



MEETING SUMMARY July 20, 2026

Date and Time: Monday, 20 July 2026 at 7:15pm Eastern time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Sam Bohler (arrived after category rebuild topic), Andrew Kolstee, Kyle Davis, Alfa Shaw, Beth Vest (arrived after request for deletion topic), James Gholston (honorary member)

The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm Eastern time.

Records of Previous Meetings: The minutes of the 15 June meeting were approved without objection.

Requests for Deletion: Caryn Ann reported that there had been an issue with messages to "lpedia@lp.org" not being forwarded, and one such message had been a request for deletion from Alicia Dearn in October 2024. However, we had heard about the request otherwise and decided that the information about her was appropriate to keep in LPedia. Nobody thought this decision needed to be revisited.

Category Rebuild: Caryn Ann briefly explained the history of this project for the benefit of the new committee members.

Redirect for Free New Mexico Party: There was discussion of how articles about state parties are named, with Caryn Ann favoring the approach of using a standard format ("Libertarian Party of X") for the names regardless of what they call themselves, with redirects where necessary, and in cases where over time more than one organization has been the affiliate in a given state to cover them all in one article.

Featured Article: Joe reported that he had addressed the formatting problem with current article by making the photo smaller.



Site Statistics: Sam provided a brief explanation of an analytics page for the benefit of new committee members. He said that many of the pages recently getting the most traffic relate to the LPNH disaffiliation. It was mentioned that there had been a recent newspaper article on that subject that made reference to LPedia, and also that some of the traffic might come from people who have been keeping the page about the case open and refreshing it just to see if anything has changed.

Storage Unit: Caryn Ann said that she has been down there most weekends recently.

Reports of Committee Members: Caryn Ann asked that each member of the committee provide a report by e-mail reviewing what they did over the past month, which can be attached to the minutes so that the LNC can see what we are accomplishing.

Convention Memorial Committee: Andrew reported on that status of the 2026 article and that he is keeping an ongoing list of people to be honored in the future. Joe suggested that including a list of the people honored in the article for each convention would make it easy for anyone to check if somebody had been missed. Caryn Ann mentioned David Aitken and Tony Ryan; Andrew said there were three people whose names were mentioned during the 2026 convention but who were not represented in the slide show.

Uploading Project: Caryn Ann said there is a ton of material that we had scanned but which is not yet uploaded to LPedia. She would like all members of the committee to commit to working on getting this material uploaded, in addition to whatever else they want to work on. Steve Dasbach is especially interested in renewal and fundraising letters from 1994-2000.

There was discussion of how to organize this effort so we are not stepping on each others toes. Caryn Ann showed some samples of such files, many of which were uploaded by box and not specifically labeled as to content, and many of which are not identified by date. She said she plans to take a first set of 321 files, representing the contents of one box, and divide it into seven batches, each for one committee member. Joe said we should be careful not to label the uploaded files with dates, including in the construction of file names, when we don't actually know the dates,



as this would be misleading and could cause later confusion. Caryn Ann said we should give priority to getting the material uploaded rather than working out such details. She asked that once she has given us our assigned batches we should all try working on them and share by e-mail what we are doing, and we can then discuss this further as necessary.

LPNH Disaffiliation Articles: Caryn Ann cautioned that it is not our place to get into this battle, and explained how having two articles allows the JC to maintain their official record as they consider appropriate while other people can separately contribute additional material. Joe noted that some files relating to this case had been uploaded with names that are not at all consistent with our established naming conventions, and asked that everybody review those conventions.

External Archives: Caryn Ann reported that she has the documents needed for transferring items to the University of Virginia; they seem to be willing to work with us on customizing the agreement as appropriate for our circumstances, and she will be working with Evan McMahon and Oliver Hall to get those completed. She said the first thing she plans to send is about five boxes containing Liberty Pledge. She wants to leave LP News to later because more work is needed to get the physical copies organized. She plans to ask for contributions to pay for the shipping. Kyle volunteered to drive things from Colorado to Virginia.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm Eastern time.