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## PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY February 19, 2020

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, 19 February 2020 at 4:00pm Mountain time

**Where:** Online: Zoom

**Committee Attendees:** Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Ed Fochler, Andrew Kolstee

**Other Attendees:** none

The meeting was called to order at 4:12pm Mountain time.

**Records of Past Meetings:** The minutes of the 15 January and 5 February meetings were approved.

**Templates:** Andrew said that he will work on updating the "person" template to include a link to the image category for that person, but noted that for this to work the name used for the category needs to match the name used in the article about the person. He also suggested keeping just one "person" template, rather than creating separate ones for authors, etc.; documentation can be provided to help people make use of the appropriate fields in various situations. He has also created a generic "organization" template that can be used for things like caucuses.

**Site Statistics:** Ed reported that traffic is continuing at about 183 users per day, with traffic dominated by the 2020 presidential candidates and convention pages. James commented on growth in the number of articles and files. Joe suggested that since the current value of these metrics is very easy to get but LPedia doesn't seem to maintain a history of them, we should start tracking them by including them in our periodic statistics reports.

**Categories:** It was noted that Caryn Ann has asked that we start adding the "Activists from the 2020s" category to people to whom it applies. There was discussion of the possibility of automatically generating such categories by making use of activity dates already in the "person" template.

**California:** Joe reported that the LPC HPC had a table at the state convention. This had an expanded display panel, but none of the physical artifacts that were on



display last year, because those were from the personal collection of somebody who didn't attend the convention this year. He suggested there may be a lesson here in terms of what we consider "committee" archives vs. personal collections.

**New York:** Andrew reported that he has been scanning a lot of printouts of e-mail messages, including ones that were originally messages directly between activists about party business (rather than "group" messages). Although he is scanning these from paper form, he is identifying them in LPedia as e-mail messages. In order to make as much progress on this as possible, he is starting with ones that he can scan using a document feeder.

**External Archives:** Joe reported that the Hoover Institution archives are now open to the public again (after being closed for over a year due to a move).

**Vicki Kirkland Material:** Andrew reported that Vicki Kirkland, who was active in both the New York and Florida affiliates as well as on the LNC, recently moved to an assisted living arrangement leaving what some in Florida believe to be a large amount of material in her house, which is now up for sale. There was discussion of what steps might be taken to save this material, starting with finding out how much there actually is; supposedly there is somebody who could arrange access to the house; it was also noted that this house is in the same general area as the Florida state convention coming up in a few days. Depending on the quantity of material, it might or might not be practical for local activists to deal with it in time, using their own resources (e.g., vehicles or storage space).

Andrew said he would communicate further with the people in Florida. Joe said he would discuss this with Caryn Ann, who is planning to be at that state convention.

Expenditure of up to \$300 for truck rental and/or storage space for one month, if needed to prevent loss of this material, was approved without objection.

**National Convention:** There was discussion of preparations for our display at the national convention. Last time our plan to include an interactive component didn't work out; the consensus was that we should try again. We should make some attempt to reach out to people about bringing material, either to be donated or scanned on site, and to the extent that we expect to be getting donations we should be sure to have an appropriate way to store them. Some things that we displayed last



year are now on display in the national office, but if we have enough new things to be displayed there may be no need to bring them to this convention again.

**Future Meetings:** The next meeting is scheduled for 4 March 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:17pm Mountain time.