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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY October 17, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at 4pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

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

Absent: Ed Fochler, Andrew Kolstee

Other Attendees: Ben Leder

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

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 19 September meeting were approved.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that LP staff have been contacting her when they need historical information; some state chairs have done the same. She will be putting tutorials that she writes on LPedia. All this is part of it becoming part of the national LP's culture. She reported that she had done some fundraising during a trip to Massachusetts. She noted that members can earmark their dues for the HPC. Work continues on sorting of historical campaign material; this is difficult because many items don't even have dates. She bought some more historical buttons that will be added to our collection.

Video: Caryn Ann reported that she has uploaded another video.

General LPedia: Caryn Ann mentioned that she may post some info about the outliner software that she uses, and that Richard Longstreth will be working on an article about LNC Region 1.

Site Statistics: Ed submitted an updated report by e-mail.

Featured Article: Joe said it has been about a month since the last switch so he plans to switch to another one soon. He did some work on the 1972 Platform page, including proofreading/correcting the whole thing against the hardcopy version. He



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said nothing seemed to be happening about addressing the outstanding issues with the other articles at the top of the queue, so he will be looking at other possibilities of various type of articles; he said he does not want to be featuring only articles about people.

Scanning/Uploading Backlog: Caryn Ann reported that she had been able to get a high quality scanner with a document feeder at a very good price. She said there are hundreds of thousands of pages that could be scanned, but that there are also many things that have already been scanned but need to be uploaded, and we need more people working on that.

Copyright Waiver: Caryn Ann said that she will probably contact Elizabeth Nolan about this herself. (Joe Buchman had been the contact earlier.) Elizabeth seems to be supportive of our project, having recently made a financial contribution. Joe reported that he created another version of the waiver language that allows us to use material more generally, rather than only on LPedia; he suggested using this version for anybody who finds it acceptable.

State Party Archives: Caryn Ann said we still need to get somebody to look at the Nevada material recently discussed, but the person who has it isn't planning to throw it out. There is no update on the recently mentioned New York material. Alabama activists recently found a bunch of records in a basement, and are looking for people to help work on it. Joe suggesting making the general topic of state party archives be a standing item on our agenda. He also reported that the LP of California is setting up its own HPC; Caryn Ann said she will promote this idea to other states. She noted that LPedia makes it easier to promote the idea to state-level activists, since they have a place that they can just post everything and we will maintain the site for them.

Future Meetings: We are planning to continue meeting twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; these are shown on the agenda page as two separate series only because of the way that Zoom handles reservations. Caryn Ann said we may be switching at some point to an improved version of Adobe Connect. The next meeting is set for 7 November.



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Committee Membership: Caryn Ann reported that the LNC approved the change to allow the HPC to have up to seven members. She wants to put out a call for interested people, then the current members will chose from among them. The purpose of adding more people is to get more work done; current committee members have been focusing on specific areas, but there are more things to be done, and we should think about where we have gaps that need to be filled.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.