



MEETING SUMMARY August 8, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 4pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee
(came in during the Featured Article discussion)

Other

Attendees: Rosalie Dieteman, Ben Leder (came in during the Fundraising discussion)

The meeting was called to order at 4:18 pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 18 July meeting were approved as proposed and will be uploaded to LPedia. Some other past minutes still also need to be uploaded.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she has resumed work in the storage unit, getting back into a routine, and that Sarah is now working on sorting through large amounts of material relating to state and local campaigns. Caryn Ann searched for but was not able to locate any documents from 1983 that would clarify the specific motivation for adding the platform "Preamble". The Ed Clark recordings have arrived but have not been converted in any way.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman won't be attending these meetings on a regular basis so this will no longer be treated as a standing agenda item, but he does intend to continue working on it and will be transferring material to Caryn Ann from time to time.

Categories: Caryn Ann reported that she is done with the biographical articles; they should all now be marked with appropriate categories.

Uploading: Caryn Ann reported that she has uploaded some old audio recordings, and will be working on uploading some of the documents that were previously scanned.



Policy Updates: Joe reported that he changed the heading at the top of the home page to specifically mention that the site is managed by the HPC.

Audio/Video Tapes, Lyrrasis: Caryn Ann will be working on further processing of these materials.

Categories (continued): There was a discussion of where in the category system articles about “branding” belong. Suggestions were to put articles relating specifically to branding of a particular organization under the category for that organization, and to consider branding itself to be an “issue”. It was noted that “issues” could be seen as including both public policy issues and internal issues – anything about which there might be disagreement.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that the site is getting an average of 146 visitors per day, somewhat of an increase from what it was a couple of months ago, and that visits are largely from mobile devices. There was a burst of references from the Reason site, apparently because they posted an article that mentioned our site. Other recently popular topics were the 1980 Platform and Jeff Callaway.

Featured Article: Joe reported that the new set of pages for managing the Featured Article process is now in place, and asked for feedback on the items currently listed in the queue. It was suggested that the New York page be updated a bit before being featured, specifically that it should include some pictures. The Radical Caucus and the Mises Caucus were suggested as additional candidates, but there was some concern expressed about avoiding the appearance of bias toward any particular caucus. Joe said that since there is apparently no objection to at least the first two items in the queue, he intends to proceed with featuring them as planned.

Categories Bug: James reported an apparent bug causing a template not to be listed in its declared category. Editing and saving it seemed to clear up the problem, suggesting some kind of caching issue. If additional examples of this are found it may be worth submitting a trouble report.

Deletions: The case discussed at the previous meeting of a member from New York who wanted the page about him deleted appears to have been resolved for now, after Ed spoke with him.



There has been a formal request for deletion of the page for “Nily Rozic”, a politician in New York. It is not clear why this page was created – the only connection to the LP seems to be that she may have at one point been an opponent in some campaign of the person who posted the article. It also looks like the article may have been entirely or mostly copied from another site, which may both suggest a copyright violation and make having our own page about this person be of limited utility. Andrew will investigate and report back.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Yahoo Lists: Joe is continuing to try to get Bonnie Scott's help with this. James noted that the Radical Caucus might be deleting their Yahoo group soon as they no longer want to make use of it for current discussions; they should be asked not to do that until we have had a chance to do our downloading.

Susan Nolan: Caryn Ann reported that she and Joe Buchman had been able to locate and visit Susan Nolan. They got some interesting information from her and were invited back. It appears that the common belief that she had completely dropped out of the party after her divorce from David was incorrect.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Caryn Ann will be drafting a document that Joe Buchman can use for this.

Categories (continued): There was discussion of categories for documents associated with a person, e.g., campaign literature associated with a particular candidate. Points raised included whether categories are needed for this at all, given that such documents should already be pointed at from the person's page, whether there should ever be categories that represent the same thing as an article, whether categories like “campaign literature for Congress” or “campaign literature from New York” would be more appropriate, and whether any of these categories would be helpful for maintenance even if we don't want to offer them for navigation. This appears to be an idea that needs to be discussed further outside of a meeting to develop a proposed tree structure that we can then consider.



Fundraising: Caryn Ann reported that she sent a fundraising e-mail to people who contributed for HPC activities in the past, and that she has been making some use of the t-shirts as a premium. She said she was reluctant to have them offered through the LP Store because we have limited inventory and that would mean extra work for staff to order additional shirts when we are out of the sizes that people want.

Ben Leder suggested that we look into the Facebook feature that allows a page to accept donations; some state and county groups are using this and it makes it very easy to include a donation option when posting something like a live video. He volunteered to look into this.

Future Meetings: Caryn Ann reported that the national LP now has a Zoom account; making use of that would save her the money she has been spending on maintaining her own account, but it might require coordination of times with other committees – specifically, the social media team is already using it on certain Wednesdays. It was decided to establish a general schedule of meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. In accordance with this plan, the next meeting will be 22 August.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.