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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY MARCH 29, 2017

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 16, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Harlos, Joe Buchman, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholson

Member

Attendees: Ed Marsh (LNC)

Meeting called to order at 4:03pm (Mountain).

Last meeting summary approved.

Policy and Use Guide: This is now on the main page, started by James Gholston and amended Joe Dehn and Caryn Ann Harlos. Joe Dehn raised concerns about the language of “permission” versus something like “licensing” or “sharing.” Any Committee member can go and freely edit and we can work out agreements and disagreements on the talk pages on the wiki. Certain pages need to be protected for edits only by administrators. Having discussions on the talk pages will allow the committee to get more work done between meetings and only bring to formal discussion things that rise to that level.

Licensing: Extensive discussion on licensing took place including the LNC-authorized use tag. James Gholston is advocating for public domain. Joe Dehn is advocating for CC-By (4.0). Other committee members went back and forth with the options and variations between these two positions. The important points discussed (some of them opposing and mutually exclusive) included:

- Attribution would be to LPedia not to the individual contributors
- Attribution grants provenance and history to source material
- Having licensing we are not enforcing
- Real world test cases on attribution (CC-by) versus public domain
- There would still be special tags for special cases
- Future case scenarios in how far-off researchers can determine when something enters the public domain



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- Are we concerned by some future source that is refusing to source us-not for bare credit (that isn't our goal)-but for historical accuracy so that readers can verify and continue down research trails
- There is notice on the site so that contributors are aware that there will not be personal attribution
- Public domain items can later be copyrighted by others when no initial licensing was indicated, this would be different if done under CC-By - we would not pursue any enforcement but this would protect us from being precluded from "our" own work
- LPedia exists to promote the use of Party history within the larger context and attribution points back to that wider context
- Contributors might feel better about contributing when they know that their work would be recognized as part of a larger historical work and feel like they are volunteering for the Party
- Attribution is not our objective, preservation of our history is
- We would not exclude commercial use
- Wikipedia uses a form of a creative commons license, not public domain
- Desiring attribution does not necessitate a belief in intellectual property
- It is possible to encourage attribution without any of the other baggage such as prohibiting commercial or other uses
- Facts can't be copyrighted or protected
- The issue isn't copyright or protection but attribution to properly source and research in order to add to the general knowledge, not to grasp at credit

After many attempts, these were the resulting motions:

James Gholston moved to change the default license for LPedia to be public domain in jurisdictions where permitted, otherwise it would be CC0

Joe Dehn offered a substitute motion- move to change the default license for LPedia from CC-By-NCA to CC-By

Vote on substituting Dehn's motion for Gholston's motion:

Voting Yes: Fochler, Dehn

Voting No: Gholston

Abstain: Buchman, Harlos



Vote on adopting Dehn's motion:

Voting Yes: Fochler, Dehn

Voting No: Buchman

Abstain: Gholston, Harlos

Chair Harlos noted that she will only vote on items in which she is needed as a tiebreaker.

Nothing precludes us in the future from revisiting the decision. There have been multiple license changes in the past in LPedia, though tagging gets cumbersome.

Backups: Ed Fochler got a successful backup down and a wiki restored from it so we are ready to go on that angle. He was initially concerned that the backup on the SQL server was 3gigs but it is not intolerable. He plans on doing them Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They will be stored on his computer. He will research information for next meeting for backup redundancy.

Legacy Articles: James is going through old articles and tagging with the former license. This has happened before with Wikipedia. No old contributors have yet been asked if they would agree to having their past work transferred to the new license as CC-By wasn't yet on the table.

Opening to General Use: This is to be done as soon as possible. Caryn Ann Harlos stated that she would like to show significant progress prior to the LNC meeting. It was decided that it would be opened up and advertised as such by end of March 31, 2017. We will be changing the license notice on the front page and tag the pertinent old articles.

Joe Buchman moved that we change the notice on the front page and open LPedia no later than March 31, 2017 and work to tag the old articles with CC-NCA. (after friendly amendment from Ed Fochler)

LP News Recent Issues Planning: We discussed the email ballot, and it was decided that the way it was worded was causing some issues with some member. Committee members didn't want to make it seem like we were tying our hands. It was agreed that a motion made at this meeting would supersede that motion



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Caryn Ann Harlos moved in our scanning decisions at this time we will not scan any LP News for which there are PDF versions presently available on the National site. This does not preclude scanning these issues at some point in the future.

Voting Yes: Fochler, Dehn, Gholston, Buchman

Abstain: Harlos

Naming Convention: Joe Dehn pointed out that the naming convention used is different from that which we agreed upon in his understanding. Caryn Ann Harlos agreed and those changes will be communicated to the volunteers and changed.

Conversion: Adobe Pro is the gold standard and this is what Caryn Ann Harlos will be asking volunteers to use that program. Michael Fucci is working on Liberty Pledge and obtained a copy of Adobe Pro.

Storing of Formatted Text: Discussion was had on having different name spaces for classes of documents that are "set" (they are not going to be edited), might want to be searched differently, and are easily categorized in a series. Different colour backgrounds can be used. It was decided that is worth experimenting with, perhaps on the back-up server. Joe Dehn and Ed Fochler will be working on experimenting with this.

Scanning of LP News: Discussion of budget and spending were discussed. Since the LP News are a priority, we need to spend some of our budget in getting these out. Joe Dehn urged that the scanning company must know how to scan newsprint.

Caryn Ann Harlos moved that the Committee authorize her to retain a scanning company to get the 1972-2006 LP News scanned.

Voting Yes: Fochler, Dehn, Gholston

Abstain: Harlos

Absent: Buchman

Meeting adjourned at 6:12pm (Mountain).

To be included in next meeting:



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Ed Fochler to check on backup options for secondary backups.

Continue LPedia Short Term Goals

Volunteers/Projects

Motion to move records to Colorado

Index to issues

Scanning LP News status

Next Meeting: April 19 2017 at 4pm Mountain.