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## PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY August 19, 2020

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, 19 August 2020 at 4:00pm Mountain time

**Where:** Online: Zoom

**Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee

**Other Attendees:** none

The meeting was called to order at 4:13pm Mountain time.

**Records of Past Meetings:** The minutes of the 5 August meeting were approved with one spelling correction.

**General LPedia:** Caryn Ann said we really need something to help new users learn how to create an article. She has been continuing to work on categorizing images.

**Site Statistics:** Ed reported that traffic continues at about 108 users/day, with African-American Libertarians and the 1980 Platform being popular topics. He said mobile usage has been increasing, and is now more than 50% of the traffic. He said that it might be possible to make some pages render better on mobile devices by making some adjustments to style sheets, and cited the home page as one that especially doesn't display nicely on such devices. He said there are now about 13,000 of our pages indexed by Google. There was a discussion of the possibility of trying to get Google to not index http URLs, but it isn't clear whether having both http and https versions indexed is actually hurting our ranking.

**Featured Article:** Joe reported that David Koch is now the featured article. He picked this after going through the exercise of applying our new rating system to all the articles about our past presidential and vice-presidential candidates, and among the ones we had not already featured this was the best.

**Rating System:** Joe said he found that the presidential/vice-presidential candidate articles were mostly pretty bad; there were only three that he could rate as high as "B", other than ones that appeared to be mostly copied from Wikipedia. He said that in assessing completeness of articles he considered a chart or video to be worth



about the same as one paragraph, so for example an article about a candidate that consisted of just a table of his election results would not be rated higher than "Start". Andrew said he tried doing some ratings also and thinks Joe's ratings are in line with the intent of the system; he doesn't think we yet have any articles that should be rated "A". He created a template to be placed on the Talk page for each article to document its rating (both importance and quality). Criteria for assigning ratings, which might vary with type of article, can be documented in the Lpedia:Assessment article. Joe said he would go ahead and use the template to document the ratings he had done. Andrew said our goal should be to rate all the articles in the main namespace.

**Committee Membership:** Caryn Ann reported that appointment of the committee chair will be on the agenda for the 12-13 September LNC meeting. An announcement will be going out soon inviting people to apply to join various committees.

**Nolan Collection:** Ed will be following up with Joe Buchman later this month.

**Videotapes:** Caryn Ann followed up with Tara asking for an estimate of when the digitization might be done; although this work isn't high priority right now it is still somewhat of a priority because of the LP's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Miscellaneous Artifacts:** Caryn Ann reported that she responded to Jim Fullner that we should accept the James Weeks item.

**Future Meetings:** The next meeting is scheduled for 2 September 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm Mountain time.