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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY June 2, 2021

- Date and Time:** Wednesday, 2 June 2021 at 4:00pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee, Anna Mosashvili
- Other Attendees:** David Cox, Andy Craig

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 19 May 2021 meeting were approved without objection.

Records Archive: Caryn Ann reported that as boxes have been coming back from New Mexico she has been able to pack things better, and is marking which things have been scanned.

Policy Updates: Caryn Ann reported that she made some updates to the policy article, including in the section about how our policies differ from those of Wikipedia.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that traffic numbers have been lower recently. It seems that the counts of articles and files displayed on the home page have not been updating continuously because of caching – he will look into whether this can be fixed. Looking at numbers over a longer term, he came up with estimated annual rates of increase of 10% for the number of articles and 30% for the number of files. Traffic statistics provided by Google Analytics and AWStats continue to be significantly different, with reality probably being somewhere in between.

User Names: Joe expressed concern about there being an LPedia user "Lp", because that suggests the updates are being made by the LP as an organization, when in fact it represents an individual – and because of the way accounts are created, nobody on the committee even currently even knows who. There was discussion of types of names more generally, including ones that seem intended to represent a "role" rather than a particular person. There was some sentiment for limiting or requiring



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better documentation of "role" ids, but no consensus – an alternative view was that if they aren't creating any actual problem we don't need to make a policy about them. There was agreement that certain specific user names, including the case which brought up this discussion, would be inappropriate. Joe will be contacting the user named "Lp" to address this.

Colorado Convention Article Dispute: Caryn Ann reported that she and another user were disagreeing about some information regarding caucus endorsements that she added to the article about the recent Colorado state convention. The other user, Andy Craig, joined the call during this discussion. Topics of discussion included whether this was something that should be in the article at all, how it would be appropriate to report the source of the information, and formatting approaches to allow inclusion of "point of view" information without it taking precedence over more basic information. There was general agreement that LPedia does allow for reporting of differences of opinion and that documentation of sources is appropriate. Formatting approaches could include, depending on the amount of "point of view" material and the degree to which there is disagreement, placing it after/below a statement of the basic facts, placing it in footnotes, or making reference to a separate article or document in which the point of view can be more completely expressed and attributed to a specific author/reporter. In this specific case, there was agreement that including the additional information in a footnote would be appropriate.

California: Joe noted that the LNC regional report for California had made use of the LPedia article about the recent state convention as its way to report on that event. He sees this as another example of how LPedia is becoming a more useful tool for current LP leaders, not just for people who are concerned with things that happened long ago.

Nolan Collection: Caryn Ann said she expects a lot of the outstanding questions about this will be answered at the upcoming LNC meeting. She said the meeting will be livestreamed and recorded but the agenda is not yet available so we don't know the specific time that any presentation or discussion will be taking place.

Scanning Project: Caryn Ann said there are some boxes still in New Mexico on which scanning is being done; she also noted that since the last time she went there



we have received four additional boxes of material, so this will continue to be an ongoing process.

Report to the LNC: There was discussion of the draft committee report for the upcoming LNC meeting. Caryn Ann explained that the budget issue that was mentioned related to some expenses that we had not authorized but might or might not be appropriately charged against our budget. She was able to get one item, relating to travel, moved to another account, but suggested that we authorize another expense, \$450 for digitization of some VHS tapes, because it is something that benefits our mission and it would fit into our budget. This represents only a portion of the recent expenses relating to VHS tapes; she suggested that it may have been treated separately from the rest because it was a supplementary batch or handled through a different vendor. A motion to approve this expense, conditional on it not putting us over budget, was approved without objection. The committee reviewed the answers being included in the report in response to the questions from Tucker Coburn, providing suggestions for alternative wording for a number of them.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for 16 June 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm Mountain time.