



MEETING SUMMARY May 24, 2017

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

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

Member

Attendees: Chuck Moulton, Daniel Hayes, Andrew Martin Kolstee, Brian Scrimshaw

Meeting was called to order at 4:01pm. The Agenda was approved with additions. The Minutes/Summary from May 10, 2017 was approved. Caryn Ann had posted the prior summaries to LPedia. No member comments.

Auxiliary Server: Caryn Ann was having issues with logging in and will go over that with Ed after meeting conclusion. The naming conventions for the server were discussed with "/" substituting in for "_" in the style used for uploading files into the file namespace of LPedia. James was concerned about a possible name collision with downloads from the server. It was decided that this would need to be handled by persons downloading items and that it would not be something we would be concerned with.

After discussion, it was decided to keep the hostname as "recordings.lpedia.org" rather than media or some other name. In the future, we might want to add other sub-domains for large images.

Namespaces: General articles are in the main namespace. There are a number of namespaces that are predefined as a part of media wiki, and we also have "LPedia" and "Documents." Joe D. will be revising our policies section to clarify this portion for the average user.

Adding "name:" does not automatically create a namespace, so we will discourage page names that use a colon. Caryn Ann will change the few she did in that manner.

Formatting Dates: After extensive discussion, the recommended style of DAY MONTH YEAR for titles (along with avoiding punctuation) was adopted for inclusion in our style manual.



Article Naming: These would use the same philosophy as the file naming convention:

Subgroup>Type>Date>Abbreviation of Subject

There needs to be a description of this in the style section. Joe D. will create a table-like figure to describe how to do this similar to the file naming convention description.

Storage: Update given on outfitting storage space for scanning etc. Caryn Ann informed Committee that a “throwback Thursday” post will be done on Facebook to highlight items found from the historical project to educate and raise interest.

Keyword Searching: OCR’d text is not keyword searchable through the LPedia search box; only items in wikitext are accessed in that manner. There might be an extension to enable this, and James will look into that (later in the meeting he reported that he was searching in the background and could not find a solution for this).

Richard Winger Archive: In order to make this available, we will be making a page called Richard Winger LP Vote Total Archive. It is already scanned as one pdf for each year. Winger has given us permission to have all of the Ballot Access News on LPedia as well. Joe B. needs to find the correction page for the 2016 total (adding in one state) or get in touch with Winger to get another copy.

Elizabeth Nolan Archive: Nothing has been scanned yet, but the volunteer (Emily) is working on making arrangements.

User Registration Bios: We don’t know where this information is being stored on the database. We did receive an answer from MyWikis that was unclear. Ed will look into seeing if there is any documentation on the web on this issue before we decide on further action.

Templates: There needs to be a master list of templates. Ed will start to put this together with Andrew’s help.

Parser Extension: Joe, Andrew, and James will work on installing.



Front Page Layout: There are some boxes to move around. “How to Help” and “You Can Help” can be combined.

Categories: James referred to LPedia:Historical Categories as the old index for categories. Caryn Ann questioned why there was a category called “Libertarian Party.” Categories are in a critical state and need to be re-organized. This needs to be centrally planned a bit better with major categories and move items into the appropriate categories.

Deletion Policy: We need some kind of formal policy on articles to be deleted that are not an obvious attack or spam. The “Order of the Arrow” can be a test case for procedure. Andrew K. will be made an administrator after signing the NDA and will draft the Articles for Deletion page. This process will be done with full transparency.

Redirect: www.lpedia.org needs to be redirected to lpedia.org. Ed will let Caryn Ann know if a support ticket will need to be created.

Indexes to Articles: Caryn Ann has a volunteer who is willing to do this and requested a decision on how to structure this so that the main article page is not unwieldy when dealing with forty years of issues. A main index page can be created with pointers into each heading section of the issue-by-year page---Liberty Pledge Index.

Additional Media Mentions: Colorado Public radio will be following up in a few weeks, and Caryn Ann just did an interview with Colorado Independent.

Adding Documents to Master Archive: Caryn Ann would like to have a more complete master file other than just what the Committee is responsible for. She will go into the file upload list and pull down relevant documents added by others to add to the master archive and/or solicit volunteers to do this work. Contact can be made with users if it appears that the best copy was not uploaded.

Spambots: Ed had found a command to get rid of users with no pages and created the list of users that fall under this criterion. James has a process that would remove even more accounts, but this is a good start and is a subset of the names that James’ process would delete. The more thorough process can be done after this initial pruning is done. About a million spam accounts would be deleted and will clear up



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our issues with the “active users” list. Ed was given the green light to do this process.

HTTPS: This is now working on the login page. It is a separate step because http is better for media caching and server load. Ed does not have a process for this to be an automatic requirement for log-in.

Adjourned at 5:57pm Mountain.

Next meeting is set for June 7, 2017 at 4pm Mountain.