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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY August 5, 2020

- Date and Time:** Wednesday, 5 August 2020 at 4:00pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee
- Other Attendees:** Ben Leder, Theodore Hamby

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm Mountain time.

Prospective Committee Member: Theodore Hamby introduced himself; he is interested in becoming a member of the committee. He is a recent graduate of the University of Georgia and is involved with the LP of Georgia and with current campaigns. He has started doing some work on LPedia, making use of articles relating to California as models for ones relating to Georgia.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 15 July meeting were approved.

Privacy Policy: There was a short discussion of the status of this; Caryn Ann suggested adding a contact e-mail.

Templates: Caryn Ann noted that somebody had added a number of templates recently and suggested that Andrew review them.

General LPedia: Caryn Ann indicated that the list of uncategorized "files" previously discussed (and already available) was sufficient for her work on categorizing images. She suggested that committee members check the change log regularly to get an idea of what people are doing. She reported that since as Secretary she is required to keep copies of affiliate party bylaws, she will be putting them all on LPedia. It was decided that, for category purposes, "online communities" will be placed under "organizations" for now.

Site Statistics: Ed sent a report saying that traffic is currently about 100 users/day, and that he now has some numbers relating to Google search that show more references using https than http. There was discussion of the fact that, unlike many



sites, we do not force users (via redirect) to use https, but given that we are already getting more through https it is not clear whether this is hurting our rankings. James suggested that it might be possible to modify our robots.txt file to cause only the https URLs to be indexed, even if we want to continue to allow access via http for the benefit of people who for whatever reason can't use https.

Articles Needed: There was a discussion of articles on significant topics that are in need of a lot of work; Caryn Ann gave the Jo Jorgensen article as an example; Joe said there is a general problem with past national candidates and past national officers, citing the article on Sharon Ayres that consisted of just a single sentence. Wikipedia has an elaborate system for ranking articles by priority and quality, and there was general agreement that a somewhat simplified version of that might be helpful for LPedia. Specifically, we could start with a three-level ranking for importance (high, medium, low) and five levels of quality (A, B, C, start, stub). Andrew will work on documenting such a system.

Nolan Collection: Caryn Ann reported that Joe Buchman has not responded to our request for the material to be shipped for scanning.

Videotapes: Caryn Ann reported that digitization of the VHS tapes that we shipped to Tara DeSisto is not being given priority but that she expects they will eventually be done.

Miscellaneous Artifacts: Caryn Ann reported that somebody apparently wants to donate the "thong" that James Weeks famously wore at a past convention. It is not clear how this relates to our mandate or how we would go about storing/displaying such artifacts.

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

Caryn Ann reported that the national LP is moving away from Zoom, and will be using Google Meetings instead, as part of a general switchover to "G Suite". As a result, we will probably need to switch beginning January, although we might be able to start sooner.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19pm Mountain time.