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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Report
Libertarian National Committee
September 29-30, 2018

Committee Members

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SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR CARYN ANN HARLOS

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Committee Overview

As per the Policy Manual (Standing Rules), the Committee is defined thusly:

Section 2.02 SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

11) Historical Preservation Committee

The HPC shall be responsible for directing the preservation and publication of Party historical documents and the administration of LPedia.org. A report of its decisions and activities shall be delivered at each LNC meeting.

The scope of the initial organizing work will last well into several years (the estimate is five years), and LPedia will need to be maintained for the time of its existence.

Committee Composition

Caryn Ann Harlos (CO) was appointed as the 2018-2020 Committee Chair at the July 3, 2018, LNC meeting. Dr. Joe Buchman (UT) indicated that he did not wish to serve another term, and Ms. Harlos appointed Andrew Kolstee (NY) to fill that vacancy. Joe Dehn was appointed as the Committee Secretary.

Meetings and Communications

The Committee is committed to transparency and conducts open meetings every two weeks (or as close as practicable) via Zoom. Committee discussion is also conducted via email with a read-only subscription option available to all Party members by sending a message to lphpc-request@lists.dehnbase.net with "subscribe" in the subject line. The minutes and other records from its proceedings are preserved on LPedia (http://lpedia.org/Historical_Preservation_Committee) and are attached to this report

Meetings conducted since the last report:

May 9, 2018
May 23, 2018
June 6, 2018
June 20, 2018
July 18, 2018
August 8, 2018
August 22, 2018
September 5, 2018
September 19, 2018 (minutes not yet finalized)

Motions Considered

Reimbursements were approved for convention expenses (copies, booth supplies—supported by receipts) for Caryn Ann Harlos.

Request for Policy Manual Amendment

The Committee members have tended to specialize in particular areas of this project, and there is a need for a few more areas of responsibility to cover. Therefore, the Committee requests this Policy Manual change in order to accomplish these tasks:

Amend Section 1.03 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS OF OFFICE (pages 16-17-Special Rules of Order)

Committee Name	Size	Member Selection	Chair Selection
Historical Preservation Committee	<u>Up to</u> Five <ins>Seven</ins> Members	Committee Chair selected by LNC; remaining four members selected by the Committee Chair	LNC Selected

Volunteers

In addition to the Committee, multiple dedicated volunteers have worked on this project as well as regular editors who have taken an interest in maintaining their state pages and updating candidate pages. There have been at least 1,000 hours of volunteer time invested as a conservative estimate, including Committee meetings. One of the volunteers spends nearly every Saturday for a full day organizing and cataloging with Harlos at the Parker, Colorado storage facility.

A request for interns was put out on the National website, and multiple applications were received. As often happens, many who started soon dropped out, but it was during this search that Marta Palazzi of Italy reached out to volunteer. Her extraordinary volunteer efforts were the subject of the below LP News article in May 2018. Additionally, long-time Party activist and donor Michael Chastain visited and volunteered prior to the LNC meeting in Denver.

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Volunteer travels from Italy to assist LP's historical archive project

There are many people who volunteer in the background for the cause of the liberty that so often go unnoticed. Earlier this year, the Historical Preservation Committee may have had the volunteer holding the longest commute record.

Marta Palazzi traveled all the way from Italy to spend several months working on the ongoing historical archive project in Colorado with Historical Preservation Committee Chair Caryn Ann Harlos and Colorado volunteer Sarah Ellsworth.

Palazzi has been involved with libertarian political movements in Italy, including the Radical Party of Italy. In her professional life, she works as a medieval docu-

ment archivist. She learned of the LP archive project through a call for volunteers on LP.org, and remembered meeting Harlos at the last convention while vacationing in Orlando.

Liberty is not just an American goal; there are fellow workers for liberty all over the world, and the Libertarian Party extends its deepest appreciation to Marta for spending time volunteering to preserve the history of this movement. There are very few people who would travel thousands of miles to give up months of time selflessly and have the courage to tackle immersion in records that are not in their primary language. Marta Palazzi is a hero of liberty.



Volunteer Marta Palazzi (left) traveled from Italy to assist the ongoing historical archive project of the Libertarian Party's Historical Preservation Committee, chaired by Caryn Ann Harlos (right).

Status of Document Preservation

Storage Unit

Harlos and a volunteer (Sarah Ellsworth-CO) have committed nearly every Saturday to sort and organize the records in the storage unit. This has been a monumental task. Some records were very neatly organized, and others were basically

thrown into the boxes as the equivalent of "junk drawers." Also due to age, some labels, rubber bands, and other materials had crumbled which need to be re-done.

The "first pass" of documents has been completed with sorting the information into broad, accessible categories such as "LNC Minutes," "Conventions," "Training Guides," and the like. The next step of organizing within those categories has begun. This will be the most lengthy (multi-year) part of the project. Harlos is continuing work on the affiliate records as members have made inquiries as to the availability of old newsletters, governing documents, and similar items, and Ellsworth is sorting candidate materials.

Digitization

DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS

As reported previously, the first priority for the Committee was items of most general Party membership interest which have been determined to comprise newsletters such as *Liberty Pledge* and *LP News*. All of these have been scanned and are being inventoried, electronically sorted with a standard naming convention.

The next phase of digitization comprised segregating out other large format documents that need to be done professionally and other high-interest items such as brochures. These documents were professionally scanned.

Some training manuals and official records such as minutes and governing documents have been digitized and uploaded.

Presently there is a backlog of scanned items that need to be uploaded and categorized on LPedia.

AUDIO/VIDEO/ELECTRONIC DATA MATERIALS

All of the 1970s obscure-format videotapes have been digitized and are being added to the YouTube channel and LPedia. Work continues on the more current formats such as VHS and cassette audiotapes.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

In order to take advantage of free storage space and to provide an attractive embedding option on LPedia, a YouTube account (*lphistoricalpreservation*) was created to host the digitized audio and video tapes. Categorized playlists have been created as content was added.

Update on Acquisitions

As word of this project spreads, opportunities have arisen to supplement the Party's institutional memory and acquire important early documents. Several prolific editors have joined LPedia to supplement the information found there.

DAVID NOLAN ARCHIVE

Former Committee member Dr. Buchman has committed to continue with his curatorship of these items.

ORIGINAL DRAFT OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES WITH HOSPERS' NOTES

This item has been on display at various conventions and will be transferred to the national office in December.

PRE-LP (1971) REEL TO REELS "SHAPING THE FUTURE LIBERTARIAN CONFERENCE"

These tapes were obtained from Dan Karlan and digitized by Dr. Buchman and are being uploaded to LPedia.

NEW YORK AFFILIATE ARCHIVES

Committee member Andrew Kolstee has obtained numerous early records and is in the process of digitizing and putting on LPedia.

YAHOO DISCUSSION LISTS

A strategy is being formulated to preserve these old discussions as it is likely that these will go down the Internet memory hole in the not-distant future and there are groups where David Nolan participated regularly.

ED CLARK RECORDS

At some point in the past, the national headquarters had loaned out its collection of materials from the Ed Clark campaign that was just recently returned and sent to the Committee.

PAST NATIONAL EMAILS

The Committee is gathering archives of past member electronic mailings for preservation.

OTHER ARCHIVES

The online catalog for the University of Virginia holdings proved to be incorrect. It was decided that it would be useful for volunteers in the areas of the various archives to go and take a look. Joe Dehn related that when he last visited the UVA archives, there were about eighty boxes of items that were not inventoried or cataloged. He has been reviewing and cataloging the Hoover archives in California.

Status of LPedia

Completed and Ongoing Projects

In order to keep LPedia functional and useful (as well as easier to maintain for successive custodians) a great deal of infrastructure work has been done with much more to come. Following is a bullet-list of projects with explanatory notes as needed.

- Categories
 - The former categorization system suffered from over-specificity and unwieldiness. The Committee is in the process of a long re-categorization project which has made significant progress in a manner similar to the records in the storage facility, i.e., items were first grouped into several simple main categories and then sub-categorized further as we drill down into the category tree. This is a massive multi-year task.
- Development of Policies and Page Naming Conventions
 - The policies continued to be developed as the need arises.
- Templates and Extensions
 - Standard templates are being categorized, and new ones are being developed.
 - Userboxes are being added to all biography pages.
 - Templates and tags are being developed for images.
- Featured Articles
 - A protocol and schedule was developed and is being maintained.
- Site Statistics

- The Committee has begun monitoring daily site statistics through Google analytics.
- National Reports
 - All of the available past membership and monthly financial reports were obtained and uploaded by a volunteer. It is the goal of the Committee for LPedia to be the repository for these routine reports.
- Training
 - A "Getting Started as a Contributor" page was created to assist new users.

General Statistics

Last Report: 2,314 Articles / 1,579 Uploads / 34 Active Users

This Report: 2,730 Articles / 2,489 Uploads / 18 Active Users

Document/Record Maintenance

Inventory and Management

As boxes are sorted, basic inventories are being created. The final inventory will identify what items are preserved on LPedia with a location coding system so that they can be easily retrieved from the physical archives. Standard naming conventions will also make them easily retrievable in the electronic archives. Duplicates are being noted and culling recommendations made.

Data Back-Ups

The expanding e-archive of documents is backed up when it hits LPedia and is also backed up at the Harlos residence. Periodically a copy of the archive is taken to an off-site safe deposit box as a last-ditch failsafe. The LPedia database itself is regularly backed up on a separate server as part of an automatic process.

Accounting for Calendar Year 2018

Total Expenses Booked: \$4,208

Total Revenue: \$2,143

Recurring Expenses

- MyWikis hosting and maintenance: \$310/year
 - This is a fully supported service in which the host installs all upgrades and resolves trouble tickets.
- Amazon server: up to \$25/month
 - Some files are too large to upload directly to the wiki host (audios, videos, large graphics) and are hosted on a separate server. The Amazon server also hosts LPedia database backups.

2018 NOLA Convention Recap

The Committee sponsored a table with an exhibit of selected historical documents and also prepared "gift bags" of selected historical items (either duplicates or copies) for each state affiliate that were left at their delegation tables. Further, retro-style t-shirts were given as a gift for donations of \$25 or more to the Committee. The shirts remaining from that purchase are being used as current donor gifts. The original Statement of Principles was on display and generated a lot of interest.





Press Mentions

Items and information about this project are regularly used internally in *LP News* and *Liberty Pledge*. The *Washington Times* ran a story about the acquisition of the original Statement of Principles draft (following).

9/19/2018

Libertarian Party rescues its original founding document from eBay - Washington Times

Libertarian Party rescues its original founding document from eBay



Original Libertarian Party co-founder D. Frank Robinson of Oklahoma, representative and historical preservation committee chair Caryn Ann Harlos, and Libertarian National Committee Chair Nicholas Sarwark display the newly discovered original Statement of Principles for the Party. (Libertarian Party) more >

By Jennifer Harper - *The Washington Times* - Tuesday, May 22, 2018

It is a moment of truth for the national Libertarian Party, which has reclaimed its most important founding document.

Libertarian National chairman Nicholas Sarwark reports that the original "Statement of Principles" — typewritten on plain paper by early member John Hospers at the party's first convention — has surfaced in an unlikely place.

"The existence of this original document was unknown until it turned up on an eBay listing, was purchased by a Libertarian Party member, and then donated to the Party," Mr. Sarwark said.

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9/19/2018

Libertarian Party rescues its original founding document from eBay - Washington Times

"The seller said that her parents were early activists in the California Libertarian Party, and as she was disposing of their estate she found this document hidden behind a framed, photocopy picture of Ayn Rand, where it has likely been for decades," he explained.

The simple document has since been properly framed and will be on display at the 2018 Libertarian National Convention in New Orleans next month, then returned to the party's headquarters just outside the nation's capital for safekeeping.

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As an independent I have little sympathy...

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TUSK

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Yes, I we all know that the corruption is just...



Meeting Minutes

Attached.



MEETING SUMMARY December 20, 2017

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, Joe Dehn

Member

Attendees: Andrew Kolstee

Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm. The Minutes/Summary from November 29, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann Harlos had posted the prior summaries to LPedia.

Housekeeping: Ed Fochler noted that there does not appear to be any central location to view our statistics. This will need to be looked into. Joe Dehn asked that a "General LPedia" category be added to the agenda as a standing item.

Records Archive Update: This has been coming along as projected with Caryn Ann and Sarah Ellsworth working each Saturday.

Nolan Archive: Dr. Buchman was not present for the meeting but is going to be very busy through January.

Categories: Andrew Kolstee has been very busy in December and has not had much time to work on templates. The image templates and fields is an ongoing project.

Policy Updates: Joe Dehn has resumed updating.

LP News: Michael Fucci has resumed updating, and Caryn Ann has trained some volunteers on making pages for each issue.

Audio/Video Tapes: Keith Thompson converted a bunch of VHS tapes, and Caryn Ann needs to work on getting these added.



Rotating Taglines: Joe Dehn completed this so that there are differing taglines on the front page.

Admin Links: Starchild had requested that the information on the front page stating the number of Administrators be linked to the actual names. Joe Dehn took care of this which was a bit more complex than originally thought. In doing so, he discovered that none of the site statistics were updating, and that was also fixed by disabling the caching of the main page.

Interns/Volunteers: There is a potential volunteer who was involved with the Radical Party of Italy (there are records of this group in our archives) who is planning on coming to Colorado to volunteer some time.

Hoover Visit: Joe D. went to the archives and there are several collections for the LP with the largest being the collection of Bill Evers (though most of those documents are not specifically LP-related). He updated the page on physical archives with the information obtained so far. He also has started going through the rest of the collections. There are inventories already done by the archives with varying levels of details. The collections also include some audios files but Joe D. has not checked with the Institution about how to access these items.

Framing Statement of Principles: Lellius Rose had issues with the frame company and is just taking care of it himself.

LNC Meeting Recap: We have a \$5,000 budget line but are expected to raise the funds. The server costs are transferred to the IT budget. This committee is now put into the Policy Manual.

Link to Specific PDF Page: The 2016 LPF Convention page was used as an example. Caryn Ann had found instructions on Wikipedia (on the pictorial tutorial page) about an extension which allow the extraction of a specific page of a PDF which then links to the entire PDF. Ed Fochler will be looking into this.

Changing Names of Uploaded Files: Caryn Ann was given instructions on how to change the names of files that were previously uploaded (through the move function).

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.



Next meeting is set for January 10, 2018 at 4pm Mountain.



MEETING SUMMARY January 10, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, Joe Dehn

Member

Attendees: Andrew Martin Kolstee

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm after some informal discussion. The Minutes/Summary from December 20, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann Harlos had posted the prior summary to LPedia.

Records Archive Update: This has been coming along as projected with Caryn Ann and Sarah Ellsworth working each Saturday. Angela Gross is doing some complex scanning for us. Liz Botkin will be picking up boxes for scanning.

Nolan Archive: Dr. Buchman was not present for the meeting and is going to be very busy through January.

Categories: Andrew Kolstee is still researching how to do what we want for image templates and fields. Caryn Ann has been updating the “people” section and populating categories manually. She uses AutoWikiBrowser when there are mass semi-automated changes to be made.

LP News: Michael Fucci has resumed updating, and Caryn Ann has trained some volunteers on making pages for each issue.

Yahoo Discussion Lists: Caryn Ann still has retrieval of these archives on a to-do list.

Audio/Video Tapes: Caryn Ann gave an update on the progress of the latest shipment. All of the 1970s tapes have been shipped out for processing as those are definitely at the end of their retrievable lifespans. The VHS projects are still in progress. Caryn Ann clarified that the recordings will be hosted on YouTube with multiple formats of the originals (if available) in the electronic archive. If there are



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videos in other YouTube accounts, Caryn Ann would like them uploaded to our account because we have subscribers specifically for our content. Volunteers upload their work and set to private so that Caryn Ann can review first. Caryn Ann explained the differences between “private” and “unlisted” videos.

Lyrasis: Caryn Ann went over the past discussion on the split on the remaining budget between scanning and video conversion costs. Caryn Ann suggested budgeting \$1,000 for the critical video conversions with the remaining (approx.) \$1,500 to be budgeted for scanning. Caryn Ann sent over a complete inventory for a cost estimate, and it needs to be whittled down from there to fit within our budget. Estimate is attached. Since Lyrasis charges per item, the simpler items will be removed from this job. Caryn Ann’s initial inventory is attached, and it appears about 40% of the items can be struck. Lyrasis has a \$500 minimum so this job can be sent in batches. Caryn Ann can also send them the same drive that they used before so that we can save on the hard drive costs. The committee decided to send half of the complex items (newsprint specifically) for scanning on this run.

Alternative 1980: The committee discussed the issue of labeling Alternative 1980 as a “convention” or some other designation. Caryn Ann will be uploading the full size original video to our Amazon drive so that James Gholston can download for artwork.

Housekeeping: James brought up some missing succession boxes, and Andrew corrected them. Additionally the issue of California regions was discussed with info boxes since California no longer uses region numbers. Ed Fochler is continuing to research about how we might be able to track our site statistics.

Hoover Institution: Joe Dehn has been visiting and reviewing the items. These have to be done in batches as they have to be requested to be viewed. Joe Dehn found some of the missing Liberty Pledges. Caryn Ann recommended that Joe load CamScanner Pro on his smartphone to scan items on the go. There are videos (U-Matic) of at least the speakers from the 1979 convention, but there is a question about how we would actually access these as the archive requires that copies be made to view.

Multi-Page PDF Reference: Ed Fochler is still working on this project.



Administrators: Caryn Ann will put up at least basic information for each administrator to include government name and some contact information (such as an email address) and will edit the Administrator Responsibilities page to include this requirement. The old bots can be demoted. The generic "LPediaAdmin" is used by Caryn Ann when using AutoWikiBrowser. Since all accounts are manually approved, spam accounts are avoided. James wanted to have accounts tied to a specific person and not to a role. The committee decided it did not want to crack down on members that way since an affiliate might want to have a generic account that can be used by several people over time. Copyright implications were discussed.

Citations Scripts: There were some users copy-pasting texts that invoked scripts used by Wikipedia for citations (example articles on Caleb Dyer and Alex Merced). The articles are allegedly written by the user themselves. Joe suggested that we come up with our own lightweight versions that serve the same functions but do not invoke any of the scripting language that can cause problems. With the exception of James, the Committee wishes to avoid extension proliferation. If there is any question of copyright or authorship, this can be dealt with in the article talk page.

Marshall Beerwinkle: Marshall attended the meeting as a guest to discuss historical items he has in his possession. He has been in the Party since the beginning (1972). He inquired if there is a place in LPedia for non-LP items and was told that if it is LP-related, then there definitely is. He has a lot of old libertarian newsletters. Caryn Ann encouraged him to get on LPedia and start capturing his memories of the early Party.

Personal Narratives: There are some blocks of text that just appear to be first-person narrations of events without any clear attribution. Upon investigation it appears that these were by Steven Trinward. Joe will talk with him about attribution and move this text to a more appropriate places in the wiki.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm Mountain.

Next meeting is set for January 24, 2018 at 4pm Mountain.



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DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

Digitization Pricing - LYRASIS Member

Libertarian Party

December 20, 2017

Items	220
Images	2118

	LIST PRICE	MEMBER PRICE - 10% off of List	EXTENDED PRICE		
			Quantity	List Total	Member Total
PAPER BASED MATERIALS	Unit				
LYRASIS "BUNDLE DERIVATIVES" TIFF, JP2 (highest quality), PDF w/OCR, OCR to TXT	per image	\$0.07	\$0.063	2118	\$ 148.26 \$ 133.43
Setup, per item	per item	\$2.50	\$2.25	220	\$ 550.00 \$ 495.00
Newsletter, Booklets, Pamphlets, etc Capture, bound or uncut issue, to 8.5" x 11" 400 DPI, L1 good condition to L2 fair, Color	per image	\$0.52	\$0.468	767	\$ 398.84 \$ 358.96
Newsprint Capture, oversized, bound or uncut issue, to 13" x 23" 300 DPI to 400 DPI, Level 2 fair condition, Color	per image	\$1.20	\$1.080	1286	\$ 1,543.20 \$ 1,388.88
Media Kit, to 11.75" x 14.5" 400 DPI, Level 3, Color	per image	\$1.20	\$1.080	65	\$ 78.00 \$ 70.20
Special handling (hourly charge; billed by 1/4 hour)	per hour	\$70.00	\$63.00	2.0	\$ 140.00 \$ 126.00
TOTAL ESTIMATE				\$ 2,858.30	\$ 2,572.47
					\$ (285.83) Savings
ANCILLARY PRODUCTS, NOT ELIGIBLE FOR LYRASIS DISCOUNT	QUOTE AND INVOICE				
Deliver digital files on 1TB external hard drive	per drive	\$100.00			
Deliver digital files on 2TB external hard drive	per drive	\$150.00			
Shipping	Flat	At cost			

Estimate Assumptions:

Item and page volume estimates provided by client - DS will invoice for actual volumes.

All items must remain bound (assembled) for scanning.

All items output as color.

Basic file naming extracted from inventory spreadsheet, then sequential.



MEETING SUMMARY January 24, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, Joe Dehn

Member

Attendees: Andrew Martin Kolstee

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm after some informal discussion. The partial Minutes/Summary from January 10, 2018 were reviewed with some corrections made. The completed summary will be sent via email to the Committee for further review and then submitted for approval at the next meeting.

Records Archive Update: Sarah Ellsworth and Sarah Stewart will be working at the records archive while I am out in Arizona.

Nolan Archive: Dr. Buchman was not present for the meeting and is going to be very busy through January.

Categories: Andrew Kolstee has one image category template working (Template:Image Tag People) and provided an example. He is working on expanding it to work with tagging more than one person. Joe Dehn suggested creating a universal template with more fields to include items such as place, date, event, etc. Ed Fochler suggested changing the field names from using the word "tag" as potentially confusing as the template is expanded out to include other fields. Decisions will need to be made on category use once we have a more complete template.

Caryn Ann Harlos has been continuing cleaning up sub-categories in the "People" category.

A user suggested an "Under Construction" template. Andrew will create.

Volunteers: There has not been regular performance from the current batch of volunteers, but each project that is done is appreciated. David Demarest will be



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picking up items at the next LNC meeting to bring to Liz Botkin to scan. The lady who will be coming from overseas will be arriving at the beginning of February to spend a week at the archives.

Yahoo Discussion Lists: Caryn Ann still has retrieval of these archives on a to-do list.

Audio/Video Tapes: Caryn Ann has been communicating with the video vendors and expects that the next batch might be ready before our next meeting.

Lyrasis: Caryn Ann is still working on batching to send to Lyrasis.

Alternative 1980: Joe D. has come to the conclusion that Alt '80 was not in fact a convention and should be categorized as a fundraising/rally event. He found a copy of the invitation for the event in the Hoover collection. It was held remotely in Holiday Inns across the country. He did take a photograph of the invitation to add to the Alt '80 page. Joe will also be correcting the LPedia page to conform to these discoveries. Caryn Ann explained to James Gholston that she would upload the full video file to our server so that he could obtain better images. (After this meeting, she confirmed that she cannot upload it as it would take over a week and that James would need to provide a drive.)

Site Statistics: Ed has been looking into this but our software was upgraded in the interim, and he needs to upgrade our testing version to this version.

Hoover Institution: Joe has been making inventories of the boxes and will be uploading them.

Multi-Page PDF Reference: Ed noted there is an Adobe standard with "#pagenumber" which in some browsers will put up a specific page from a PDF. If it does not work with a specific browser, the link will just go to the first page of the document. It is working on desktop Chrome but not desktop Safari. Since it is a published standard, it should become more common. Ed believes that Wikipedia is using an internal preview function that we do not have access to.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 Mountain.

Citations: Andrew created a template for easy citations.



Home Page: Ed noted that the image on the home page is not being thumb-nailed so a 10mb image is being loaded. Caryn Ann will put in a support request to MyWikis.

Next meeting is set for February 7, 2018 at 4pm Mountain.



MEETING SUMMARY February 7, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

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

Member

Attendees: Lellius Rose

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm. The partial Minutes/Summary from January 24, 2018 were reviewed with some corrections made. The prior approved summaries were uploaded to LPedia.

Member Comments: None at that time.

Records Archive Update: Marta Palazzi is staying in Colorado for a month and things are going along well. Michael Chastain and David Demarest are still planning on coming.

Policy Updates: Nothing new.

LP News Uploads: Nothing new.

Nolan Archive: Dr. Buchman has been organizing the boxes and files and is scanning a copy of the items that Elizabeth Nolan requested.

Videotapes: The tapes from QuadTapeXfer are still expected any day.

Next Lyrasis Scanning Job: Not yet packed up, national LP business has kept Caryn Ann busy.

Categories: Andrew demonstrated the source code for the Image Tag Template that he has been working on. Joe Dehn suggested allowing for more precision, particularly in dates. Extensive discussion was had about what to do when local parties form and dissolve and to treat them as a continuation of the same



geographic area rather than with articles for each separate iteration. Andrew still is working on an Under Construction Template.

Statement of Principles: Lel Rose gave his narrative of acquiring the piece, and he will be presenting to Caryn Ann at the LPWA convention next Saturday. Both Caryn Ann and Lel will try to find someone to professionally videotape.

LPNews: Caryn Ann has confirmed that the first issue of LPNews (not called that yet) is in her possession. She showed on camera many interesting items found.

Acquisitions: Caryn Ann has been watching eBay for any other finds. She has been starting a button collection to donate to the Party.

PDFs: Ed is still researching the issue of proper preview thumbnails of PDFs.

General LPedia: We are still locked out of server level access by incorrect permissions settings, and Caryn Ann will follow up. Ed will disable visual editor until the error bugs are fixed as it is frustrating to users.

Yahoo Discussion Lists: Caryn Ann will be sending the link to the download program and both Andrew and Joe B. were going to be working on this and coordinate off-list. She will also search for additional lists that we may not be aware of.

Party Emails: Caryn Ann will subscribe our Gmail account to the mailing list and will inquire about past archives. She and Andrew will also work on getting state newsletters subscribed to that address. This address is lphistoricalpreservation@gmail.com.

Lyrasis: Caryn Ann is still working on batching to send to Lyrasis.

Convention: We will need to work on manning the booth and split up shifts.

Next meeting is set for February 21, 2018 at 4pm Mountain.



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LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

APRIL 21-22, 2018

Committee Members

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Dr. Joe Buchman

Joe Dehn

Ed Fochler

James Gholson

SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR CARYN ANN HARLOS

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COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Libertarian Party Historical Preservation Committee (hereinafter "Committee" or "LPHPC") as per the LNC Policy Manual, Section 2.02, is as follows:

11) Historical Preservation Committee

The HPC shall be responsible for directing the preservation and publication of Party historical documents and the administration of LPedia.org. A report of its decisions and activities shall be delivered at each LNC meeting.

The current work of the Committee is divided into two major parts: physical archive organization and electronic archive management. The anticipated time frame for the initial scope concerning the physical archive is five years with just over one year being already invested. After that point, the electronic archive (LPedia) will need to be maintained and updated.

Meetings and Communications

The Committee is committed to transparency and conducts open meetings every two weeks (or as close as practicable) via Zoom electronic meetings. Committee discussions are also conducted via email with a read-only subscription option available to all Party members by sending a message to lphpc-request@lists.dehnbase.net with "subscribe" in the subject line. The minutes and other records from its proceedings are preserved on LPedia (http://lpedia.org/Historical_Preservation_Committee).

Meetings conducted since the last report:

- December 20, 2017
- January 8, 2018
- January 24, 2018
- February 7, 2018
- March 21, 2018 (minutes not yet finalized)
- April 4, 2018 (minutes not yet finalized)

Motions Considered

Caryn Ann Harlos moved to authorize Tom Sprague to convert the two remaining helical videotapes. This passed without objection.

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS



Volunteers

In addition to the Committee, there are multiple dedicated volunteers who have worked on this project as well as regular editors who have taken an interest in maintaining their state pages and updating candidate pages. There have been at least 700 hours of volunteer time invested as a conservative estimate, including Committee meetings. One of the volunteers spends nearly every Saturday for a full day organizing and cataloguing with me at the Parker, Colorado storage facility.

Interns

The prior request for interns generated multiple applicants including persons who were more interested in a volunteer rather than an intern position. One such person was Marta Palazzi from Italy (pictured above). Below is a short article submitted for LP News regarding Marta:

There are many people who volunteer in the background for the cause of the liberty that so often go unnoticed. Earlier this year, the Historical Preservation Committee may have had the volunteer holding the longest commute record. Marta Palazzi traveled all the way from Italy to spend several months working on the ongoing historical archive project in Colorado with Committee Chair Caryn Ann Harlos and Colorado volunteer Sarah Ellsworth. Marta has been involved with libertarian political movements in Italy including the Radical Party of Italy. In her professional life, she works as a medieval document archivist and learned of the LP project through a call for volunteers on LP.org and remembered meeting Harlos at the last convention while vacationing in Orlando. Liberty is not just an American goal; there are fellow workers for liberty all over the world, and the Libertarian Party extends its deepest appreciation to Marta for spending time volunteering to preserve the history of this movement. There are very few people who would travel thousands of miles to give up months of time selflessly and have the courage to tackle immersion in records that are not in their primary language. Marta is a hero of liberty.



Additionally, in the week prior to this meeting, Michael Chastain and Jennifer volunteered multiple half-days to assist in the archive organization.

DOCUMENT PRESERVATION STATUS

Storage Unit

I and a volunteer (Sarah Ellsworth-Colorado) have committed nearly every Saturday to sorting and organizing the records in the storage unit. This has been a monumental task. Some records were very neatly organized and others were basically thrown into the boxes as the equivalent of "junk drawers." Also due to age, some labels, rubber bands, and other materials had crumbled which need to be re-done.

The "first pass" of documents has been completed with sorting the information into broad accessible categories such as "LNC Minutes," "Conventions," "Training Guides," and the like. We have now begun the next step of organizing within those categories. This will be the most lengthy (multi-year) part of the project. There is some downtime presently as I am travelling to conventions every single weekend through June and Sarah needed to take some time off for family responsibilities.

Lyrasis

Lyrasis is a digitization collaborative which coordinates discounted services for libraries and other cultural heritage projects. The first batch of *LP News* was done through Lyrasis with the member discount so that we could test their services. The work was excellent, and the Committee joined Lyrasis through July 2018.

Digitization

DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS

As reported previously, the first priority for the Committee was items of most general Party membership interest which have been determined to comprise newsletters such as *Liberty Pledge* and *LP News*. All of these have been scanned and are being inventoried, electronically sorted with a standard naming convention, and are being uploaded to LPedia.

The next phase of digitization has begun with segregating out other large format documents that need to be done professionally and other high-interest items such as brochures. These documents have been inventoried and sent to Lyrasis for digitization.

Some training manuals and official records such as minutes and governing documents have been digitized and uploaded.

AUDIO/VIDEO/ELECTRONIC DATA MATERIALS

There are voluminous audio/video/electronic data materials on multiple formats spanning the gamut of technology from the 1970s forward including: 2-inch quadraplex broadcast reels; audio cassettes; audio reels; Betacam tapes; VHS tapes; U-matic cartridges; 5 1/4 inch discs; 3 1/2 inch discs; and ZIP drive disks. A great deal of these items can be digitized/converted by volunteers and arrangements are being made for the audio cassettes, Betacam tapes, audio reels, and 3 1/2 inch discs.

All of the "odd" format and very aged items have been converted included all of the 1970s helical reels. These items are being made available on the Committee's YouTube channel.

Keith Thompson has been converting VHS tapes in batches.

Among digitized items was footage of Alternative 1980.

Update on Acquisitions

As word of this project spreads, opportunities have arisen to supplement the Party's institutional memory and acquire important early documents. Several prolific editors have joined LPedia to supplement the information found there.

DAVID NOLAN ARCHIVE

Committee member Dr. Buchman has been sorting through these boxes now that his congressional run is over. Critical items will be moved to the Parker storage facility.

ORIGINAL DRAFT OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES WITH HOSPERS' NOTES

This has been donated to the National Party and in my possession to bring to NOLA.

PRE-LP (1971) REEL TO REELS "SHAPING THE FUTURE LIBERTARIAN CONFERENCE"

These tapes were obtained from Dan Karlan and digitized by Dr. Buchman and are being uploaded to LPedia.

LP EMAILS

The gmail address for the Committee has been subscribed to National emails as well as state party emails where available. Ken Moellman indicated that he has archives of past National emails.

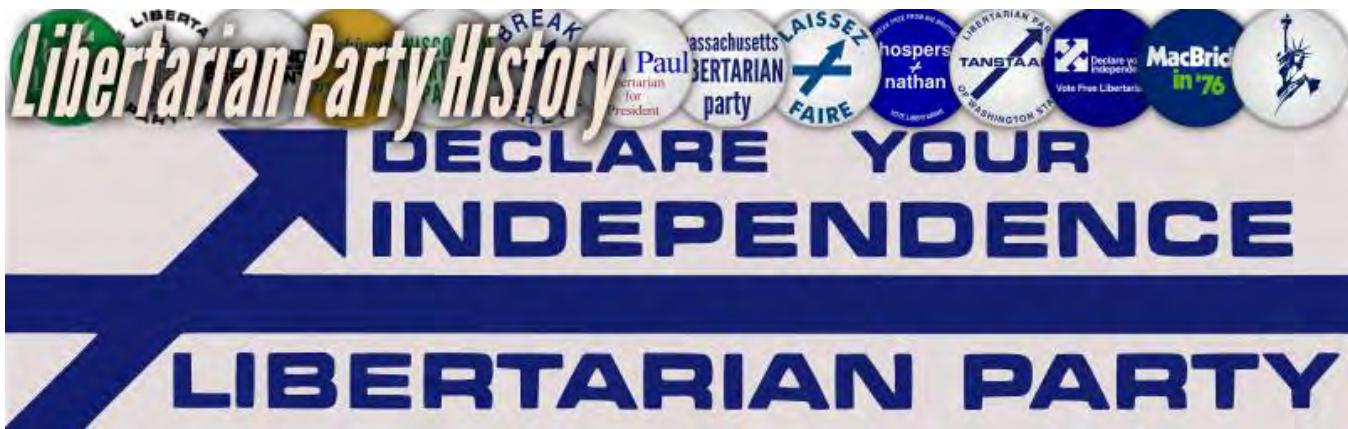
OTHER ARCHIVES

The online catalogue for the University of Virginia holdings proved to be incorrect. It was decided that it would be useful for volunteers in the areas of the various archives to go and take a look-this is a pending item. Joe Dehn related that when he last visited the UVA archives there were about eighty boxes of items that were not inventoried or catalogued.

Joe Dehn has been visiting and cataloguing the Hoover archives in California.

It has also been discovered that Susan Nolan (David Nolan's first wife and the first Chair of the Party) is still in Denver and meeting arrangements are being made.

Exploration has begun into preserving archives of old Yahoo discussion lists, particularly those in which David Nolan had been active.



STATUS OF LPEDIA

Background

LPedia is a collaborative history wiki of the Libertarian Party started in February 2005 by Shane Cory as a replacement for the older archive.lp.org. Since June 2013, the site had fallen into technical disrepair as the MediaWiki engine went through version upgrades which were not installed on LPedia primarily due to the fact that there simply was not enough staff time to keep the site updated ;and new account creation was leading to potential security risks as it was installed on the same server as the main LP.org website and thus had to be disabled. During the IT infrastructure cleanup, LPedia was moved to a fully hosted wiki-farm host; however, the database was bloated with over 20 gigabytes of spam and required serious cleaning in addition to the desperately needed updates to the MediaWiki software. Volunteer Bonnie Scott (Vermont) spent dozens of hours over the course of over a month doing this cleanup work which was successfully transferred to the new host. LPedia was re-opened for general account creation and restoration to its purpose as a crowd-sourced collaborative effort on March 31, 2017.

Completed and Ongoing Projects

In order to keep LPedia functional and useful (as well as easier to maintain for successive custodians) a great deal of infrastructure work has been done with much more to come. Following is a bullet-list of project with explanatory notes as needed.

- Categories
 - Focused effort is now being made on properly categorizing all of the biographies.
- Development of Policies and Page Naming Conventions
 - The policies continued to be developed as the need arises.
- Templates and Extensions
 - An image template is being developed so that images can be properly catalogued.
- Site Statistics
 - Solutions for gathering site statistics are being explored
- PDF preview
 - A generic pdf icon is shown on search results where a thumbnail is preferred.

User Statistics

Last Report: 2,314 Articles / 1,579 Uploads

Present Report: 2,515 Articles / 1,823 Uploads

DOCUMENT/RECORD MAINTENANCE

Inventory and Management

As boxes are sorted, basic inventories are being created. The final inventory will identify what items are preserved on LPedia with a location coding system so that they can be easily retrieved from the physical archives. Standard naming conventions will also make them easily retrievable in the electronic archives. Duplicates are being noted and culling recommendations made.

Data Back-Ups

The expanding e-archive of documents is backed up when it hits LPedia and is also backed up at my home. Periodically a copy of the archive is taken to an off-site safe deposit box as a last-ditch failsafe.

BUDGET

The 2018 budget is \$5,000 with an expectation that these funds will be raised to even out the ledger. A fundraising email will be sent at some time in the future.

Following are the current expenditures and revenue:

Total Expenses Booked: \$1,322.25

Total Revenue: \$760.00

Earmarked Funds

Up to \$400 was dedicated from special donations for the framing of the Statement of Principles. A donor will be giving funds for t-shirts if the LPHPC wishes to fund-raise using these at Convention.

Recurring Expenses

- MyWikis hosting and maintenance: \$310/year – this is charged off to the IT budget.
 - This is a fully supported option. The host installs all upgrades and resolved trouble tickets.
- Amazon server: up to \$25/month

- Some files are too large to upload directly to the wiki host (audios, videos, large graphics) and are hosted on a separate server. The Amazon server also hosts LPedia database backups.
- Dropbox: \$100/year (this has been an in-kind donation so far)
 - This is the portal for volunteers to upload and retrieve documents for assignments by the LPHPC. It also contains backups of other maintenance documentation and a redundant copy of the database backups.

2018 NOLA CONVENTION

A table has been reserved for the Committee at the Convention. Items of interest will be brought and displayed.

LP NEWS

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THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY — WWW.LP.ORG

DECEMBER 2017

Reunited (and it feels so good): The remarkable tale of a priceless piece of LP history

By Caryn Ann Harlos
Chair, LNC Historical
Preservation Committee

It started with an impromptu eBay search for the Libertarian Party, something I never had done before. What I found was so incredible, so unlikely, so surreal, that it felt like fate: a listing purporting to be the original of the typed "Statement of Principles" with handwritten notes as presented by John Hospers at the Libertarian Party's founding convention in 1972.

Some background is in order. The "Statement of Principles" is my passion. I have a framed copy on my wall, and have spent the past several years researching its history and giving presentations at numerous LP state conventions on the subject. As chair of the Libertarian Party's Historical Preservation Committee, I have spent countless hours preserving and reconstructing party history. This was kismet.

There was no doubt that the document was genuine. The LPHPC possessed a low-quality scan of this document bearing the same handwriting and type, although it appeared to have obtained a new coffee stain. Excitement ensued. Several known LP historical enthusiasts were bidding, but it seemed at the last minute that an unknown bidder had snapped the item up at \$430.

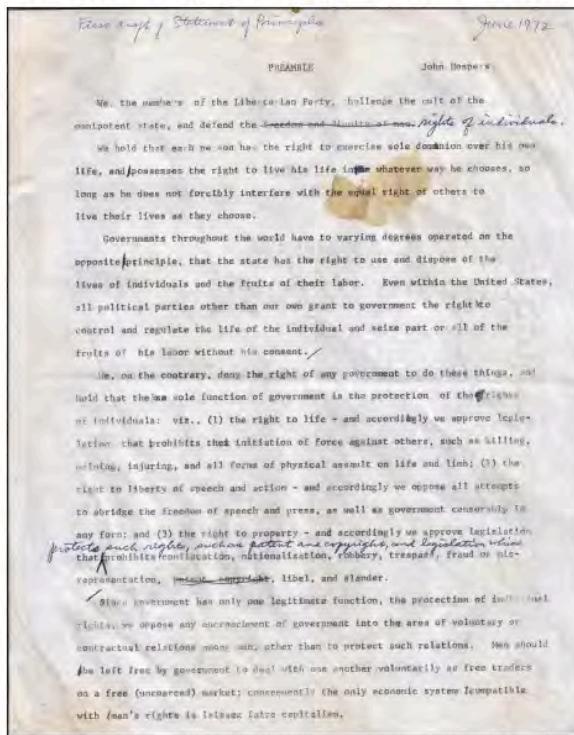
After some despair and self-consolations, it was revealed that Washington state Libertarian Lellius Rose was the final bidder, because he wanted to ensure that the

document was obtained and donated to the party. He was willing to donate the document to the party to be displayed at headquarters.

There were still many unanswered questions. Who was the seller? How did they obtain it? Where has it been all these years? The seller responded to these inquiries thusly:

I'm more than happy to tell you about it. My mom, Shirley Gottlieb, ran the Libertarian Party office out of her home in the 1970s. My mom and dad had many meetings at their home and came to personally know Dr. John Hospers. I remember being in high school and coming home to a house full of people in the living room. My mom recruited me to go to downtown Los Angeles to help count votes when the party was trying to obtain ballot status. I didn't know that my parents even had it. I've been going thru the house after my dad's passing in March (I lost my mom in 2005), and came across a picture frame containing a black and white photocopy of Ayn Rand. It seemed odd to me because it wasn't even a photo. More like a photocopy, and I couldn't understand why they would have framed it. When I took it apart I found the document you now have!

Fact mimics fiction. A historically significant document found hidden behind a picture frame and returned to its source. The "Statement of Principles" affirms the philosophy upon which the Libertarian Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail (LNC Bylaws 3.1). And it is coming home.



COMMITTEE RE-FORMATION

This Committee's term ends with the final LNC meeting prior to the 2018 convention. If the current members are willing, I recommend that they be appointed for another term as we are in the middle of projects with specialized knowledge and skills that would set back progress if handed off mid-stream.



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Where: Online: Zoom

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Member

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Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm (one hour later than normal start time). Prior minutes were reviewed and corrected. Ed Fochler retroactively loves us guys from the last meeting.

Member Comments: None at that time.

Records Archive Update: Sarah Ellsworth was able to go back down last week and will be able to sporadically hit some weekends that I miss due to attendance at conventions.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman is getting some things together to bring to convention (including the lost bag of buttons). Caryn Ann Harlos and Nick Sarwark visited his home and viewed the collection that is now in file cabinets. Joe B. still needs to scan items that he promised to get back to Elizabeth Nolan.

Wiki Series: The prior discussion on the potential to use “series” collections was reprised with Andrew Kolstee. One example of a collection was given of the David Nolan Collection and perhaps a series such as “Women in the LP” or “LGBT.” It is a way to tell a story to keep people clicking through on the site. It would function very much like a category but would have a special box (similar to the infobox and succession boxes but residing on the right side). The types of things that would be in a collection or series that are ones that cross over categories or are a very special draw to entice novice users to continue looking at material on the site. Right now we don’t have enough material uploaded to do this, it is just an idea that may develop organically along the way as we add material.

Policy Updates: Joe Dehn added naming policy clarifications.



LPNews Uploading: Caryn Ann will be getting with Michael Fucci once her life settles down a bit.

Audio/Video Tapes: Nothing at this time.

Next Lyrasis Scanning Job: Lyrasis provided a status that the job has been 100% scanned and is moving into quality control with a mid-June anticipated completion date.

General LPedia / Featured Article: Joe Dehn expressed concerns with the naming of uploaded photographs that are a bit too generic. He noted that the Manual of Style specifically recommends against file names that consist of just a single component, such as only a person's name Andrew Kolstee clarified that the ones he has been uploading have been used for the biography infobox. This will likely be something that we will need to train regular users to do and thus is a learning curve issue. Caryn Ann clarified the uploads that she is patrolling are the items that are not pictures, and she has not been touching pictures. Andrew K. was thinking about whether or not an image template could be pre-populated into the uploading process.

We need to change out the featured article more regularly. James Gholston inquired whether a detailed county party article would be appropriate, and he was told that it would be.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention: Caryn Ann is speaking with Keith Thompson about items he is working on such as t-shirts and graphics. Joe B. spoke about having an invitation for people to bring items to have us scan while we are there and also to look forward to the 50th Anniversary convention at which we might want to have an actual "museum" display. Joe D. passed out a flyer at the California convention asking folks if they had any items and received one response. Joe B. will be bringing his laptop and scanner. We need to advertise with reasonable expectations so that people do not bring items by the boxful. It would also be fun to actually scan items into LPedia while we are there.

New York Records Archive: These are in the process of being organized. There are some very interesting items such as the very first minutes from 1972 and signed



by Ed Clark. He will have a better idea of what is in the collection by second week of June.

Elizabeth Nolan Written Copyright Waiver: Joe B. is reluctant to ask her for anything until he gives her the items that he promised to scan for her.

Yahoo Discussion Lists: Bonnie Scott saw that we were working on this (and referenced a Perl script) and offered potential assistance. Joe B. noted that the older programs no longer work as Yahoo changed the way it maintains its groups. He has manually captured each of the David Nolan messages in the LPRadicals group. Joe D. also searched and could not find a straightforward solution. Joe D. will follow up with Bonnie as that might be our best bet; otherwise, we might need to recruit volunteers to brute-force capture the messages in blocks of years.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler noted that the invitation is still open to view the Google analytics information via a Google invitation.

Volunteers: Caryn Ann will be putting out another call for volunteers when she has time to properly train.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm Mountain.

Next meeting is set for May 23, 2018 at 4pm Mountain. And it has been confirmed that Ed still loves us guys.



MEETING SUMMARY MAY 23, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

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

Member

Attendees: Andrew Kolstee, Ben Leder

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm. The files sent with the agenda and prior minutes were corrupted and unreadable. Salvage attempts will be made and sent to the Chair for review next meeting. There was a short break in the middle when Caryn Ann Harlos had to make a call for a doctor appointment.

Ed Fochler reminded the Chair that we have enough Joes on this committee and that his name is Ed.

Member Comments: None at that time.

Image Naming and Categorization: The issue with improper image naming and cleanup was recapped. This was not a specific assignment for anyone.

Policy Updates: Nothing since last time.

Drop Ship Store: Ben Leder updated the committee about work he is doing with the Radical Caucus for an e-commerce store that might work well as a proof-of-concept for fundraising for the committee. Copies of that recovered original SoP document might be a good item to offer.

Audio/Video Tapes: Nothing new at this time.

General LPedia / Featured Article: The featured article was changed to an article about the Santa Clara affiliate. James Gholston noted that the featured article template has always been used, and Joe Dehn suggested that we might want to have an article that lists the past featured articles.



Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention: Caryn Ann Harlos asked for reimbursement for \$54.10 for banner for the booth at convention. James Gholston did a good job on the design.

Motion: James Gholston moved to reimburse Caryn Ann Harlos for the purchase of the banner.

This passed with no objection.

Susan Nolan: No progress on this.

New York Records Archive: Andrew Kolstee went over some items that might be in these records such as old national Platform Committee reports and video footage of the 1974 New York Gubernatorial race. Andrew will know more when he visits the archives on June 12, 2018.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler gave an overview and noted that one of the top searches was for Caryn Ann which has made her paranoid.

Steering Committee: Caryn Ann met Bruce Earnheart in Ohio who has some items from that time frame that he will be bringing to NOLA for us to scan. Caryn Ann read his email that detailed what he had as follows:

The earliest piece in my collection is a letter from Susan Nolan informing me that I am the first Minnesota resident to join the Party. Dated Jan. 20, 1971, I am almost certain the date is mistaken; I believe Dave Nolan's Libertarian dream dates from the summer of '71—motivated by the dual disaster of Nixon's wage and price controls and the end of gold redemption.

The only certified document from the days of the "Committee to Organize a Libertarian Party" is a temporary platform created sometime in late 1971. I also have the 1972, '74 and '76 platforms.

The only other item dating from the proto-Party are broadsides that I tacked up on every available Macalester College bulletin board I could find in the fall of 1971.

My earliest LP News dates from January '72. My May copy is missing, as is May/June



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and Sep./Oct. of 1973. I have the full run of 1974 and 1975. I am missing Sep./Oct. '76 and most of 1977 (only Jan./Feb and Sep./Oct. are extant). The early portion of 1978 is missing (Jan. through May). Only three issues are extant from 1979 (Mar./Apr., May/June and July/Aug).

I have a small variety of generic membership/promotional brochures and position papers from the first decade. I have a 1974 Newsweek article summarizing goals and elucidating Party ideology.

Regarding the Hosper campaign, I have one A.P. newspaper story and two bumper stickers. (I have bumper stickers featuring every Presidential nominee).

I have a good number of materials from the McBride and Clark campaigns: brochures, position papers, newspaper and magazine articles.

There are promotional materials and programs from four national conventions: 1975 (New York), '76 (D.C.), '78 (Boston) and '79 (L.A.). I know you have little interest in the 1980s, at present, but the 1981 Denver convention program contains a great synopsis of the '70s—it being the 10th anniversary convention.

I have a state by state membership list for 1975 and certified vote totals for the 1979 Presidential and V.P. nominations.

Caryn Ann noted that he is missing the same early LP News that is missing in the archive which is evidence that those issues likely never existed. Caryn Ann obtained his first membership card which is the earliest she has ever seen. This was forwarded to the Committee for review.

Misc: Washington Times ran an article about the acquisition of the Statement of Principles and there was an article in LPedia about Marta and her volunteer work for the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm Mountain.

Next meeting is set for June 6, 2018 at 4pm Mountain.



MEETING SUMMARY June 6, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

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

Other

Attendees: Marshall Beerwinkle, Andrew Martin Kolstee; David Demarest and Ben Leder joined the meeting about midway through

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

Member Comments: None at that time.

Records of Past Meetings: The summary from May 9 was approved with some corrections previously submitted.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann and Sarah Ellsworth are working on the material on and off until the convention. There may or may not be time to implement the idea of pulling out some duplicate items for distribution at the convention.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman is still planning to bring a few items to the convention for display.

Categories: Caryn Ann has been working on adding tags to existing biography articles; she is now up to "M" and hopes to get through "Z" by the convention. Although the basic category tree exists for everything, she has been mostly working on biographies and there is still a lot of work to be done on other types of articles.

Policy Updates: Joe Dehn added some notes about the difference between biographical articles and user pages.

LP News Uploading: On hold until after the convention.

Audio/Video Tapes: On hold until after the convention.



Lyrasis: Caryn Ann is expecting the most recent batch of scans to arrive within the next day.

General LPedia / Featured Article: Joe Dehn and James Gholston are continuing to think about what sort of articles to feature, with emphasis on picking ones that are good examples of what we would like to see in that type of article. Several biography articles that contain a lot of information were mentioned as possibilities. They also suggested rotating among examples of articles about different kinds of subjects, e.g, a person, an event, a document, an organization. Joe Dehn said we should avoid featuring an article on anybody who might be running for anything at the upcoming convention.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention: Joe Buchman is planning to bring a laptop and flatbed scanner that can be used if people bring things to be scanned. Caryn Ann suggested we could also demonstrate scanning using a smart-phone app. There was discussion of when various members of the committee would be arriving. There was discussion of whether money should be allocated in advance for "surprise expenses" during the convention; the consensus was that this was not necessary. There is still room in the button display case for many more buttons; Joe Buchman is hoping to be able to bring some from the DNA.

James Gholston is working on a project to produce replicas of historical buttons which could be handed out at our booth, and solicited opinions on which ones would be most worth producing. There was discussion of the need to make clear that these are reproductions; just telling people at the booth that they are not actual historical items is not good enough because after somebody takes them home there could be confusion. There was discussion of ways to label the buttons themselves, either by adding some small text around the edge or at the bottom, or by creating a new design that incorporates the historical design augmented by some feature that makes it obvious that it was produced more recently. James Gholston suggested that a non-removable label on the back could serve this purpose. On the question of which designs to produce, Hospers/Nathan and Libersign/TANSTAAFL seemed to have the most appeal.



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Caryn Ann presented two ideas for displaying the historical bumper stickers. She was authorized, without objection, to spend up to \$100 to buy a foldable hanging display and a ledger-size binder with mounting supplies. These would be also be used to store the stickers between events.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler provided a brief update on articles that were most frequently viewed recently.

Yahoo Discussion Lists: Joe Dehn sent Bonnie Scott another message to see if she can help with this.

Get Started Guide: James Gholston suggested adding a guide for people who have some historical material, either things that could be scanned or video, and want to know how to get started. Joe Dehn said there is already an article about contributing text material and he had started working on but never completed one for recordings. Marshall Beerwinkle cited recordings he has of C-SPAN coverage of our conventions. Joe Dehn said we should check to see if C-SPAN already has those programs online, but even if they do they may have been edited differently from how the event was presented live so recordings of the actual broadcasts might also be of interest. Joe Dehn suggested that Marshall could serve as a guinea pig for additional "get started" material. Marshall will also check his back copies of LP News to see if he has any of the "wanted" issues; he also has articles from various magazines about some of our early candidates, and some very old posters.

Next meeting: Ed confirmed that he still loves us guys. The next meeting was set for June 20, 2018 at 4pm Mountain.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm Mountain.



MEETING SUMMARY June 20, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Ed Fochler, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Joe Buchman (came in after the Categories discussion)

Other

Attendees: Andrew Martin Kolstee

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm Mountain.

Records of Past Meetings: Caryn Ann said she plans to send out the remaining pending summaries, including the ones for this meeting, to be approved by e-mail vote.

Records Archive Update: Joe Buchman is working on inventorying some Ed Clark material, largely tapes and even some film, that was recently returned to the national office by somebody who had been using it for a project; this is material that would have been transferred to our storage unit along with everything else had it been in the office at that time, and will be so transferred soon. Caryn Ann is now concentrating on selecting duplicate items that can be given out at the convention.

Categories: Caryn Ann is up to "O" now in the biographies and has also done some work on newsletters categories.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman has selected items to bring to the convention.

Policy Updates: Joe Dehn has started a new article "Getting Started as a Contributor"; once this has been fleshed out it can be used as the primary link for the "how you can help" section on the home page. This article includes examples of articles of various types (people, organizations, etc.) so that a new person can see what a well done article of that type should look like. He said in looking for suitable examples of people articles he was surprised at how many articles about people who are famous and important in the party are very incomplete.



LP News Uploading: On hold until after the convention.

Audio/Video Tapes: On hold until after the convention.

Lyrasis: The scans from the recent batch have arrived; getting this material uploaded will be a good job for volunteers. Total cost for this batch was \$2070. After the convention we will need to make a decision on whether to continue our membership.

General LPedia / Featured Article: There appears to be a problem with the search function not returning anything when certain kinds of search terms are entered. None of us understand why this is happening so it will require asking the hosting company for help.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler reported that we are getting about 100 unique visitors per day.

Susan Nolan: There has been no time to follow up on this; it will need to happen after the convention.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Joe Buchman will be following up on this.

Convention Planning: Marc Montoni is driving a bunch of stuff to New Orleans, including a large monitor, the t-shirts, and the hanging bumper sticker displays. Caryn Ann is still working on the idea of gift bags to give to the state parties. She is also selecting some photos to display. We also received a donation of some Badnarik t-shirts that we can use for fundraising. With the banner and the Statement of Principles we should have plenty to attract visitors to our table.

We need to arrange staffing for the table. It is possible that Marta will come and be able to cover much of the time during the business sessions since she won't be a delegate. Otherwise we may have to recruit additional volunteers when we get there.



Caryn Ann suggested that if we want some kind of history-oriented ribbons for people to put on their badges she might be able to get them for a good price by adding them to a large order she is already making.

There was discussion of the setup time Saturday morning. Joe Dehn is willing to take the lead on the setup process if it can be done before the various meetings start.

The meeting informally adjourned at approximately 4:52pm.

Post-Convention Business: Caryn Ann said she is planning to recommend to the new LNC that this committee be reconstituted with the same membership since we are in the middle of working on so many things.

Next meeting: No additional meeting was scheduled; meeting schedule after the convention will be determined by the reconstituted committee.



MEETING SUMMARY July 18, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee (came in during Convention Recap discussion)

Other

Attendees: Ben Leder

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm Mountain.

Committee Status: Caryn Ann Harlos reported that she had been re-appointed Chair of this committee by the new LNC, and that she had re-appointed Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, and James Gholston as members, along with Andrew Kolstee (replacing Joe Buchman, who preferred not to be re-appointed).

Member Comments: Ben Leder commented on the phenomenon of frequent “re-branding”, which resulted in some discussion of past and current LP logos.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 23 May, 6 June, and 20 June meetings were approved as proposed and will be uploaded to LPedia. Some other past minutes still also need to be uploaded.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she has not had time to visit the storage unit since the convention, but that other historical material is accumulating at her residence. The Ed Clark recordings are now on their way there from the national office.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman will be visiting Denver soon to help us get in touch with Susan Nolan and will also do some work at the storage unit. He is planning to write a biography of David Nolan.

Categories: Caryn Ann is still at “O” in the biographies but has caught up on patrolling of changes.



Policy Updates: Joe Dehn did some reformatting of the home page to make use of the new "Getting Started..." article.

LP News, Audio/Video Tapes, Lyrasis: Now that the convention is over Caryn Ann will be working on identifying volunteers who can upload all of this material.

General LPedia / Featured Article: Joe suggested establishing a queue for pending featured articles, following the general plan of rotating articles of various types and a goal of switching the featured article at least once a month, although the rate could be increased if we have enough articles in the queue. He will work on setting this up, with a separate page allowing any user to suggest articles for consideration.

Ben Leder suggested creating a "virtual reality museum", based on the framework of a game like "Doom" but containing historical items.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Convention Recap: There was discussion of how things went with our booth, topics including sales of t-shirts, some items that were left there, and following up with people who signed up saying they have historical material. The booth was staffed for most of the time by Ed Fochler and sometimes by other volunteers, and we did a good portion of what we had planned. We did not do video displays and only had an LPedia display for short times; better preparation in terms of equipment would have helped with both of these. Ed reported that a number of people who visited the booth did not seem to associate LPedia with the HPC, even though they had heard of both; he suggested mentioning the connection on the home page. Caryn Ann reported that she still has the original Statement of Principles and will be bringing it to DC when she goes for the December LNC meeting, when there will probably be an installation ceremony at the national office. She is still seeking buttons to fill the rest of that display case.

Caryn Ann reported that she incurred a number of expenses relating to the convention, including for purchase of t-shirts beyond the amount already donated for them, supplies for the gift bags distributed to the states, and shipping of various items. She said that not including the additional t-shirt expense, the total was about \$470. She estimated that earlier expenses relating to the convention, including the



banner and items used for display that can be used again at other events, totaled about \$100.

James Gholston moved and Ed Fochler seconded to reimburse Caryn Ann \$470 for convention-related expenses; the motion passed without objection.

There was discussion of how to sell the remaining t-shirts. Caryn Ann noted that the vendor can make additional shirts as we need them, so we can continue to offer all sizes. One possibility mentioned was offering them through the LP Store. It was suggested that we could make use of Facebook's fundraising feature to solicit additional contributions for the committee.

Site Statistics: Ed Fochler reported that traffic roughly doubled during the convention, but was back to normal now. He said there were a lot of visits to the convention page and also to pages about certain individuals, e.g., people running for things, but that people were coming to these pages largely through Google search.

Yahoo Lists: Joe spoke briefly with Bonnie Scott about this at the convention but there isn't any real news to report.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Joe Buchman will still be following up on this.

Request for Deletion of Biographical Page: There was discussion of a request from an individual in New York that the page about him be deleted from LPedia, topics including whether there should be a defined procedure for this and whether we should act on such requests at all. The person in question briefly held an LP position and this is documented in the state party's minutes. The individual did not give a specific reason for this deletion request. Reasons mentioned for not acting on this request included: (a) it is our mission to document the history of the party and leaving people out would be inconsistent with that; (b) our existing policy, posted on the wiki, specifically states that this includes people who were involved for only a short time; (c) removing just this page while still mentioning this person on other pages would be inconsistent with the planned structure of the wiki. It was decided to follow up with the individual to ask why he wants the page deleted and to see if some other approach might satisfy him, and to defer consideration of any general deletion policies/procedures until we have more examples of such requests.



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Committee Expansion: Caryn Ann asked for feedback on the idea of expanding the committee to seven members, as a way of bringing in people with additional skills and getting more people involved in our work. It was noted that people can help with wiki editing and volunteer in other ways without being on the committee, and that some people willing to help would prefer not to be on a committee; however, there are lots of kinds of work to be done and it might make sense as a way to get some people more involved. There did not seem to be any real objection from the current committee members to this idea.

Andrew reported that he is starting to work on the old New York materials that Bill McMillen had stored, and described some of the items that he found.

Ben Leder said he was interested in working on updating information about current candidates, many of whom are not currently mentioned in LPedia. He said he might also be able to help recruit volunteers for other kinds of work.

James Gholston suggested there may be various “databases” of information that would be relevant to our work, e.g., created by the national office, that could be converted to other formats.

Future Meetings: The next meeting was set for 8 August.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.



MEETING SUMMARY August 8, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 4pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee
(came in during the Featured Article discussion)

Other

Attendees: Rosalie Dieteman, Ben Leder (came in during the Fundraising discussion)

The meeting was called to order at 4:18 pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 18 July meeting were approved as proposed and will be uploaded to LPedia. Some other past minutes still also need to be uploaded.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she has resumed work in the storage unit, getting back into a routine, and that Sarah is now working on sorting through large amounts of material relating to state and local campaigns. Caryn Ann searched for but was not able to locate any documents from 1983 that would clarify the specific motivation for adding the platform "Preamble". The Ed Clark recordings have arrived but have not been converted in any way.

David Nolan Archive (DNA): Joe Buchman won't be attending these meetings on a regular basis so this will no longer be treated as a standing agenda item, but he does intend to continue working on it and will be transferring material to Caryn Ann from time to time.

Categories: Caryn Ann reported that she is done with the biographical articles; they should all now be marked with appropriate categories.

Uploading: Caryn Ann reported that she has uploaded some old audio recordings, and will be working on uploading some of the documents that were previously scanned.



Policy Updates: Joe reported that he changed the heading at the top of the home page to specifically mention that the site is managed by the HPC.

Audio/Video Tapes, Lyrasis: Caryn Ann will be working on further processing of these materials.

Categories (continued): There was a discussion of where in the category system articles about “branding” belong. Suggestions were to put articles relating specifically to branding of a particular organization under the category for that organization, and to consider branding itself to be an “issue”. It was noted that “issues” could be seen as including both public policy issues and internal issues – anything about which there might be disagreement.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that the site is getting an average of 146 visitors per day, somewhat of an increase from what it was a couple of months ago, and that visits are largely from mobile devices. There was a burst of references from the Reason site, apparently because they posted an article that mentioned our site. Other recently popular topics were the 1980 Platform and Jeff Callaway.

Featured Article: Joe reported that the new set of pages for managing the Featured Article process is now in place, and asked for feedback on the items currently listed in the queue. It was suggested that the New York page be updated a bit before being featured, specifically that it should include some pictures. The Radical Caucus and the Mises Caucus were suggested as additional candidates, but there was some concern expressed about avoiding the appearance of bias toward any particular caucus. Joe said that since there is apparently no objection to at least the first two items in the queue, he intends to proceed with featuring them as planned.

Categories Bug: James reported an apparent bug causing a template not to be listed in its declared category. Editing and saving it seemed to clear up the problem, suggesting some kind of caching issue. If additional examples of this are found it may be worth submitting a trouble report.

Deletions: The case discussed at the previous meeting of a member from New York who wanted the page about him deleted appears to have been resolved for now, after Ed spoke with him.



There has been a formal request for deletion of the page for "Nily Rozic", a politician in New York. It is not clear why this page was created – the only connection to the LP seems to be that she may have at one point been an opponent in some campaign of the person who posted the article. It also looks like the article may have been entirely or mostly copied from another site, which may both suggest a copyright violation and make having our own page about this person be of limited utility. Andrew will investigate and report back.

Hoover Collection: Nothing new.

Yahoo Lists: Joe is continuing to try to get Bonnie Scott's help with this. James noted that the Radical Caucus might be deleting their Yahoo group soon as they no longer want to make use of it for current discussions; they should be asked not to do that until we have had a chance to do our downloading.

Susan Nolan: Caryn Ann reported that she and Joe Buchman had been able to locate and visit Susan Nolan. They got some interesting information from her and were invited back. It appears that the common belief that she had completely dropped out of the party after her divorce from David was incorrect.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Caryn Ann will be drafting a document that Joe Buchman can use for this.

Categories (continued): There was discussion of categories for documents associated with a person, e.g., campaign literature associated with a particular candidate. Points raised included whether categories are needed for this at all, given that such documents should already be pointed at from the person's page, whether there should ever be categories that represent the same thing as an article, whether categories like "campaign literature for Congress" or "campaign literature from New York" would be more appropriate, and whether any of these categories would be helpful for maintenance even if we don't want to offer them for navigation. This appears to be an idea that needs to be discussed further outside of a meeting to develop a proposed tree structure that we can then consider.



Fundraising: Caryn Ann reported that she sent a fundraising e-mail to people who contributed for HPC activities in the past, and that she has been making some use of the t-shirts as a premium. She said she was reluctant to have them offered through the LP Store because we have limited inventory and that would mean extra work for staff to order additional shirts when we are out of the sizes that people want.

Ben Leder suggested that we look into the Facebook feature that allows a page to accept donations; some state and county groups are using this and it makes it very easy to include a donation option when posting something like a live video. He volunteered to look into this.

Future Meetings: Caryn Ann reported that the national LP now has a Zoom account; making use of that would save her the money she has been spending on maintaining her own account, but it might require coordination of times with other committees – specifically, the social media team is already using it on certain Wednesdays. It was decided to establish a general schedule of meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. In accordance with this plan, the next meeting will be 22 August.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.



MEETING SUMMARY August 22, 2018

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 4pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, Andrew Kolstee, James Gholston (came in after the Deletions discussion)

Other Attendees: none

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 8 August meeting were approved with one change about the request to delete the "Nily Rozic" page.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that she has continued work in the storage unit. She was contacted by a long-time member in Nevada who has material in a storage unit that he is closing. Since it will not be practical for her to visit him to see what he has, she will be discussing that with him electronically and perhaps Joe Buchman will be able to go if the material sounds interesting.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that the site continues to get somewhat over 100 visitors per day. Articles recently getting attention included the Socialist Caucus, the list of caucuses, Kim Ruff, Eric Mulder, and Mike Shipley.

Featured Article: Joe reported that he switched the featured article to Eric Mulder after the last meeting and would probably be switching it to one of the top articles in the queue before the next meeting.

Deletions: There is no new information about the "Nily Rozic" article and nobody seems to be making any serious argument that it should be kept. Given that and the fact that enough time for debate and voting on a request for deletion has elapsed, it seems appropriate for it now to be deleted.



Yahoo Lists: Joe reported that he has come up with a semi-automatic way to archive this material, involving use of the “iMacros” browser extension to save pages “as HTML” and then a Perl script to extract the message text from the resulting files. This isn't very fast and or reliable, requiring frequent manual intervention and also raising the issue of malware potentially being downloaded in the process, but it's a lot faster than doing the equivalent work completely manually and better than nothing. There was discussion of ways to isolate the process, e.g., using a virtual machine.

Elizabeth Nolan Copyright Waiver: Caryn Ann has begun drafting this with the intention of producing something that could be used for other people donating material as well.

Template Categories Not Updating Bug: It appears that this is a continuing issue so a trouble report will need to be filed.

MediaWiki URL Convention: Ed pointed out that the URLs we are using for articles in LPedia don't have the structure currently recommended by the software developers. We have the article name directly under the root, while other sites using MediaWiki have them under a subdirectory (e.g., articles in Wikipedia are under “wiki/”). He expressed concern that this could lead to maintenance issues in the future, and suggested we might want to do some kind of “soft switch” to that convention so that we don't find ourselves having to make a more abrupt switch at some time in the future. There was discussion of some of the technical considerations and also the general notion of running our site in as much an “out of the box” fashion as we can. It isn't clear exactly how we ended up with this apparently non-standard arrangement, and we don't know our hosting service's views on support of the two alternatives – things like why our current site was set up this way, what they prefer to support, and the extent to which they could help with implementing the sort of redirects that would be involved in implementing a “soft switch” might be important to our decision. Ed will be looking into this further.

Report to LNC: Caryn Ann said she hopes to have our report for the next LNC meeting ready for us to review by our next meeting. She indicated she is inclined to ask the LNC at some point to allow (but not require) our committee to have one or two additional members. She said we need more people working on things and



being able to add more people to the committee could be helpful in getting that to happen.

National Office Use of LPedia: Caryn Ann suggested that at some point it might make sense for the people in the national office to start making use of LPedia as the place to store information about their projects, most of which is not actually supposed to be confidential, rather than maintaining a separate "internal wiki". There was discussion of advantages of this approach (including automatic archiving and avoiding the problem of information becoming inaccessible to people who need it because it is only on one person's computer), reasons why office personnel might prefer not to use LPedia for current information, and alternative ways to ensure that such work products are at least archived on LPedia after the fact. She said she plans to be using LPedia as the place to post various documents she will be creating as Secretary, and is also encouraging other committees to use it for things like their agendas and minutes.

National Mailings: There was a brief discussion of what we have in the way of historical hardcopy mailings (letters) that were sent out by the national office, e.g., does the office have PDFs of such letters. Caryn Ann indicated that national office personnel would probably not be able to give attention to this question until after the current election season is over.

Future Meetings: In accordance with the general plan previously discussed, the next meeting will be 5 September.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.



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.