

MEETING SUMMARY June 18, 2024

Date and Time:	Tuesday, 18 June 2024 at 5:30pm Mountain time
Where:	Online: Zoom
Committee Attendees:	Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee, Lisa Gansky
Other Attendees:	none

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 7 May meeting were approved without objection. (*Note: The meetings originally scheduled for 21 May and 4 June did not take place.*)

Templates: There was discussion of the template that is used for state committees, in light of the fact that different state affiliates have different structures and in particular use different names for their top-level committee. There was agreement that the template needs to accommodate these differences, so that what is displayed matches the names that the affiliates actually use. Joe suggested that if we want to be able to list differently-named committees together, e.g., to have a category for state top-level committees regardless of their name, the template could have a separate parameter to indicate that the committee should be considered of that type.

Alaska: Andrew said he would be talking soon with Richard Randolph so if anybody has questions they want asked they should let him know.

Convention Memorial Committee: There was discussion of continuing the work of this committee, including having an article which documents what has been done each year and acknowledging the people who worked on it. Lisa suggested that we include samples of the material (e.g., e-mail announcements) that was used to solicit information, so it can be reused in the future. Lisa said she was thinking of asking one of the people who worked on this committee if they would like to chair it for next time; Caryn Ann said it would be better if Lisa remains the chair since she attends the main HPC meetings.



Loss of Buttons: There was discussion of the buttons that were taken from display cases on our table at the convention. Caryn Ann wanted to send an e-mail request to convention attendees asking that whoever took them return them: the Credentials Committee has a list of e-mail addresses of delegates/alternates but is too occupied with other matters. If no e-mail list is available we could publicize the request via other channels such as Facebook. Andrew said he has before and after photos of most of the cases and was able to determine that 60 of the 98 buttons in those cases were taken, but there might have been others from another display case. Caryn Ann said all the display cases are now back in the basement at the headquarters building. In a change from previous expectations most historical material still there will not be shipped to Colorado; both because of shipping cost and the limited space in our storage unit, they will instead be kept there until there is a new building for the headquarters, which should include enough storage space to hold it. Lisa said she can post a note about the missing buttons to a Signal group that was specifically for delegates. Caryn Ann said she may ask the LNC to include a note about this at the end of some other national e-mail message. She noted that even though the physical buttons were taken, we do still have photographs of all of them posted to LPedia.

Nolan Collection: There was discussion of how to upload material from the drive on which Andrew had been able to get a copy of the collection from the Library of Congress. Caryn Ann suggested that we set up another subordinate committee for this project, and that the first task could be to create an index page listing everything on the drive. Andrew noted that there is already a "finding aid" available which doesn't provide all the details but does list the folders. Ultimately, as individual documents are uploaded, we will want them to be included in articles as appropriate for their particular types and subjects (e.g., newsletter issues in the articles for that newsletter, along with issues of that newsletter we may have from other sources), and at the same time in an index article describing this entire collection. Each of these files could also be marked as coming from the collection using the category system. Andrew said he had already uploaded a few things and would be willing to continue helping with this. Caryn Ann said she has two other volunteers willing to work on it, and we can talk further about setting up a committee at our next meeting. It was noted that additional copies have been made of the drive. We can ask Ed about putting a copy on the backup server so that more volunteers can have access to it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm Mountain time.