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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY July 2, 2024

- Date and Time:** Tuesday, 2 July 2024 at 4:30pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Ed Fochler, Andrew Kolstee, Lisa Gansky, Sam Bohler
- Other Attendees:** none

The meeting was called to order at 4:33pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 18 June meeting were approved without objection.

Templates: Andrew reported that he created templates for newsletters and state officers. Along with this, he created index articles for the newsletters for some states. There was an extensive discussion of how articles relating to state newsletters should be organized. Up until now there have been articles for many specific publications, with a separate article for each title when a state has had different newsletters over the years or when a state has had more than one newsletter at the same time for different purposes. Several members felt very strongly that this approach should be continued, rather than putting all the information about all the newsletters in a given state, including links to the individual issues, into a single article. Joe pointed out that people interested in the various newsletters associated with a particular state should already be able to find them via either the general article about that state party or the category system. There did not seem to be any objection, however, to having an additional "index" article listing issues chronologically across titles, as long as this was not considered a replacement for the articles about each publication, and as long as the information in the two types of articles could be kept in sync.

There was discussion of differences from state to state in how their newsletters evolved, the significance of things like name variations and volume numbers in deciding what should be considered a different publication, and the fact that in some cases a newsletter might not even have a specific name (e.g., being referred to simply



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as "newsletter"). There was also some discussion about the types of information that should be included in the template; in particular, it was suggested that while having the template provide links to other newsletters for the given state and to index articles for other states would be useful, attempting to list every publication from every state in this template would not be useful. It was also noted that similar questions arise with county newsletters, with respect to how to organize the information relating to a particular county, and also how they relate to the idea of indexing all newsletters for a particular state; there might even be some states where there was no "state" newsletter but there were local/regional ones. Andrew said he had based his approach mainly on what seemed to make sense for New York, and he agreed that this might not make sense for other states.

Site Technical and Statistics: Ed said that he has been busy with work and personal concerns and that this would likely continue for about the next six months. Sam volunteered to look at helping with the statistics.

Loss of Buttons: Caryn Ann said this will be on the agenda for the next LNC meeting. The Credentials Committee is claiming they don't have that many delegate e-mail addresses, but this is not the sort of request that makes sense to include in the middle of a fundraising letter to the entire membership; possibly it would fit better with some other kind of member communication such as an appeal for volunteers. James suggested keeping a lookout on eBay in case whoever took them tries to sell them.

Nolan Collection: Ed said that he will be putting a copy of the files on the backup server. There was discussion of who has expressed interest in working on getting these files uploaded and documented. Andrew said he would be willing to help get this organized, starting with calling a meeting. It was decided to appoint Andrew, Joe, Nathan Madden, and Paul Darr as members of the "Nolan Digital Files Committee", with Andrew as chair. It was noted that while these files are all from the disk that Joe Buchman gave to the Library of Congress, some might have been ones that he copied from elsewhere (e.g., Nolan's computer) rather than scanned himself.

Convention Memorial Committee: Lisa reported that she did some work on the article about this.



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Alabama: Sam reported that he ran across some past attempts to document the history of this state party.

Alaska: Andrew reported on his interview with Richard Randolph, which lasted about 40 minutes. Andrew will be adding the information he obtained to appropriate articles, and also follow up with Randolph about a few other people he mentioned with whom he is still in contact and see if they would also be willing to be interviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm Mountain time.