

MEETING SUMMARY April 1, 2020

Date and Time:	Wednesday, 1 April 2020 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 18 March meeting were approved.

Storage Unit: Caryn Ann reported that due to coronavirus closures she cannot access the storage unit, but she has plenty of material at home she can work on.

Templates: Andrew reported that the automatic linking of person info boxes to corresponding image categories is now working. He gave a reminder that this will only work to the extent that the names used in the info boxes and the categories match. We need to be careful in particular about cases where there are people with the same or similar names, e.g., the various Gary Johnsons – we need to distinguish them the same way in both places. Caryn Ann suggested that once we have most of this done we could use the disambiguation pages as a guide for cases that might need to be cleaned up.

Categories: There was a concern that some template was generating references to licensing categories, but discussion revealed that these references are only appearing in file histories and so are probably not being generated by any current templates.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that traffic is continuing at about 100 users per day. He was able to extract from the backup copies some past article/file counts, starting from late 2018.



URL Format Change: Requesting the hosting company to make this change is on hold until they have resolved our trouble report relating to new account creation.

Featured Article: Joe reported that National Convention 1996 is now featured.

Don Parrish: Caryn Ann reported that she has not gotten any reply from him, and expressed concern about this given his age.

Vicki Kirkland Material: None of us have heard anything further about this. There was discussion of ways we might re-establish contact with the people who had given us the earlier information.

Scanning Job: Caryn Ann reported that the company is currently closed, and not accepting any new business, but they expect to be able to complete our existing job.

Volunteers: Caryn Ann said she would add ongoing projects as an agenda category. She reported that 'Vermont' will be working on historical e-mails. Various people are working on delegate lists; this is a big job because it includes creating articles for each person. She is looking for lists from earlier years, and noted the distinction between lists submitted by the states and lists of who ended up being credentialed but said both are of interest.

National Convention: There is still no way for us to plan anything until the more general questions about the convention have been resolved.

Nolan Collection: Caryn Ann said she still hopes to be able to visit Joe Buchman at some point, and she now has lots of airline credit she could use for such things.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for 15 April 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm Mountain time.