



MEETING SUMMARY January 4, 2022

- Date and Time:** Tuesday 4 January 2022 at 5:30pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee, Anna Mosashvili
- Other Attendees:** Eugene Flynn, Jim Turney

The meeting was called to order at 5:37pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 20 December meeting were approved without objection.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that the move to the new storage unit went well, with help from a lot of volunteers, including new people who can hopefully be recruited to help in other ways in the future. The shelving units were rebuilt higher so that there is more room to work. There is still work to be done getting everything organized again. The new location is in the Littleton area, and the rent is \$240/month.

There are about 20 boxes still in New Mexico, including two that have already been scanned. Chris Luchini seems reluctant to send them back to us, and is also proposing that a person who had earlier been a volunteer be paid to prepare documents for scanning; this is in addition to what would be paid for professional scanning of the large-format items by the vendor at that location who we previously paid to do work on such material; he has offered to do fundraising himself to support this.

There was discussion of several interrelated issues connected with this situation, including: the lack of a specific proposal for any of the paid work (e.g., amount per page, per hour, or for the whole thing); the propriety of authorizing paid work without comparing bids even when use of a professional service seems necessary (we have now made use of two different vendors for large-format items; it was estimated that there are about "two boxes worth" of such items in the boxes now in



New Mexico although they are not segregated that way); whether it makes sense to pay people for scanning of other types of material that we expect to be able to get done with volunteers, given that we have other kinds projects for which funds are more necessary; whether the work done by volunteers in New Mexico has been up to the quality we have gotten in the past from either other volunteers or paid vendors; the possible appearance of impropriety if fundraising is being done on behalf of a project that is logically part of our mission specifically to pay somebody connected with the fundraiser; how urgently we need the material back given that we have other work that can be done on other material; the possibility that in the longer term the LNC may not want to continue paying for storage of physical copies of material once it has been scanned; and the risk of loss of control of / access to material that experience has now shown to exist whenever material is entrusted to volunteers located in other places.

Ed moved that the Chair (1) request from Chris Luchini that all the boxes currently in his possession be returned to Colorado, at our expense, and (2) request a bid for scanning the large-format items from the company in New Mexico that did some such work for us previously. The motion passed without objection.

External Archives – Library of Congress: Caryn Ann provided a recap of the Nolan collection situation and of her recent communications with the Library of Congress; they were not able to provide any definitive information about its status, but at least now she has contact information for the right person to ask, and so will be able to follow up. Although we don't yet have a complete picture of what happened, it already appears that there are several discrepancies: the LNC was given the impression that the collection had been turned over to the Library of Congress, but they say they have not received it; Buchman put emphasis on the scanning he had done being up to Library of Congress standards, but they say they don't make use of scans provided by others and if the material is to be scanned they will do it themselves; Elizabeth Nolan's intention seemed to be to make the material generally available, but the Library of Congress says that because this is a private collection and subject to copyright they would not be putting it online. Caryn Ann said she may have an opportunity to talk with Elizabeth Nolan when she is in Arizona for their state convention; Joe suggested that there might be some kind of additional



document she could sign to waive any copyright-based limitations on posting of any items that were either David Nolan's personal writings or official LP documents.

National Convention: Jim Turney, as a member of the Convention Oversight Committee, suggested that we might want to have a presence at the upcoming convention, including a table and/or some kind of breakout sessions. He is also hoping to work the 50th anniversary idea into convention graphics, and said it might be possible to include in convention e-mail an invitation for people to bring historical material to the convention. It was noted that we had a table at the last two conventions; Caryn Ann indicated that we would like to have electricity available and would be willing to pay extra for that if necessary; we will need to pick an appropriate table from the chart of ones available.

Image Categorization: Caryn Ann said she can now see the light at the end of the tunnel on this project and expects to be done with it by the next LNC meeting; after she has done a final review of everything it will then be up to everybody to add appropriate categories as additional documents are uploaded.

Site Statistics: Ed said that Google Analytics shows traffic down somewhat but AWStats shows it up a bit; overall it's been up over the past year, and the number of articles has grown by about 10% over the past year. Relatively popular search topics recently have been the Mises Caucus, Black Libertarians, and Eric Raudsep.

Site Technical: Ed suggested we do some work to improve the layout of the home page.

Colorado: Caryn Ann reported that they are forming a historical committee.

New York: Andrew reported that he digitized tapes from the 1986 convention, that he is now missing state officer information for only a few years, and that he will be getting back to working on newsletters.

Michigan: Caryn Ann reported that she recently discovered that they have a historical committee; they have their own web page but will be working on getting material moved to LPedia.



Texas: Eugene Flynn explained that he holds the position of state party Historian; this is a staff position serving at the pleasure of the state chair. He said he has been trying to get county organizations to update their own LPedia pages but has found it hard to get them interested. Caryn Ann suggested pointing out that if they use LPedia to store their documents they can just link to them there instead of having to use their own web site for that purpose.

Ustream Videos: Anna reported that she has finished processing the LNC meeting recordings, and just needs to finish uploading some of them.

The next meeting is scheduled for 17 January 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm Mountain time.