

# HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

## LNC MEETING AUGUST 2024

### **COMMITTEE OVERVIEW**

#### **POLICY MANUAL SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **Historical Preservation Committee**

*The Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) shall be responsible for directing the preservation and publication of Party historical documents and the administration of LPedia.org.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. In order to maintain continuity and progress on long-term and technical projects, the HPC members remain in position from term to term until resignation or replacement by action of the LNC at any time. The HPC is expected to fundraise to offset any budget for preservation projects. In the event of vacancy of the chair of the HPC, the LNC will make every effort to appoint a member in the vicinity of the physical archives. The HPC must make every effort to ensure there is at least one member (if it is not the HPC Chair) in vicinity of the physical archives and one member with sufficient technological expertise to provide system administrative support to LPedia.*

##### **Committee Members**

- Caryn Ann Harlos (Chair)
- Joe Dehn (Secretary)
- Samuel Bohler
- Ed Fochler (on semi-leave)
- Lisa Gansky (Chair of Convention Memorial Subordinate Committee-keeping this going)
- James Gholston
- Andrew Kolstee (Chair of Nolan Archive Subordinate Committee)

##### **Reports, Meetings, and Communications**

The Committee is committed to transparency and conducts open meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month via Zoom. The agendas are posted and updated here: [http://lpedia.org/LPedia:LPHPC\\_Agenda](http://lpedia.org/LPedia:LPHPC_Agenda). Committee discussion is also conducted via email with a read-only subscription option available to all Party members here: <https://groups.google.com/u/1/a/lp.org/g/historical-preservation-committee>. The minutes and other records from its proceedings are preserved on LPedia<sup>1</sup> (links noted below for member review):

---

<sup>1</sup> The complete history of minutes and reports can be found at: [http://lpedia.org/wiki/National\\_Historical\\_Preservation\\_Committee](http://lpedia.org/wiki/National_Historical_Preservation_Committee)

**Minutes Prepared Since Last LNC Meeting (for this report only, since 2024 Convention):<sup>2</sup>**

- June 18 2023 [https://lpedia.org/w/images/8/81/Minutes\\_2024-06-18\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/8/81/Minutes_2024-06-18_HPC.pdf)
- July 2 2024 [https://lpedia.org/w/images/6/6d/Minutes\\_2024-07-02\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/6/6d/Minutes_2024-07-02_HPC.pdf)
- July 16, 2024 PENDING
- Aug 6 2024 PENDING
- Aug 13 2024 PENDING

**Prior Committee Reports this Term:**

- None

**Motions Considered**

Andrew Kolstee was empowered to lead and find volunteers to assist with the Nolan Archive Preservation project.

**STATUS OF DOCUMENT PRESERVATION**

**Storage Unit and Digitization**

***Documents and Papers:***

Last term, an LNC member had volunteered to assist with the scanning of records and was given dozens of boxes. Unfortunately, these boxes were returned in a state of disorganization and the hundreds of hours of organization work are having to be redone, which is proceeding. The scans were also done somewhat haphazardly but the committee is working with them the best they can. More volunteers are always gratefully received and needed. A Colorado volunteer, Winrich Cruz, has been coming to work periodically. This work is very slow going.

**Library of Congress**

***Nolan Collection:***

The scan that was given to the LOC and refused to be given to the Committee by the donor has since been received by LOC and is being processed.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

We have both YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@lphistory>) and Odysee (<https://odysee.com/@lphistoricalpreservation>) channels as well as a Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/LPediaOfficial>)

**UNFORUNATE CONVENTION EVENTS**

---

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

Some of the buttons that were located in historical display cases were taken when they were there as Property of the Party for display purposes only. Caryn Ann was given consent by the LNC to write a Historical fundraising email and to contact delegates from convention gleaned from convention emails gathered by the Credentials Committee.

## **STATUS OF LPEDIA**

### **Categorization Project**

After years of working with administering the site, more logical and efficient ways to categorize have become apparent. Also, in trying to reform the old categorization system, things fall out of standardization. Another complete overhaul of the categories is in progress, which is a multi-year project.

### **General Statistics<sup>3</sup>**

- 6,504 Articles
- 20 Active Editors
- 10,365 Document/Image Uploads

As a point of historical reference, these numbers were first reported in August 2017, as follows:

---

### **User Statistics**

---

1,829 Articles / 1,162 Uploads / 19 Active Contributors

---

---

<sup>3</sup> *Figures from last report:*

- 6,193 Articles
- 29 Active Editors
- 9,418 Document/Image Uploads

Respectfully Submitted,

*Caryn Ann Harlos, Committee Chair*