistics. The committee is in search of another Colorado on-site volunteer and will be exploring internships once again. I have been encouraging the state affiliates to take ownership of their pages and update them regularly.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT PRESERVATION

Storage Unit

A tour of the site is available upon request.

Digitization

Documents and Papers:

Batches of documents are scanned regularly. Presently, we have a backlog of items already scanned to be uploaded.

Audio/Video/Electronic Data Materials:

We need volunteers to work on other media categories such as audio and VHS. All of the past meetings on UStream have been downloaded but are not yet on LPedia. LPHQ took all of our VHS tapes to digitize for use in 50th anniversary events. Those files are being received in batches.

HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS AND PROJECTS

² As per the requirements of the Policy Manual Section 2.02.1, the above-linked minutes contain the dates and attendance rosters for each of the Committee's meetings since the previous regular LNC Meeting.

State Party Preservation Efforts

State Party Coordinated Preservation Efforts/Committees:

- California
 - A historical committee, chaired by Joe Dehn, is working on collecting and preserving material relating to the state and local LP organizations.
- Colorado
 - The affiliate is using LPedia as its public records archive and regularly uploads records.
- New York
 - A historical committee is being led by Andrew Kolstee to organize their substantial records.

Nolan Archive

These materials are presently stored in the Utah home of Dr. Buchman who has expressed interest in writing a biography of David with the encouragement of his widow, Elizabeth. Elizabeth signed a written copyright waiver for these materials to be published with or without attribution to LPedia and for commercial or non-commercial use. The Party Chair has been brought into this discussion to assist.

STATUS OF LPEDIA

General Statistics³

- 4,696 Articles
- 22 Active Editors
- 5,558 Document/Image Uploads

Daily unique visitors remain about 100-125 with bumps when particular pieces are featured on Facebook or Ms. Harlos appears at various speaking engagements.

Featured Articles

At least once a month (preferably twice) detailed and image-rich articles are featured on the front page to freshen up content and highlight various affiliates, events, people, and documents. Nearly any article can qualify if they meet the standards of high-quality content. Types of content are alternated in order to not emphasize one interest over any other and provide variety. The following are the 2020 featured articles thus far:

- First Issue of LP News

³ ***Last report statistics:***

- 4,473 Articles
- 32 Active Editors
- 5,224 Document/Image Uploads

- California Convention 2020
- Libertarian Party of Colorado
- National Convention 1996
- LNC Meeting 1-2 February 2020
- LP News 1972 January Issue 2
- David Koch
- History of the Libertarian Party of New York
- LNC Meeting 12-13 September 2020

Massive Category Clean-Up

The initial structure has been laid out using OmniOutliner with the master file available for download. The process is coming close to completion with the exclusion of the “images” and “publication files” categories. The current top-level category tree is structured as follows:

- Collections
- Definitions
- Events
- Files
- Images
- Issues
- Lists
- LPedia
- Organizations
- People
- Places
- Publications
- Records

Data Back-Ups

Regular back-ups are done professionally and consistently. All of the uploaded documents are also kept offline on hard drives and regularly copied to drives stored at a safety deposit box. Any member who provides Ms. Harlos with hard drives may have a copy of all of these records. The committee would like to see them widely distributed so that there is never a single source/point of failure.

Rating Articles

A system has been created, and all of the articles are going through the rating process.

Tutorials

Ms. Harlos created several tutorials as requested by potential new editors and posted on the “Getting Started as a Contributor” page, and the following message is now sent with all new registrations:

Here is a short primer on how to get started and some helpful links:

Start here with getting started as a contributor:

https://lpedia.org/wiki/LPedia:Getting_Started_as_a_Contributor

That above links includes written and video tutorials.

It is also helpful to review the LPedia policies page here:

<https://lpedia.org/wiki/LPedia:Policies>

Particularly the Manual of Style: https://lpedia.org/wiki/LPedia:Manual_of_Style

Remember that although we use the same software as Wikipedia, the similarity ends there.

Practically Everyone and Everything That's On Topic Is Notable

- *If someone's time in a state party was completely undistinguished, they're notable.*
- *If someone is basically completely forgotten, they're notable.*
- *If someone ran as a paper candidate for a really obscure office, they're notable.*
- *If someone was a member of a county party for a week and a half, they're notable.*
- *If a candidate failed to make it on the ballot and wasn't even available as a write-in, they're notable.*
- *If someone was an influence on the Libertarian Party or its creation, they're on topic and notable.*
- *If a Political Action Committee fell apart without supporting a single candidate, it's notable.*

For more information read here: https://lpedia.org/wiki/LPedia:LPedia_is_not_Wikipedia

ACCOUNTING FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

Total Expenses Booked: \$1,102.16

Total Revenue: \$250.00

Total Budget: \$2,500.00

Funds Committed: None

THESE ARE THE FIGURES FROM LAST REPORT – THOUGH REQUESTED SEVERAL TIMES IN ADVANCE, HQ HAS NOT PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE CHAIR WITH UPDATED FIGURES.

There have been significant contributions since these figures were last reported.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caryn Ann Harbo

Committee Chair