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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY March 3, 2021

- Date and Time:** Wednesday, 3 March 2021 at 4:00pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee, Anna Mosashvili
- Other Attendees:** none

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 17 February meeting were approved without objection.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she is likely to be spending less time working in the storage unit for a while because she will be busy with weekend meetings. She has identified a local volunteer who may be able to help with tasks at the storage unit. She noted that the task of uploading some scanned material, such as fundraising letters and press releases, is going to be made more complicated by the fact that the originals were not labeled with dates.

General LPedia: Caryn Ann mentioned some apparent template issues relating to LNC regions. One turned out to be some kind of caching phenomenon, another was because a template for a particular region simply had never been created.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that there are about 100 users per day according to Google Analytics, but this may be an underestimate because AWStats shows many references via DuckDuckGo, which may be correlated with the sort of people who visit our site making use of other privacy measures which would cause them to not be counted by Google Analytics. He was able to use a set of IP addresses to screen out much of the Chinese traffic from the Google Analytics counts. The AWStats "unique users" count appears to be about twice the similar-sounding measure from Google Analytics, even just counting traffic from the US. Some of this may be due to our own use of the site, since AWStats doesn't filter out access by admins.



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Featured Article: There was discussion of the fact that the scan of the LP News issue currently featured has a mailing label with the subscriber's address clearly readable. Joe said he has already fixed this in the image shown in the featured article box, but the information is still visible in the PDF and there are many scanned newsletters that have addresses. The addresses themselves are unlikely to be a major problem since the ones on very old issues are in many cases no longer good and most recent newsletters are represented by computer-generated PDFs rather than scans from hardcopy. Caryn Ann noted that some people might object to even their name showing up on LPedia, if they were just subscribers rather than activists. She suggested that as such cases are noticed we can edit the PDFs to blank that portion; she has software that is suitable for this, that actually removes the information rather than just "covering it up". Joe noted that there can be other problems relating to this, such as a label covering up significant text or tearing out a label causing text on the reverse side of the page being missing; he suggested that a "quality review" of all the front and back pages of scanned newsletters could be a good project for a volunteer.

Committee Membership: Caryn Ann reported that she had written to the four remaining candidates; two indicated that they were no longer interested and one asked for information about doing more.

Nolan Archive: Apparently Buchman is doing some scanning but is not willing to upload things as he goes; he wants to turn it in as a complete project, which he thinks may be done by May. There are also indications that he may have an incorrect idea of how much of the material should be scanned. In light of all this Caryn Ann considers the motion previously adopted by the LNC to not reflect what is actually happening, and she plans to propose at the April meeting that the motion be amended so that the record of what has been going on is clear.

LNC Ustream Videos: Anna is working on combining them for upload. Joe will send her a link to the data that he had posted earlier about the dates and sequencing.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for 17 March 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56pm Mountain time.