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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY August 16, 2017

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholson, Joe Buchman

Member

Attendees: Michael Fucci, Andrew Kolstee, Chuck Moulton, Paul Frankel

Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm. The Minutes/Summaries from July 26, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann had posted the prior summaries to LPedia. Chuck Moulton asked for an item to be added to the agenda regarding counties in different states with the same county names.

Records Archive Update: Sarah and Caryn Ann were not going to be there for the next weekend and were not there last weekend. Caryn Ann did begin work on sorting the audio/video tapes at her home. A volunteer has been found to digitize the Betacam tapes.

Nolan Archive: Joe B. has been working through some of the boxes with a priority on items for which there may only be one copy such as the Libertarian Vanguard. He is busy with his campaign and also has the Utah newsletter to scan. This will be an ongoing project.

Categories: Andrew Kolstee changed the state and local party templates. A new project needs to be undertaken to branch out further on our category re-organization. As an example, LNC meeting minutes were discussed. Presently they would be categorized under Records>Documents. Documents is not a good sub-category name, but it was imported from the prior structure.

So top-level would be Records with the following sub-categories:

>Governing Documents

>Meeting Records

>Financial Records

Etc.



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So it would be first by “type” and then potentially under those would be by geography.

Templates: Andrew Kolstee finished the state and local templates and still is drilling down to find all the stray ones. He has added templates to many “people” articles, and this is an ongoing project. Over 200 people now have the “people” infobox.

Policy Updates: Joe D. is still working on the updates to the policies.

Scanning: The LP News is still about thirty to forty days before completion. Joe Buchman is still working on the large size Libertarian Vanguard.

Other Archives: Joe Dehn has been looking into other archives and this is still a work in progress and is dependent upon decisions to be made at the LNC meeting.

Per Page Licensing Notation: Ed Fochler is continuing to research these items.

Media Player Extension: Joe Dehn looked into the most popular and supported extension: <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Extension:EmbedVideo>. The committee discussed the need for policies on embedding videos and the possibility of clutter (such as LNC meetings with twenty videos). The question was raised about the possibility of using YouTube as our delivery and/or storage utility. Caryn Ann brought up how we would still have our archive copies of YouTube videos if something happened to them. We could use YouTube opportunistically and have the offline back-up as a fallback and to conserve our own auxiliary server. Ed Fochler pointed out that we could craft rules as we start to use.

LNC Meeting, Report, and Recommendations: The draft report was reviewed, and Joe Dehn asked about the items for which LNC authorization is being requested. Caryn Ann discussed the LNC concern about “hoarding” and making a good faith effort to show that the Committee is willing to make culling recommendations. The authority to dispose is not a requirement to destroy; the goal is to remove them from the LNC official storage. It is not a great deal of items at this point but comprises utility receipts and the like. The date was chosen conservatively and somewhat arbitrarily at fifteen years.



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Regarding legacy software manuals and disks, there is digibarn.com who preserves these items.

“Dispose of” language will be used instead of “destroy.”

Search Issues: Caryn Ann brought up an issue that Michael Chastain (a Party supporter) had with the LPedia search and a way it can be refined. The differences between these issues and disambiguation were discussed. The Committee needs to keep in mind that we have to gear the site to be friendly to the casual user and how they would expect to be able to search for items. Joe Dehn is adding additional clarification to the home page. Ed Fochler is looking into the default behavior to see if this can be changed and simplified. Putting the search functionality in the sidebar would also be useful.

Unnecessary Namespaces: Ed Fochler will research into this issue and delete namespaces that are not necessary and not used.

Disambiguation: There are some county party names that may occur in several states. Andrew Kolstee has been making the disambiguation pages as these come up.

Original John Hospers Statement of Principles: This was purchased by a friend in the Ebay auction who is planning on donating this to the Party for display at Headquarters. Caryn Ann gave the background information that was discovered about the history of this document over the years.

Misc: Caryn Ann has ordered 5 out of the 10 bankers’ boxes (cartons of 10) previously authorized.

Ed Fochler loves us guys.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Next meeting is set for September 6, 2017 at 4pm Mountain.