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MEETING SUMMARY August 17, 2026

Date and Time: Monday, 17 August 2026 at 7:15pm Eastern time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Andrew Kolstee, Kyle Davis, Alfa Shaw, Beth Vest (arrived during file name discussion), James Gholston (honorary member)

Other Attendees: Christian Robinson (arrived during file name discussion)

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

Records of Previous Meetings: The minutes of the 20 July meeting were approved without objection.

General LPedia: Caryn Ann recounted her experience using Grok to try to find minutes of the 1998 convention; it was unable to find the formal minutes, but it found daily summaries that had been posted on the lp.org site (still available through archive.org); she said this was an example of how AI could be used to fill in missing information. Joe said those summaries looked like something he had written and posted during the convention, noting that he had mobile Internet access during that convention and was also webmaster at the time.

Caryn Ann noted that LP News is again being published in paper form, with two issues having been sent out so far, and that the national organization is also apparently sending some paper fundraising letters. She has asked Dasbach to provide electronic copies of these materials for us, but apparently they don't want us posting such things on LPedia immediately (e.g., they don't want an issue of LP News posted until the following issue has been mailed).

Templates: Caryn Ann said she liked the template that Andrew had created for conventions but suggested that it include a link to the minutes; Andrew said it provided more generally for links to related documents.

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Committee Member Reports: Caryn Ann reported that about half the committee members provided written reports as requested. Joe said he had seen neither those reports nor the original message about them. Caryn Ann concluded that Joe has been somehow left off the committee list and said that she would contact Dasbach to get this fixed and also forward to Joe all the recent messages. James reported that he had replaced the stale "anniversary" LPedia logo.

Convention Memorial Committee: Caryn Ann said she wants to get more volunteers working on this. Andrew described the kinds of things he does to find material for a biographical article, when he hears that somebody has died.

Transferring Material to University of Virginia: Caryn Ann said this was waiting on Evan McMahon's approval of relevant documents.

Uploading Project: Caryn Ann reviewed the work that needs to be done to get material that was previously scanned uploaded, specifically removing divider pages and straightening out crooked pages. She noted that that this can be done with AI but that she has been doing it with Photoshop and Adobe. She said that in cases where a document that was scanned included an attachment that would also be of interest on its own, that can be also be posted as a separate document to be indexed and referenced independently. Kyle reported that he had developed a tool that can go through a series of documents, automatically straightening things and removing divider pages, as well suggesting when they might have been written. He said he could make this tool available to others, and was also planning to make a video showing how it works. Caryn Ann noted that as we work on these scanned documents we will likely come across duplicates, so we should check the relevant index pages to see if something has already been uploaded. She also said that as we work on articles if we find names of people without hyperlinks we should add them.

Donald Trump Article: Caryn Ann said that there is an article about Donald Trump that is very out of date and unbalanced with respect to how he relates to the LP. There was discussion of whether we need to have an article about him at all. It was noted that we have articles about many other US Presidents and also that there are connections between Trump specifically and the LP that would be worth having

summarized in one place, but the article as it stands does not serve that purpose so it needs to be significantly reworked.

"Index" and "List" Articles: There appear to be inconsistencies in the way we name articles that consist mainly or exclusively of a set of references to other articles or documents. Joe volunteered to review the articles we currently have of this type and come up with a recommendation.

File Names for Correspondence: There was discussion of what series name(s) should be used in constructing names for files that represent various kinds of mail, including whether different series names should be used for electronic vs. paper mail and for bulk mail (including fundraising and recruiting letters) vs. things sent just to specific people (including personal letters). Joe proposed that for any of these types, specific formats for additional name elements could be used to explicitly identify the sender and intended recipient(s) where appropriate. A formal policy of using series name "Corr" for all of these types was adopted by a vote of 5 in favor (Caryn Ann, Joe, Alfa, Beth, Kyle) with one abstention (Andrew). Joe will update the relevant policy pages accordingly.

Next Meeting: Caryn Ann suggested we have another meeting so Kyle can demonstrate his method for processing scanned documents and to bring everybody up to date on the uploading project more generally. It was decided to hold that meeting on 31 August.

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