



# LIBERTARIAN

## PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY December 4, 2019

- Date and Time:** Wednesday, 4 December 2019 at 4:00pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Ed Fochler, Andrew Kolstee
- Other Attendees:** none

The meeting was called to order at 4:11pm Mountain time.

**Records of Past Meetings:** The minutes of the 20 November meeting were approved.

**New York:** Andrew reported that he is continuing to scan documents. He has also been in touch with David Cox, the person mentioned previously as interested in the history of NY ballot access, who mentioned that Tamara Clark has a set of photos of the 1993 convention that she will hopefully be willing to provide to us.

**Yahoo Groups:** There was continuing discussion of the efforts being made to download group contents. So far 619 groups of interest have been identified, of which 377 have already been saved. Of the rest, 187 may be restricted (not public), so downloading them will require identifying somebody who has access or can grant access. There was discussion of drafting a message that could be posted various places or sent to various categories of people (e.g., group owners, and activists in various states) requesting assistance. James noted that the downloading script (as opposed to the download files provided by Yahoo) only contains message bodies. Andrew estimated that about 600,000 messages have been downloaded so far. James suggested copying the contents of all the group home pages; Joe said there are few enough groups that it would be reasonable to make an LPedia page for each, containing the information from the home page as well as any other information we can gather about the history of the group, along with pointers to the saved messages. Joe asked if anybody who had messages downloaded for the same group via both the script and the Yahoo provided files had compared the contents to make sure they contain the same material, at least the message bodies and essential header



information; Andrew said that it appears that they do. Andrew noted that the groups are not actually going away, but rather just becoming mailing lists, and that since he has now subscribed to a large number of them for the purpose of requesting a download from Yahoo he will also be getting copies of messages sent to those lists going forward. Joe noted that there may be many other people who have subscribed to some of these lists in the past and so may have their own copies of many of the messages, and perhaps also some people who did complete downloads at times in the past, either of which could be sources for recovering some messages that have since been deleted from the online collection. There was discussion of incorporating all of these ideas into the message to be sent to people asking for assistance.

**Site Statistics:** Ed reported that traffic continues to be somewhat higher than previously, with queries regarding presidential candidates being a significant factor.

**Various National Articles:** Caryn Ann reported that she created a wikitext version of the delegate allocation information, and is creating articles based on various delegate lists, cleaning up lists of LNC meetings/minutes, and preserving the current national e-mails as they come along.

**URL Format Transition:** The message still needs to be sent to MyWikis.

**Featured Article:** Caryn Ann reported that she wrote an intro blurb for the LP of Colorado article, which should make it better suited to be a featured article.

**Scanning Job:** Caryn Ann reported that the company is working on it, and she will send them a note asking for a progress report.

**Ustream:** Caryn Ann reported that she had downloaded the files for one meeting. Joe said he had looked at a few files and the sound in some of them is pretty bad. Joe will work on setting up a process to download them all and hopes to be able to automatically extract date info from the file names. Caryn Ann said the downloading needs to be done by the end of December or the party will need to pay more money to keep them online. There was discussion of something called "Libertarian Caster" that may have made recordings of some meetings; this needs further investigation.

**Future Meetings:** The next meeting is scheduled for 18 December 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm Mountain time.