Meeting for Business III

Epistle Reading. Reading Clerk Sue Torrey read from the Central and Southern Africa Yearly Meeting Epistle of 2015. A diverse group of over 100 Friends gathered, joined in worship sharing, and wrestled with changing communication systems, language differences, and past practices and structures in need of change. They were well guided in their gathering to be sensitive to the Spirit. The children lightened their hearts.

Presiding Clerk Diego Navarro explained some of the guiding concerns that created the plan for this gathering. We need to embrace three critical elements that were present in early Friends’ life. Ministers, elders, and overseers represent three ways of being present to the Spirit that we need to recover. Diego had early experience with guiding and supporting elders that helped him be sensitive to his own gifts. Ministers carry an accountability to the weight of the Spirit. Overseers bring the gift of attentive hospitality. All of these roles and ways of being open are part of our tradition and we begin to cultivate them more fully in this year’s gathering.

Diego presented plans for the session ahead.

Travel Minute. Presiding Clerk Diego Navarro read a travel minute for Jim Summers (La Jolla), who will travel among Friends in the West, with a ministry arising out of the restoration project of the historic Quaker peace boat the Golden Rule. We approved the following minute:

AS Minute 2016-03
We ask our Clerk to endorse Jim Summers’ travel minute from La Jolla meeting in expression of our support of his travel in the ministry among Friends in the West.

Reading of the Minutes from Meeting for Business Plenary II. Friends heard and approved, with changes, the minutes from Meeting for Business Plenary II

Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle draft reading. Thistle West (Strawberry Creek), Mary Klein (Palo Alto) and Chuck Orr (La Jolla), members of the Epistle Committee, read a draft of our PYM Epistle. Friends were invited to review the draft copy posted on the dining hall wall and offer comments to the committee by dinner tonight.

Registrar’s Report. Sarah Tyrell (Berkeley) and Heather Levien (Berkeley), Registrars, reported that their present figures indicate 308 people in attendance here this week, thirty were children, twenty Junior Yearly Meeting participants, and thirty-five Young Adult Friends. We appreciate the on-line registration made available by the Berkeley registration team. Sarah ends a long term of service as co-registrar and we thank her. [Later review of registration numbers corrected these figures to the following: full attendance 305, Children’s Program 32, Junior Yearly Meeting 19, Young Adult Friends 33.] [Attachment XIV]
Naming Committee. Naming Committee Convenor Sarah Rose House-Lightner (Santa Monica) read for the second time the names of two Friends proposed for service on our Nominating Committee. She also brought the name of Ed Flowers (Apple Seed) for a first reading.

AS Minute 2016-04
We approve Kate Watkins (Santa Monica) and Ann Fuller (Santa Monica), both for terms ending in 2018, for service on our Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee Co-Clerk Stephen Matchett (San Francisco) presented names for a second reading, which we approved, added some correction to the report, and offered additional names for consideration at a later plenary. [Attachment XV]

AS Minute 2016-05
We approve the names brought to us by our Nominating Committee for a second reading at this session.

Delegate Travel Implementation Minute. Stephen Matchett (San Francisco), Co-clerk of Nominating Committee, brought us a minute designed to manage the implementation of the proposal developed by Nominating, Finance, and M&O Committees, and which has been incorporated into our budget. This minute places a regrettable burden of negotiation on certain present delegate groups. We wished to avoid this burden but no workable alternative arose. A number in the meeting expressed this shared regret and a degree of reservation. After consideration and with the reservations voiced by some, we approved the following minute:

AS Minute 2016-06
The adoption of the proposal to limit fully funded PYM representatives to AFSC, FCNL and FWCC Section of the Americas to two each means those delegations now have more appointed representatives than are fully funded, and this will remain true until the terms of certain representatives currently serving or appointed at the current session are concluded. As long as that situation lasts, each of those delegations may decide how the available funding is to be allocated, i.e., either to fully fund two representatives, or to be shared among a greater number.

Travel to Annual Session Equity Minute. Laura Magnani (Strawberry Creek), Finance Committee, brought us a minute designed to move us toward equity in the matter of travel costs to our annual session.

AS Minute 2016-07
We approve in principle experimenting with a way to subsidize travel for Friends in the U.S. mainland, coming to the annual session from over 200 miles away. Details for the implementation of this subsidy will be presented to Representative Committee 2017. Priority will be given to subsidizing those using car pools and public transportation.

Discipline Committee. Presiding Clerk Diego Navarro read to us a minute from our 2014 annual session approving the beginning of work on a revision of our Faith and Practice. Discipline Committee clerk Liz Baker brought a proposed minute requesting a change of the name of the Discipline Committee to Faith and Practice Revision Committee, which was considered but not approved. We look toward a fuller discussion of the nature and scope of a revision of our Faith and Practice at our 2017 annual session.
Clerk Diego Navarro reported that FWCC delegates, Peace and Social Order Committee, and the Unity with Nature Committee met together and are led to share with the monthly meetings the FWCC “Living Sustainably” minute. This minute calls on Friends to take two concrete actions on sustainability in the upcoming year. Friends will be asked to report back to Unity with Nature Committee regarding their actions. [Attachment XVI]

We closed our session with worship.

Presiding Clerk: Diego Navarro
Recording Clerks: Jim Anderson, Leslie Zondervan-Droz

Attachments

Attachment XIV: Registrar’s Report

Registrar’s Report

June 21, 2016
As of June 20, 2016, 305 people have attended Pacific Yearly Meeting’s 2016 Annual Session for at least one day. Of these, 30 were in the Children’s Program, 20 were in the Junior Yearly Meeting, and 35 said on their registration forms that they considered themselves Young Adult Friends. The median age of our attenders here is 54.5 years old. The mean is 48; and 41 people registered themselves as first time attenders.

We want to extend our profound thanks (once again) to the Berkeley Contract registration team: Joe Magruder, Margaret Mossman, and Joanne Magruder. Their help, plus the online registration process has made things so much easier for all of us.

We will be posting the application for the 2017 contract registration team shortly after Annual Session on the Pacific Yearly Meeting website. Applications are due November 15th, 2016. See the Registrars for more information.

From Sarah Tyrrell: After four years of service as Registrar, this is my last time before you in this role. On behalf of myself and Heather, it has been a joy to welcome you to Annual Session and make sure you are well-situated while you’ve been here.

Thank you!

Attachment XV: Nominating Committee Report

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

REPORT AND UPDATED PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES
21 SIXTH MONTH 2016 (BUSINESS PLENARY III)

Nominations brought at Business Plenary I and approved at Business Plenary II are in italics. Nominations brought at Business Plenary II and at the beginning of the Plenary for Discernment, for
action at this Business Plenary III, are in green italics. Nominations brought at this Business Plenary III for first reading, for action at Closing Plenary, are in blue italics. Names in normal type are continuing in service.

Except where indicated otherwise, terms are through end of annual session in the year shown to the left of each name. Year shown to the right in (parentheses) is year of proposed or actual appointment.

Names shown in strikeout type indicate a resignation: “resigned” refers to a resignation that has already occurred; “resigning” to a resignation effective at the end of the current annual session.

Note, appointments of committee clerks and delegation conveners are for one year.
PYM OFFICERS

Presiding Clerk (one-year term)
2017  Diego Navarro, Santa Cruz (2015)

Assistant to the Clerk (one-year term)
2017  Amy Cooke, Grass Valley (2014)

Arrangements Clerks (two-year terms)
2017  Laura Kohl, La Jolla (2016)
2018  Sarah Tyrrell, Berkeley (2016)

Historian-Archivist (three-year term)
2019  Jan Tappan, Orange Grove (2013)

Reading Clerk (one-year term)
2017  Betty deValcourt, Santa Cruz (2016)

Recording Clerks (two-year terms)
2017  Leslie Zondervan-Droz, Humboldt (2013)
2018  Jim Anderson, Chico (2016)

Registrars (two-year terms)
2018  Rick Altherr, San Jose (2016)

Statistical Clerk (three-year term)
2019  Don Bean, Conejo Valley (2013) co-clerk
2019  Roscoe Mathieu, Cent. Coast (2016)co-clerk

Treasurer (three-year term, 10/1-9/30)
2019  Roy Allen, Berkeley (2013)

PYM COMMITTEES

Ministry and Oversight Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2017  Bronwen Hillman, Mexico City (2011)
2017  Joe Magruder, Berkeley (2011)
2017  Julie Harlow, Davis (2014)

2018  Janet Gastil, San Diego (2014)
2018  Sally Kingsland, Straw.Ck.(2015) co-clerk
2018  Kylin Navarro, Berkeley (2015) co-clerk

2019  Shayne Lightner, Santa Monica (2013)
2019  Jim Summers, La Jolla (2016)
2019  Valerie Nuttman, Santa Cruz (2016)

Children's Program Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
2017  Heather Aymie, Santa Monica (2015)
2017  Denise Williams, Sta.Barbara (2011) resigned
2017  Carol Cruickshank, San Francisco (2015)
2018  Chamba Cooke, Grass Valley (2015) clerk
2018  Mary Klein, Palo Alto (2015) resigned
2018  Peggy Craik, Conejo Valley WG (2016)
2019  Cheryl Hendricks, San Francisco (2016)

Ex Officio: current and past program coordinators:
2017 Nate Secrest, Lake County WG (2016)
(2018 ________________)

Discipline Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
2017  Carl Magruder, Strawberry Creek (2014)
2017  Robin Durant, Orange Grove (2015) clerk
2018  Chuck Orr, La Jolla (2014)
2018  Bob Runyan, Santa Cruz (2015) resigning
2018  Laura Magnani, Berkeley (2016)

Finance Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
2017  Martha Hunkins, Humboldt (2010)
2018  Mary Miché, Lake County (2012)
2018  Sandy Farley, Palo Alto (2015)
2019  David Barrows, San Diego (2015) clerk
2019  Deborah Marks, Strawberry Creek (2016) Ex Officio: Treasurer(s), Statistical Clerk(s)
**Holding Corporation**  
(6 members, 3-year terms)*

2017  Jennifer Carr, Las Vegas (2014)  
2017  Sharlene Roberts-Caudle, Visalia (2014)

2018  Peter Neumann, Santa Barbara (2015)  
2018  Beth McCleary, Reno (2012)

2019  *Jeff Kroebber, San Jose (2013)*  
2019  *Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto (2016)*  
    Ex Officio: Treasurer, Presiding Clerk  
    *(Holding Corp. appoints its own officers)*

**Junior Yearly Meeting Committee**  
(9 members, 3-year terms)*

2017  Steve Leeds, San Francisco (2011)  
2017  *Erika Tarabini, Chico (2013)*
2017  _(intentionally left unfilled) _ ______

2018  Kate Connell, Santa Barbara (2012)  
2018  _(intentionally left unfilled) _ ______

2019  *Dan Strickland, Orange Grove (2013)*  
2019  ________________
2019  _(intentionally left unfilled) _ ______

*This committee has expressed that only six positions need be filled.  
Ex Officio: Youth Programs Coordinator*

**Latin American Concerns Committee**  
(5-9 members, 3-year terms)  
(plus three members appointed year-to-year by Guatemala Scholarship Program, El Salvador Project & Casa de los Amigos (Mexico))*

2017  Margaret Bean, Guatemala (2013)  
2017  Burton Housman, La Jolla (2015)

2018  Linda Rowell, Chico (2015)

2019  *Betty Guthrie, Orange County (2016)*  
2019  *Nate Secrest, Lake County (2016)*

*El S. Trudy Reagan (Palo Alto) (2016)*  
*Guat. Donna Smith (Redwood Forest) (2014)*
*Mex.

**Peace and Social Order Committee**  
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2017  Bill Spencer, Humboldt (2011)  
2017  Anthony Manousos, Or. Gv. (2014) *co-clerk*

2018  __________________
2018  __________________

2019  *Linda Dunn, Inland Valley (2016)*
2019  *Shannon Frediani, Santa Cruz (2016)*
2019  *Sandra Gey, Berkeley (2013)*

Ex Officio:  clerks CPQM & SCQM P&SO,  
1 PYM FCNL rep., & PYM FCL rep.

**Religious Educ. for Children Cmte.**  
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2017  Ramona Hussey, Honolulu (2011)
2017  Elizabeth Bills, La Jolla (2014)
2017  __________________

2018  John Cantu, Santa Cruz (2012)
2018  Delcy Steffy, Sacramento (2013)
2018  __________________

2019  __________________
2019  __________________
2019  __________________

**Nominating Cmte. note:** Religious Education for Children Committee has been inactive for the last two years. We have contacted numerous Friends to serve and have not met with success. We are bringing no nominations for this committee.

**Secretariat Committee**  
(3 members, 3-year terms)
2017  Martha Carey, La Jolla (2016)
2018  Elisa Jo Harkness, Sta. Monica (2015) *clerk*
2019  *George Mills, Palo Alto (2016)*

Ex Officio: Assistant to the (Presiding) Clerk

**Site Committee**  
(6 members 3-year terms)
2017  Paul Harris, Redwood Forest (2011)
2017 ________________

2018 John Pixley, Claremont (2009)
2018 Sue Torrey, Central Coast (2015)

2019 ________________
2019 ________________

Ex Officio: Arrangements Clerks
(current & immediate past)

Nominating Cmte. note: Site Committee has been inactive for the last year. The last known work it undertook was to explore potential Southern California sites, none of which it found suitable for a variety of reasons. As Friends know, Finance Committee has brought a proposal for travel subsidies to offset the burden on Southern California Friends of continued use of Walker Creek Ranch. Ministry and Oversight is also seasoning a restructuring proposal that would affect this and other aspects of site selection. In the mean time, until further notice we are bringing no nominations for this committee.

Unity with Nature Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2017 Meagan Fischer, Chico (2014)
2017 Rick Herbert, Strawberry Creek (2014)
2017 Cedar Rose Selenite, Chico (2012) resigned
2017 Tom Farley, Palo Alto (2016)

2018 Catya de Neergaard, Str. Creek (2013) clerk
2018 ________________
2018 ________________

2019 Shelley Tanenbaum, Strawberry Ck. (2013)
2019 Andi Macleod, La Jolla (2016)
2019 Sharon Shen, Berkeley (2016)

Youth Programs Coordinator
(appointed by Youth Programs Coord. Cmte.)
xxxx Alyssa Nelson, Davis (2011)
(serves ex officio on Junior Yearly Meeting Committee)

Youth Programs Coordinating Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
2017 Jennifer Carr, Las Vegas (2013)
2017 Stephen Myers, Sacramento (2014)
2017 Steve Leeds, San Francisco (2011)

2018 Barbara Babin, Redwood Forest (2016)

2019 Bertha Peña, Mexico City (2016)

**YPCC Youth Members**

(4 members, 1-year terms; nominated by YPCC)

2017 Kylin Navarro, Berkeley (2014)
2017 Rebekah Percy, La Jolla (2015)
2017 Julian Garrett, San Jose (2016)
2017 ________________

**Naming Committee**

(3 members, 1-year terms; appointed by Representative Committee at its midyear meeting, to serve through the following midyear meeting)

2017 Trudy Freidel, Inland Valley (2016)
2017 Kathy Runyan, Santa Cruz (2016)
(2017 alternate: Eric Moon, Berkeley)

**Nominating Committee** (current composition)

(9 members, 3-year terms; nominated by Naming Committee)

2016 Tom Farley, Palo Alto (2010)
2016 Elaine Emily, Str. Creek (2012)
2016

2017 Stephen Matchett, San Fran. (2011) co-clerk
2017 Graciela Martínez, Visalia (2013)
2017 Nora Cooke, Grass Valley (2014) co-clerk

2018 Delcy Steffy, Sacramento (2015) resigned

PYM REPRESENTATIVES, DELEGATES, AND OBSERVERS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Corporation**

(4-5 representatives, 3-year terms)

2017 David Barrows, San Diego (2014) convener
2017 Graciela Martinez, Visalia (2014)
2018 Nancy Mellor, Sacramento (2012)
2019 Shannon Frediani, Santa Cruz (2016)

**Evangelical Friends Church Southwest**
(1 observer; 3-year term)
2019 Sandy Kewman, Grass Valley (2016)

**Friends Bulletin Corp. (Western Friend) Board of Directors**
(9-member board, 3-year terms; 3 appointed by PYM, 3 by NPYM and 3 by IMYM)
2017 Claire Gorfinkel, Orange Grove (2016)

**Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCA)**
(1 representative, appointed by Peace & Social Order Committee)
(2017 ______________)
(serves ex officio on Peace & Social Order Committee)

**Friends’ Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)**
(6 representatives, 3-year terms)
2017 Carolyn Stephenson, Honolulu (2013)
2018 Anthony Manousos, Orange Grove (2016)
2019 Carolyn Levering, Santa Cruz (2016)
2019 Robert Levering, Santa Cruz (2016)
(one FCNL representative serves ex officio on Peace & Social Order Committee; see also William Penn House Natl. Consultative Cmte. below)

**Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW)**
(2 representatives, 2-year terms, appointed by Unity with Nature Committee)
2017 Rick Herbert, Strawberry Creek (2014)
2018 Catya de Neergaard, Berkeley (2014)
2018 Meagan Fischer, Chico (2016)
(UwN Cmte. intends reps to share/take turns with available funding)

**Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee**
(1 observer, 3-year term)
2019 ______________

Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors
(1 member, 3-year term)
2018 Gay Howard, Central Coast (2009)
**Friends United Meeting (FUM)**
(1 observer, 3-year term)
2018  Dorothy Henderson, Grass Valley (2015)

**Friends World Cmte. for Consultation (FWCC) Section of the Americas**
(5 representatives, 3-year terms)
2017  Roena Oesting, La Jolla (2011)
2017  Hulda Muaka, Palo Alto (2014)
2018  Lee Sisson, Orange County (2015)
2019  *Jan Turner, Humboldt (2013) convener*
2019  *Emlyn Buskirk, Live Oak (2016)*

**Reunión General de los Amigos en México**
(1 observer, 2-year term; the Reunión meets every 18 months)
2017  Burton Housman, La Jolla (2015)

**Wm. Penn House Natl. Consultative Cmte.**
(1 representative, 1-year term; selected from FCNL representatives (see above))
2017  *Robert Levering, Santa Cruz (2016)*

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**Nominating Cme. note about Information Only listings on report brought to**
**Business Plenary I (M&O subcommittees & JYM & YAF officers and committees):**
These are listings given to us during the year, not what they will be going forward. Those will be listed on the final post-session roster to be posted to the website.

**Attachment XVI: FWCC Sustainability Minute**

**IRM 16-20. Sustainability.** The Consultation on Sustainability, facilitated by Jonathan Woolley (Mexico City MM/Pacific YM; Staff, QUNO-Geneva), Rachel Madenyika (Staff, QUNO-NY), and Charlotte Gordon (Aotearoa/New Zealand YM) have presented a minute for our consideration:

**Living Sustainably and Sustaining Life on Earth**
The Light of Christ has inspired Quakers throughout the generations. As we gather together in Pisac, Peru in 2016, we feel this light stronger than ever in our calling to care for the Earth on which we live. It is calling us from all traditions: programmed, unprogrammed, liberal, and evangelical. It calls us to preserve this Earth for our children, our grandchildren and all future generations to come, working as though life were to continue for 10,000 years to come. Be ready for action with your robes hitched up and your lamps alight. *(Luke 12:35, Revised English Bible)*
Our faith as Quakers is inseparable from our care for the health of our planet Earth. We see that our misuse of the Earth’s resources creates inequality, destroys community, affects health and well-being, leads to war and erodes our integrity. We are all responsible for stewardship of our natural world. We love this world as God’s gift to us all. Our hearts are crying for our beloved mother Earth, who is sick and in need of our care.

We are at a historical turning point. Internationally, the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals oblige governments to take action. Faith groups and other civil society are playing a major role. As Quakers, we are part of this movement. The FWCC World Conference approved the Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice in April 2012, while the FWCC World Office was a signatory to the Quaker statement on climate change in 2014 and divested from fossil fuels in June 2015.

We recognise that the environmental crisis is a symptom of a wider crisis in our political and economic systems. Our loving and well informed environmental actions as Friends, consistent with our spiritual values, must therefore work to transform these systems.

Many of us all over the Quaker world are taking practical actions as individuals and communities. At this Plenary, a consultation of more than sixty Friends from all over the world worked to build on these leadings with further practical action. The Annex attached to these minutes shows examples of what Friends are doing already or propose to do.

We must redouble our efforts right now. We must move beyond our individual and collective comfort zones and involve the worldwide Quaker community and others of like mind. Just as Jesus showed us, real change requires us to challenge ourselves to be effective instruments of change. We can do more.

On recommendation of this Consultation, and after some discussion, we adopt the following minute:

In this effort for sustainability, and mindful of the urgency of this work, this Plenary asks the FWCC World Office and Central Executive Committee to:

1. **Invest FWCC World funds ethically.**
2. **Share Quaker experiences with other faith groups** to inspire them to action, especially through the World Council of Churches.
3. **Seek ways of connecting Friends worldwide that are sustainable.**
4. **Facilitate dissemination of training materials on sustainability issues** for Quaker leaders, pastors and teachers.

This FWCC Plenary Meeting also asks all Yearly Meetings to:

1. **Initiate at least two concrete actions** on sustainability within the next 12 months. These may build on existing projects of individuals or monthly meetings
or they may be new initiatives. We ask that they encourage Young Friends to play key roles. We ask that meetings minute the progress and results, so as to share them with FWCC and Quaker meetings.

2. **Support individuals and groups in their meetings** who feel called to take action on sustainability.

3. **Support the work done by Quaker organisations** such as the Quaker United Nations Office and the Quaker Council for European Affairs to ensure that international agreements and their implementation support sustainability.

This FWCC Plenary Meeting asks individual Friends and groups (such as Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups and ad hoc groups within Meetings) to **Share inspiring experiences of living sustainably** on the new “sustainability webpage” of the Quakers in the World Website (http://www.quakersintheworld.org/). This webpage can be used as a source of ideas, inspiration and action.

**Annex to the Minute: Possibilities for practical sustainability action from the Pisac consultation**

**Individuals can:**
1. Dedicate personal time to nature.
2. Reduce consumption and use your consumer buying power to create change.
3. Cut down on meat consumption, be aware of energy costs in production and transport of all foods and methane from ruminant animals, support sustainable agriculture.
4. Travel – cycle, walk, use public transport or alternatives to private cars, keep air travel to a minimum.
5. Grow your own food and plant trees.
6. Be politically active in promoting sustainability concerns.
7. Share environmental concerns through books, publications, conversations, electronic media
8. Reduce energy use.
9. Use less water and harvest water.
10. Make time for spiritual connection with God.

**Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups and small groups within Meetings can:**
1. Live in a community, share housing, participate in a transition town movement.
2. Educate yourself and others.
3. Share transport and equipment.
4. Develop urban agriculture, community gardens, community supported agriculture, tree planting.
5. Love nature and encourage others to do so: we protect the things we love; get children out in nature; take care of nature around your meeting house (e.g., picking up trash/litter).
6. Invest ethically and divest from fossil fuels.
7. Ensure meeting houses are carbon neutral.
8. Build alliances, seek visibility, approach legislators.
9. Share sustainability skills.

**Yearly Meetings can:**
1. Support the sustainability actions of Monthly Meetings.
2. Build solidarity with local people.
3. Support Quakers in politics and international work.
4. Form support networks and alliances to make more impact – we can only do so much on our own.
5. Invest ethically, including on sustainability issues.
6. Practice what we preach.
7. Discern and move concerns to action.
8. Set targets for increased sustainability.
9. Connect and share with other YMs, direct or via FWCC Sections and World Office

We recognise that different actions are relevant to different Quaker meetings in different parts of the world.