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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY October 19, 2026

Date and Time: Monday, 19 October 2026 at 7:15pm Eastern time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Sam Bohler, Andrew Kolstee, Alfa Shaw, James Gholston (honorary member)

Other Attendees: Dave M. Davis (listened in for part of the meeting starting in the middle of the state article naming discussion)

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

Cookbook

Caryn Ann reported that the authors of the libertarian cookbook discussed earlier, in the context of uploading documents previously scanned, are willing to give us a release to post it on LPedia.

Records of Previous Meetings: The minutes of the 21 September and 5 October meetings were approved without objection.

Naming of State Party Articles: There was additional discussion of the question of how to name articles about the state parties, in an effort to come to a decision on how to handle this consistently. Topics included having an approach that extends well to county organizations; the fact that in some states there are two organizations (serving different purposes, not necessarily in conflict); whether we have actually been consistent up to now in using the "Libertarian Party of X" format or if our original practice had been to use the name by which the affiliate identifies itself while addressing the issue of helping people find the article through indirects; the fact that some organizations seem to have used more than one form interchangeably (even though there was no question of there being more than one organization), using a format that is unlikely to be confused with the actual name of any organization (e.g., "Libertarian Party in X", "Libertarian Party – X", "X State Party", or just "X" (the state or county name). There was no agreement, but a sense that this is

perhaps not actually urgent as we could get along for now with the article names as they are, with additional redirects in specific cases. Caryn Ann moved to postpone further discussion, Joe seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

Transferring Material to University of Virginia: Caryn Ann reported on sending Liberty Pledge; we have two complete sets and she plans to send one and keep one. The gift deed needs to be filled out, an inventory is required, and we will be taking donations for the cost of shipping. Different gift deeds are required for different documents (e.g, because this one consisted largely of reprints from non-LP publications). The actual cost of shipping won't be known until she packs them into boxes.

Convention Memorial Committee: Caryn Ann said that the new "Spark" online newsletter is generally willing to run calls for volunteers, but for this committee the national Chair is also willing to run one in the (hardcopy) LP News.

Templates: Andrew said he will create one for LNC Region 9.

Categories: Caryn Ann said she is continuing to work on this, and suggested that everybody on the committee follow the Recent Changes page to get an idea of what everybody else is doing.

Site Statistics: Sam reported that the only topic with especially notable traffic was New Hampshire but that traffic was up overall and mentioned references from "aocr.org" as a significant source during a limited time period, possibly resulting from a broken link. Caryn Ann asked about traffic from AI systems; Sam said there has been some associated with ChatGPT but that a large number of references have no identified source.

Uploading Project: Caryn Ann asked about progress on the automated tools, noting that she had heard nothing recently about what Kyle had been working on in this regard. James said that his system, which he calls "Hooksett Road", is already able to do a good job except it doesn't handle OCR; he said it can be made available now as a Python script and that he may be able to make it available also as Mac package and would also be willing to try to make a Windows package. However, he would also

like to continue work on it, possibly including some of the features that Kyle had been working on, including OCR, suggesting a reasonable name for the resulting file, and identifying components within the scanned file that should be uploaded as separate documents.

Caryn Ann noted that it would be possible for people to continue doing upload work without these tools, and that people also have the option of getting help from Grok or other general-purpose AI systems, so she doesn't want to wait for a new tool to be perfect before we proceed.

Committee Membership: Caryn Ann said she spoke with Kyle about his lack of recent participation; he has been dealing with personal issues and agreed that if after another month he finds he still is unable to attend our meetings he will submit his resignation.

Reports of Committee Members: Written reports from several committee members are attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm Eastern time.

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Committee Member Monthly Reports

Caryn Ann Harlos

I remain fairly sick but I have done the following:

UVA - Spent time coordinating with Evan the gift deed, and am now preparing the boxes and asked committee for shipping pledges.
Storage - I was there several weekends, and starting to organize the packaging of Liberty Pledge
Upload Project - Have not done any but did get a batch to James' folder
Categorization - Plugging away
New Uploads - I have been keeping up with new uploads resulting primarily from the LNC
Memorial Drive - Wrote copy but they asked me to place in area where it can be accessed electronically so I am going to place it on the 2028 Memorial page

Please watch the recent changes page as that shows us what each of us are doing on the wiki and can inspire each other.

Joe Dehn

Since the September meeting:

* Prepared and distributed draft minutes of two meetings.

* Made updates to reflect recent California EC changes and minutes.

* Uploaded several years worth of Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County EC meetings.

* Updated Featured Article to "National Convention 1983".

Alfa Shaw

Greetings.

Ive got my batch of upload docs processed into a batch of docs using the old tool.

The new tool is under development, but I'm not yet able to turn it into a .appimage file to run/test on my system.

Should be able to do that soon.

Thats pretty much it for me for oct.