



## **MEETING SUMMARY September 5, 2018**

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, 5 September 2018 at 4pm Mountain time

**Where:** Online: Zoom

**Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston

**Absent:** Andrew Kolstee

**Other Attendees:** **Ben Leder**

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

**Records of Past Meetings:** The minutes of the 22 August meeting were approved.

**Records Archive Update:** Caryn Ann reported that uploading previously scanned material is still on her radar. Beth has been uploading some membership reports; other people may have earlier ones that could be uploaded also.

**Video:** Caryn Ann uploaded one 1971 convention recording and is going to work on the other one. She also uploaded some commercials. We will no longer be able to get free VHS conversions because the person who was doing that no longer has access to the facility where he was doing it.

**General LPedia:** Caryn Ann is now working on categories for publications. She noticed a problem that if a new version of a file is uploaded it shows as "unpatrolled" but there doesn't seem to be a way to clear that.

**Site Statistics:** Ed reported that there has been a slight decline in traffic, but we are still getting about 100 visitors day. Articles recently getting attention included the membership reports, Larry Sharpe, and a list of African-American libertarians.

**Featured Article:** Joe reported that he switched the featured article to the 2018 convention. Caryn Ann added some suggestions to the queue.



**Deletions:** The “Nily Rozic” article still needs to be deleted.

**Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver:** Caryn Ann is still working on this.

**Template Categories Not Updating Bug:** This appears to have been resolved, by MyWikis running a maintenance script more frequently.

**Categories:** James commented that there are still a lot of uncategorized pages and disagreements have been arising about how they should be categorized. Caryn Ann said we should address this question after we have gone through and implemented all the planned categories and we can see what's left.

**National Office Use of LPedia:** Caryn Ann said she is now getting the reports that are routinely generated so she can post them; the fact that they will be on LPedia may help the office people see that they don't need to operate their own archive. James reported that their archive isn't actually a wiki, but something based on WordPress.

**Nevada Records:** Caryn Ann reported that Emily Goldberg who frequently visits Nevada will be contacting the person who said he has Nevada records in a storage unit.

**Sylvia Olson:** Caryn Ann was contacted by Sylvia Olson, a past National Secretary. Caryn Ann will follow up with her to see if she has any old records.

**Libertarian Statue Press:** James asked that we look at the “collections” of items offered for sale by Libertarian Statue Press and make suggestions for things to add relating to our work. Ben Leder explained that the original idea of these collections was as a less-expensive alternative to multiple organizations each operating their own online store. But it was noted that in this case we would not have any financial involvement, as the accounting issues involved in selling items on behalf of a political committee would be too problematic. It would just be a way to promote awareness of LP history and perhaps our work. Caryn Ann said we don't have any formal authority to authorize use of the LPedia logo as an image on such products but that she did not think them using it in that way would create a problem. Joe suggested that some items that feature a historical image could also mention the



HPC or LPedia. Ben suggested we could make use of items in the collection by referring to them in posts; whether people buy them or not it's still a way to promote the images.

**Issue Articles:** Ben Leder said that Wikipedia is no longer useful for libertarians as a source of information on some topics, because of the way their articles approach the topic, the vocabulary they use, and because of things they leave out; he cited their article on the Federal Reserve as an example. He suggested that having LPedia articles on such topics would be a way to provide better information. Joe said he doesn't think LPedia should try to be an encyclopedia of everything, and that not all libertarians agree on the correct way to approach such topics either, but that articles that address things like LP positions relating to an issue and the ways that Libertarians have been active on that issue would be useful; such an article could also provide links to the many things already published on the topic by various libertarian writers without attempting to be a complete source in itself. Caryn Ann suggested that Ben go ahead and try to write such an article, but he shouldn't be surprised if other Libertarians then make changes he doesn't like.

**Future Meetings:** In accordance with the general plan previously discussed, the next meeting will be 19 September.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm.