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## PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY      April 1, 2025

**Date and Time:**            Tuesday, 1 April 2025 at 4:30pm Mountain time

**Where:**                      Online: Zoom

**Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, James Gholston, Sam Bohler,  
Andrew Kolstee

**Other Attendees:**        none

The meeting was called to order at 4:33pm Mountain time.

**Records of Previous Meetings:** The minutes of the 18 March meeting were approved without objection.

**Templates and Names:** Caryn Ann expressed concern that we are not being consistent in the way we handle states, in particular since all states have conventions a section for them should be included in all state templates. She also said all "special" conventions should be listed that way, even though the state organization may use a more specific name for them (e.g., "Nominating Convention"); Joe said there is a difference between categories and names, and while it makes sense to group things into classifications like "special" to make them easier to find we should not force uniform names on every organization; others felt this distinction was not important since most users will be able to find things easily enough through search. Andrew noted that in looking at older documents he has been finding local organizations labeled in many different ways, e.g., "X County Libertarian Party" vs. "Libertarian Party of X County", and sometimes just the name of the county. Joe noted that variations from state to state may reflect differences in the way local organizations are considered to relate to the state party, but in some cases there may also be variations within a state if the local organizations have enough autonomy to select their own name. James said he usually labels articles for such organizations according to what seems to be the name most recently used. Joe noted that this is analogous to our policy of naming articles about people according to the name by which they are most commonly known, but for both types of articles



we can always make use of redirects if more than one form of the name has been commonly used. Another issue is that sometimes people will create lists or articles for every county in a state even if there is no evidence there is or ever was an organization for that county; this is not useful.

**Site Technical:** It was noted that the new version of the LPedia logo (displayed at the upper left of each page) was installed; we can change this ourselves by replacing a file. The issue of PDF links causing the content to be displayed vs. triggering a download is yet to be resolved.

**Financial Issues:** Caryn Ann reported that she invited Steve Nekhaila to attend this meeting but the notice she gave him was probably too short; she wants a chance to talk with him about the idea of people being able to donate separately to support our storage costs as well as the fact that some of the material already scanned was not scanned well enough so needs to be kept to be able to be scanned again; he does not want us to keep storing things that have already been professionally scanned. She said she does not believe the party is going bankrupt but that more fundraising is needed and we should all help with that. We also need to identify places that material we can no longer afford to store can be sent. She has also asked that, if it turns out that campaign finance rules do required that the LP buy another building with the proceeds of selling the existing one, having a basement for storing party records be made a criterion. Meanwhile she also wants to cut back her personal spending on alternative domain names for LPedia, and asked for input on which ones not to renew.

**Alabama:** Sam reported that they are continuing to put together historical material for their state convention. He also said that he has space to store material with a reasonable level of climate control, and would be willing to pay the cost of shipping things there.

**New York:** Andrew mentioned that this week it will be 50 years since the porcupine symbol was adopted by the New York party.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm Mountain time.