

# HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

## REPORT JULY 8, 2020 V1

### COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

#### Policy Manual Section 2.02 SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Historical Preservation Committee

*The HPC shall be responsible for directing the preservation and publication of Party historical documents and the administration of LPedia.org. A report of its decisions and activities shall be delivered at each LNC meeting.*

The scope of the initial organizing work will last well into several years (the estimate is at least additional five years depending on member involvement), and LPedia will need to be maintained for the time of its existence.

#### **Committee Members**

- Caryn Ann Harlos (Chair)
- Joe Dehn (Secretary)
- Ed Fochler
- James Gholston
- Andrew Kolstee

#### **Status of search for potential additions to committee**

The search for additional committee members has thus far been unsuccessful in discovering additional qualified applicants. The committee next term may wish to address this or decide to keep the committee at its current size.

#### **Reports, Meetings, and Communications**

The Committee is committed to transparency and conducts open meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month via Zoom. The monthly agenda is posted and updated here: [http://lpedia.org/LPedia:LPHPC\\_Agenda](http://lpedia.org/LPedia:LPHPC_Agenda). Committee discussion is also conducted via email with a read-only subscription option available to all Party members by sending a message to [lphpc-request@lists.dehnbase.net](mailto:lphpc-request@lists.dehnbase.net) with “subscribe” in the subject line. The minutes and other records from its proceedings are preserved on LPedia<sup>1</sup> (links noted below for member review):

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<sup>1</sup> The complete history of minutes and reports can be found at: [http://lpedia.org/National\\_Historical\\_Preservation\\_Committee](http://lpedia.org/National_Historical_Preservation_Committee)

### **Minutes Prepared since the last report:<sup>2</sup>**

September 4, 2019 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/3/39/Minutes\\_2019-09-04\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/3/39/Minutes_2019-09-04_HPC.pdf)  
September 18, 2019 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/8/83/Minutes\\_2019-09-18\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/8/83/Minutes_2019-09-18_HPC.pdf)  
October 16, 2019 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/9/9e/Minutes\\_2019-10-16\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/9/9e/Minutes_2019-10-16_HPC.pdf)  
November 13, 2019 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/1/17/Minutes\\_2019-11-13\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/1/17/Minutes_2019-11-13_HPC.pdf)  
November 20, 2019 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/f/f9/Minutes\\_2019-11-20\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/f/f9/Minutes_2019-11-20_HPC.pdf)  
December 4, 2019 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/8/86/Minutes\\_2019-12-04\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/8/86/Minutes_2019-12-04_HPC.pdf)  
December 18, 2019 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/6/60/Minutes\\_2019-12-18\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/6/60/Minutes_2019-12-18_HPC.pdf)  
January 15, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/c/c0/Minutes\\_2020-01-15\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/c/c0/Minutes_2020-01-15_HPC.pdf)  
February 5, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/d/d1/Minutes\\_2020-02-05\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/d/d1/Minutes_2020-02-05_HPC.pdf)  
February 19, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/wiki/National\\_Historical\\_Preservation\\_Committee](https://lpedia.org/wiki/National_Historical_Preservation_Committee)  
March 4, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/3/3b/Minutes\\_2020-03-04\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/3/3b/Minutes_2020-03-04_HPC.pdf)  
March 18, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/b/b9/Minutes\\_2020-03-18\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/b/b9/Minutes_2020-03-18_HPC.pdf)  
April 1, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/4/40/Minutes\\_2020-04-01\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/4/40/Minutes_2020-04-01_HPC.pdf)  
April 15, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/b/b8/Minutes\\_2020-04-15\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/b/b8/Minutes_2020-04-15_HPC.pdf)  
May 6, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/d/d1/Minutes\\_2020-05-06\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/d/d1/Minutes_2020-05-06_HPC.pdf)  
May 20, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/c/ca/Minutes\\_2020-05-20\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/c/ca/Minutes_2020-05-20_HPC.pdf)  
June 3, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/3/3c/Minutes\\_2020-06-03\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/3/3c/Minutes_2020-06-03_HPC.pdf)  
June 17, 2020 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/5/56/Minutes\\_2020-06-17\\_HPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/5/56/Minutes_2020-06-17_HPC.pdf)

### **Prior Committee Reports this Term**

September 29, 2018 - [http://lpedia.org/w/images/e/e8/Report\\_2018-09-29\\_HPC.pdf](http://lpedia.org/w/images/e/e8/Report_2018-09-29_HPC.pdf)  
March 9, 2019 - [http://lpedia.org/w/images/4/48/Report\\_2017-04-15\\_LPHPC.pdf](http://lpedia.org/w/images/4/48/Report_2017-04-15_LPHPC.pdf)  
July 28, 2019 - [https://lpedia.org/w/images/6/64/Report\\_2019-07-28\\_LPHPC.pdf](https://lpedia.org/w/images/6/64/Report_2019-07-28_LPHPC.pdf)

### **Motions Considered**

Various minor motions for supplies were passed.

### **Regular Dedicated Non-Committee Volunteers**

There are multiple regular volunteers that tend to specialize either in their state or in broader subject matters such as election statistics. The committee is in search of another Colorado on-site volunteer and will be exploring internships once again. Ms. Harlos has been encouraging the state affiliates to take ownership of their pages and update them regularly.

## **STATUS OF DOCUMENT PRESERVATION**

### **Storage Unit**

Initial plans have been made to expand the shelving at the unit in order to maximize the storage space, but we are not at that point. Details on the method behind the organizational process as well as a tour of the site are available upon request. Since the pandemic, there has been limited access to the site that has been recently lifted.

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<sup>2</sup> As per the requirements of the Policy Manual Section 2.02.1, the above-linked minutes contain the dates and attendance rosters for each of the Committee's meetings since the previous regular LNC Meeting.

### **Documents and Papers:**

A large scan of archives of fundraising letters and press releases has just been completed.

### **Audio/Video/Electronic Data Materials**

All of the VHS were sent to HQ for digitization for a promotional project for Freedom Fest.

### **YouTube Channel**

This has worked out very well and the option of mirroring to Bit.tube will be implemented in the future for protection and redundancy. Bit.tube has just undergone a massive restructuring, so this project is waiting to make sure all the kinks have been worked out.

### **Miscellaneous**

The home page was re-formatted to put the more important links in prominent positions and to do a general refresh. A privacy policy is being written.

## **HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS AND PROJECTS**

### **State Party Preservation Efforts**

- California
  - A historical committee, chaired by Joe Dehn, is working on collecting and preserving material relating to the state and local LP organizations.
- New York
  - A historical committee is being led by Andrew Kolstee to organize their substantial records.

### **Individual Preservation Efforts or Donations of Items**

Individuals regularly contact the committee regarding their personal collections. The committee is very focused about what kinds of material it will accept, and offers advice concerning items it generally does not accept. In cases where it appears that important items will be thrown away if the committee does not intervene, we try to find a home for them in an academic archive if possible. The priority remains the national party records, and the committee encourages and trains state parties to use LPedia as their permanent archive and to organize local volunteers to do the digitization work.

### **Nolan Archive**

These materials are presently stored in the Utah home of Dr. Buchman who has expressed interest in writing a biography of David with the encouragement of his widow, Elizabeth. Elizabeth signed a written copyright waiver for these materials to be published with or without attribution to LPedia and for commercial or non-commercial use. The committee has requested Mr. Buchman to send these items to Mountain States Imaging for digitization.

### **Yahoo Lists**

As many LP related lists were downloaded before this data was wiped out.

### **UStream**

All videos have been downloaded so that HQ could disable this account and save this expense now that all meetings are streamed through YouTube.

## **STATUS OF LPEDIA**

### **General Statistics**<sup>3</sup>

- 4,431 Articles
- 23 Active Editors
- 4,992 Document/Image Uploads

Daily unique visitors remain about 100-125 with bumps when particular pieces are featured on Facebook or Ms. Harlos appears at various speaking engagements. The committee is presently working hard to provide a framework for having usable and helpful data during this election season.

### **Featured Articles**

At least once a month (preferably twice) detailed and image-rich articles are featured on the front page to freshen up content and highlight various affiliates, events, people, and documents. Nearly any article can qualify if they meet the standards of high-quality content. Types of content are alternated in order to not emphasize one interest over any other and provide variety. The following are the 2019-220 featured articles thus far:

- Chuck Moulton
- Libertarian Party US Presidential Election Results
- Alex Merced
- Libertarian Party of California Voter Registration
- David Bergland
- Mike Seebeck
- LNC Meeting 1-2 February 2020
- National Convention 1996
- Libertarian Party of Colorado
- California Convention 2020
- First Issue of LP News

### **Massive Category Clean-Up**

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#### <sup>3</sup> **Last report statistics:**

- 3,532 Articles
- 22 Active Editors
- 4,222 Document/Image Uploads

The main category clean-up is completed, and I have begun working on the images, files, and records uploads. Once this is completed, a second pass through all categories will be done to insure consistency.

### **Templates**

These are being updated with documentation (and with deletion of obsolete items) regularly. We have added fields so that all images and articles of and by any person are auto-linked from the person template in their articles.

### **Technical Issues**

The switch to use the /wiki/ subdirectory has been completed as per wiki best practices.

### **Data Back-Ups**

Regular back-ups are done professionally and consistently. All of the uploaded documents are also kept offline on hard drives and regularly copied to drives stored at a safety deposit box. Any member who provides Ms. Harlos with hard drives may have a copy of all of these records. The committee would like to see them widely distributed so that there is never a single source/point of failure.

## **2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

The pandemic situation has waylaid many of the plans for this event. A minimal table is planned with a scanning station, and a flyer is being distributed for members to give them information about the project.

## **ACCOUNTING FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

*Total Expenses Booked:*     \$102.16

*Total Revenue:*                     \$225.00

*Total Budget:*                     \$2,500.00

The historical project has fundraised its own budget since its creation.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Caryn Ann Harlos*, Committee Chair