

**Pacific Yearly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends**

**Listing of
Minutes of Action**

**from Annual Sessions and
Representative Committee Meetings
2001 - 2018**

Rev 11/15/2018 12:32 pm

Table of Contents

*In the electronic version, you can **click on any line in the Table of Contents** to jump to the desired page. You can also navigate using PDF **bookmarks** to these same pages. Lastly, don't forget you can also use the **text search** function in your PDF reader to help search for minutes on a particular topic.*

Table of Contents.....	2
Preface	3
2001 Action Minutes	5
2002 Action Minutes	6
2003 Action Minutes	8
2004 Action Minutes	10
2005 Action Minutes	12
2006 Action Minutes	16
2007 Action Minutes	18
2008 Action Minutes	22
2009 Action Minutes	24
2010 Action Minutes	27
2011 Action Minutes	29
2012 Action Minutes	32
2013 Action Minutes	34
2014 Action Minutes	36
2015 Action Minutes	38
2016 Action Minutes	40
2017 Action Minutes	41
2018 Action Minutes	43

Preface

This document is a collection of all of the numbered Minutes of Action that were approved by Pacific Yearly Meeting from the first year of electronic publication of minutes (2001) through the present (2018). This includes action minutes from both the Representative Committee meetings (winter) and the business plenaries at Annual Sessions (summer).

Since 2001 the full (narrative) minutes from each of these gatherings have been published electronically on the PYM website, www.pacificyearlymeeting.org. Most years, publication occurred in a “packet” (a single PDF file) which includes both the full minutes of the session and (since about 2007) all the committee reports from the session. For years that such a packet was not produced at the time (viz years 2013-2016), I recently recreated one from the separate files that were posted on the PYM website. So now we do have “minutes packets” on the website for each such gathering (RepCom meetings and Annual Sessions) since 2001. The earlier packets do not generally contain all of the committee reports, but that need not concern us here (except insofar as action minutes refer to attachments).

Usually the minutes packet would also include a page or two (or three) listing separately all of the numbered action minutes from that gathering. Extracting the action minutes in this way did indeed make for easier reference if you were looking to learn what decisions a particular gathering came to: open the minutes packet for the gathering and scroll to the summary list of action minutes. But if you wanted to look back across multiple gatherings to find decisions related to a particular topic you still had to open a separate packet for each gathering at which it might have been addressed and hope that you didn't overlook any.

The present compilation of all years' action minutes into a single document is intended to make such research far simpler. It also makes for very interesting browsing.

The electronic version of this document is the most convenient to navigate and search. The Table of Contents (TOC) is “clickable”, so you can jump to a particular year. As an alternative to the TOC, the PDF also has embedded bookmarks which you can access in your PDF reader (e.g. Adobe Acrobat or Apple Preview). Lastly, you can use the text search function in your PDF reader to search for keywords to help find minutes on a particular topic of interest.

The text of these action minutes is drawn whenever possible from the summary listings in the minutes packets. When a packet does not contain a summary listing, I have extracted the action minutes one by one from the body of the full minutes.

For purposes of this compilation, the action minutes have been reformatted in a single font and style of layout. The minute “numbering” scheme, however, varies somewhat from year to year and Recording Clerk to Recording Clerk. Especially the most recent years show considerable variation. For example:

PYM 2001-1
PYM 2006-01
Minute PYM AS 2013-01
MINUTE RC 2014.01
AS Minute 2015-01
Minute AS 2018-1

I was tempted to impose a uniform numbering scheme for purposes of this compilation, but ultimately decided to leave the numbering as it appears in the original packets to make it easier to refer back to the packet if one wishes to see the fuller context of an action minute within the narrative minutes.

Sometimes a Recording Clerk will word an action minute in a way that only makes sense if one understands the fuller context. In some such cases I have taken words from the surrounding narrative minutes and added them in square brackets to the action minute to supply the missing context. For example:

RepCom 2005-07: We approved increasing Item 5231 [of the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget] to \$1,000.

But I have not systematically tried to supply all missing contexts. Nor do square brackets always originate from me: some action minutes use square brackets in the original. If in doubt, refer back to the original.

In a similar vein many action minutes declare that we approve such and such document which is “attached to the minutes.” If you are lucky the minute will explicitly state an attachment number (or letter) which you can find in the appropriate minutes packet. In other cases you will have to hunt, perhaps in vain. This is especially true of budgets and Nominating Committee slates, but there are also quite a few other committee proposals recorded as approved in this way. It would be good to have a better solution for this problem.

As this compilation is a “first” for PYM as far as I know, and as there was plenty of opportunity for errors to creep in during the assembly process, I would greatly welcome any corrections, suggestions or other feedback to help make it better.

--- In service,

- George Mills, PYM Secretariat Clerk
- November 15, 2018

2001 Action Minutes

2001 Representative Committee

The 2001 minutes from Representative Committee were not published electronically and thus are not (yet) available in this listing.

2001 Annual Session

PYM 2001-1: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves naming Jane Peers (convenor), Kitty Bergel, and Carl Magruder for the Epistle Committee.

PYM 2001-2: Friends approved the following people to the Naming committee: Gary Wolff, Linda Koenig, and Murry Lauser with Rob Roy Woodman as an alternate. Gary Wolff will convene the committee.

PYM 2001-3: Friends approved incorporating the annual report to PYM from PFOS as part of the minutes of this meeting.

PYM 2001-4: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves the annual budget for fiscal year 2002 as presented.

PYM 2001-5: Pacific Yearly Meeting authorizes the treasurer to open a reserve fund for support of Unity with Nature committee projects. The treasurer is authorized to accept and expend funds at the direction of the Unity with Nature Committee.

PYM 2001-6: Ministry and Oversight Committee is asked to consider the subject of internships and bring a report to Representative Committee 2002 or PYM 2002.

PYM 2001-7: Friends accepted the revised version of Faith and Practice - A Guide to Quaker Discipline in the Experience of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

PYM 2001-8: Friends approved deep thanks for the many people who worked on this committee and helped bring forth our new edition of the Faith and Practice.

PYM 2001-9: Friends approved a minute opposing Iraqi sanctions as follows:

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious society of Friends reaffirms its opposition to economic sanctions against the people of Iraq. This opposition was first expressed by the Yearly Meeting in a Minute of concern in 1998.

We ask again, with renewed energy, that the President of the United States, the United States State Department and members of the United States Congress work to drop all economic sanctions and replace them with programs to aid the Iraqi people in rebuilding the shattered infrastructure of their society. Let us see what love can do.

PYM 2001-10: Friends approved a minute opposing the death penalty as follows:

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends reaffirms its opposition to the death penalty. The deliberate taking of a human life by the state, under any circumstances, is an absolute and irrevocable denial that there is that of god in everyone. Each life is uniquely valuable and sacred and no one is totally beyond redemption. Capital punishment rejects the message of forgiveness. It degrades the humanity of the executioners and of the society that endorses the act.

We will work with concerned members of all religious faiths and others of like conviction to abolish the death penalty.

PYM 2001-11: Friends approved a minute on drug concerns as follows:

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious society of Friends approves in principle the appended Minute on Drug Concerns of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

“Friends for over 300 years have sought to live ‘in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of al war.’ today the United States government is engaged in a ‘war on drugs’ which bears all the hallmarks of war: displaced population, disrupted economics, terrorization of minorities, abandonment of hope by those the war is supposedly being fought to help, the use of military force, the curtailment of civil liberties, and the demonizing of the ‘enemies’.

Drugs continue to do terrible harm to people in the United states and throughout the world, particularly to the young. We call upon our State and Federal Governments to move from criminalization to health care solutions. We ask Friends to assist our legislators in exploring ways in which the vast sums now being used in this way can be diverted toward treatment, research, and education on the dangers of the use of illegal drugs and inappropriate use of legal drugs, such as alcohol and tobacco.

Some Friends under the weight of this concern are developing political alliances to change U.S. government policy. Others are developing ways to reach out to people in and out of the society of Friends suffering from addition and to help them call on the Holy spirit for aid in freeing themselves from this terrible burden. We urge all Friends to support those who carry this concern and pray that others will join them in finding paths that lead us toward peace, reconciliation and healing.”

PYM 2001-12: The Naming committee report was approved as presented. Nominations of Friends to the Nominating committee are approved as follows:

Ron Jones Santa Barbara 2002
Keith Wedmore, Clerk San Francisco 2003
David Lederman Orange County 2004
Sue Torrey Central coast Prep. Mtng 2004
Pat Daggerty Orange Grove 2004.

PYM 2001-13: The Nominating Committee report for 2001 was approved as corrected.

PYM 2001-14: The PYM epistle for 2001 was accepted as amended.

2002 Action Minutes

2002 Representative Committee

The 2002 minutes from Representative Committee were not published electronically and thus are not (yet) available in this listing.

2002 Annual Session

PYM 2002-1: Pacific Yearly Meeting gives thanks and expresses great appreciation to the Friends Committee on Legislation for fifty years of integrity and effective service in Sacramento.

PYM 2002-2: We approve augmenting our 2002 budget, with \$200 for Finance Committee expenses and \$500 for Peace and Social Order Committee, to be balanced by taking an additional \$700 from reserves.

PYM 2002-3: We approve \$1000 as a one-time gift to FWCC for the purpose of putting on a Peace Conference in January 2003. We approve \$1,000 to underwrite travel for four delegates to that conference. We ask our Ministry and Oversight Committee to establish a process by which Friends may apply to be delegates and to select our four delegates, working with clerks and M&O of the Young Friends to ensure the inclusion of younger and older Friends.

PYM 2002 4: 1. We support the Peace Communities of Colombia in their efforts to find a nonviolent path, and we hold in our prayers and loving care Christopher Moore-Backman and Carin Anderson who have been led to bear witness and support the community in San Jose de Apartado. We affirm the spiritual basis for their work in San Jose de Apartado.

2. We direct the Clerk to inform the President and President-elect of Colombia, President Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and the US Ambassador to Colombia, that two members of Pacific Yearly Meeting have been called to accompany and support the Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado, and that Pacific Yearly Meeting is closely monitoring the continuing violence and forced militarization in San Jose de Apartado. We direct the Clerk to ask these officials to ensure that the road from Apartado to San Jose de Apartado is kept safe for all travelers and to support the accompaniment work of the international citizens living in San Jose de Apartado.

3. We urge Friends Committee on National Legislation to work for changes in US government policy towards Colombia to ensure support for Colombia's Peace Communities and protection for their civilian populations while working towards a just and lasting end to the armed conflict in Colombia.

PYM 2002-5: We endorse efforts by Monthly Meetings and individual Friends to establish Alternatives to Violence Project Programs in prisons, school, and communities. We hold those who are led to do this work in our prayers and loving care. We ask Peace and Social Order Committee to implement this proposal in PYM and Monthly Meetings and to help direct a flow of energy to this effort.

PYM 2002-6: We approve nominations heard at earlier plenaries and will consider tomorrow names heard today for the first time.

PYM 2002-7: We approve the proposed budget for 2003 as presented. Bob Barns of Grass Valley Monthly Meeting is recorded as standing aside from this unity, concerned that a general discussion of the proposed permanent site has not yet taken place in PYM.

PYM 2002-8: Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) expresses support for those conscientiously opposed to war taxes, in keeping with our Society's 350 -year religious witness for peace. Our historical Peace Testimony is expressed in words of early Friends, that "We do utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever."

We ask that our elected officials support and work for the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund (HR 1186), which would allow those conscientiously opposed to war to pay their taxes without violating conscience. We thank Rep. John Lewis for sponsoring this legislation and ask all U.S. Congressional Representatives to join in co-sponsoring the bill.

We ask our Clerk to send copies of this minute to our Congressional representatives, Monthly Meetings, and other Yearly Meetings in the United States. We urge members and attenders to consider their responses to war taxes and to work for passage of the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill.

PYM 2002-9: We approve the additional nominations brought to us yesterday at Plenary VI. (ATTACH G)

PYM 2002-10: We approve recommendations of the Naming Committee, that the following Friends serve on Nominating Committee: Kate Carpenter of Orange Grove Meeting, term ends 2003; Marilee Eusebio of Davis Meeting, and Keith Wedmore of San Francisco Meeting, terms end 2004; Roy Allen of Berkeley Meeting, Rebecca Tillberg of Santa Monica Meeting, and Ron Jones of Santa Barbara Meeting, terms end 2005; Keith Wedmore to clerk through PYM 2003.

2003 Action Minutes

2003 Representative Committee

RepCom 2003-1: Friends APPROVED the appointment of Leonard Joy of Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting to the Peace and Social Order Committee for the partial term 2003.

RepCom 2003-2: Friends APPROVED laying down the position of PYM representative to Evangelical Friends International.

RepCom 2003-3: Friends APPROVED increasing the size of the Religious Education for Children Committee from six members to nine.

RepCom 2003-4: The minutes were APPROVED to this point.

RepCom 2003-5: The minutes were APPROVED to this point.

RepCom 2003-6: Friends APPROVED Eric Sabelman of Palo Alto Monthly Meeting (Convener), Ellie Huffman of Monterey Peninsula Monthly Meeting, and Steve Smith of Claremont Monthly Meeting as members of the Naming Committee. Rolene Walker of San Francisco Monthly Meeting and Sue Scott of Inland Valley Monthly Meeting were APPROVED as alternates.

RepCom 2003-7: Friends APPROVED the proposed budget and fee schedule for the 2003 session of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

RepCom 2003-8: Friends APPROVED asking Finance Committee to find an accountant familiar with nonprofits accounting and QuickBooks software to set up a simpler chart of accounts for PYM and to provide advice on tax law. To cover the expense of this help, Friends also APPROVED adding \$2500 to line item 5203 and balancing this with a transfer from Reserves.

RepCom 2003-9: Friends APPROVED creating a position of Assistant Treasurer and requested that Nominating Committee bring forward a name.

RepCom 2003-10: Considering again nominations heard this morning, we APPROVED extending the term of Sandy Farley as FWCC representative, term ending in 2004. Sandy Farley, Donna Smith, and Gloria Kershner were APPROVED to represent PYM at the session of FWCC in Auckland, New Zealand.

RepCom 2003-11: The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

2003 Annual Session

PYM 2003-1: Friends approved the Epistle committee, nominated by Ministry and Oversight Committee: Jim Summers of La Jolla Meeting (convenor), Marilee Eusebio of Davis Meeting, and Carl Magruder of Humboldt Meeting.

PYM 2003-2: The final financial report for FY2002 (first column of ATTACHMENT F), including session expenses for PYM 2002, was accepted.

PYM 2003-3: Amending PYM policy covering reimbursement of travel costs, Friends approved increasing allowable travel reimbursements for committees to include costs of travel to meetings of other Friends' organizations.

PYM 2003-4: Friends approved a one-time transfer of \$1,000.00 from "Officer's Expenses" (line item 5203) to capitalize the Holding Corporation.

PYM 2003-5: Friends approved the nominations presented Tuesday, as corrected. (ATTACHMENT N)

PYM 2003-6: Friends approved the travel minute for Julie Harlow.

PYM 2003-7: Pacific Yearly Meeting endorses the concept of universal access to health care. We do this in the spirit of our Testimonies of Community and Equality. We believe that financial considerations should not be the mechanism by which the level of quality of the service, and its availability, are determined.

PYM 2003-8: Pacific Yearly Meeting recommends that Monthly and Quarterly Meetings take time to study the issue of a universal single payer healthcare system. We particularly recommend that Meetings in California consider supporting California SB 921 (Kuehl), participating in the debate and proceeding with thoughtful seasoned actions.

PYM 2003-9: We approved these new members (and clerk) for our Nominating Committee. [*viz: Marilee Eusebio has agreed to serve as Nominating Committee Clerk for the coming year. The other Friends asked to serve on Nominating Committee, and their terms, are: Sharon Gates, term to end 2005; Rick Troth, 2005; Eric Moon, 2006; and Jim Summers of La Jolla Meeting, 2006 (Jim to be approved at Representative Committee in March, 2004)*]

PYM 2003-10: We approved the nominations of these Friends. (ATTACHMENT N)

PYM 2003-11: Friends approved the following minute: We regret that time did not allow us to examine the question of PFOS's value to PYM further at this Yearly Meeting session, recognizing that practice of Friends is to change previously-approved decisions only when in unity. Therefore, we accept budget line item 5259, and we ask our clerks to focus on the question of PYM relationship to PFOS and its financial and other support at Representative Committee next March and at our 2004 summer sessions. Chris Moore-Backman, Stratton Jaquette, Gloria Kershner, Anne Friend, and Marie Fredell, at their requests, are recorded as standing aside from approval of this minute.

PYM 2003-12: Friends approved the FY2004 budget as presented to this plenary. (ATTACHMENT F)

PYM 2003-13: Our Epistle was accepted, with this suggested addition to be made by the Epistle Committee. Margaret Fruth asked to be recorded as standing aside from our acceptances because the locale is "exclusive and not accessible".

2004 Action Minutes

2004 Representative Committee

RepCom 2004-1: Friends approved experimenting with the taking of a photograph of the attenders of this coming Yearly Meeting session and to guarantee the \$600 minimum purchase requirement. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk will make appropriate arrangements.

RepCom 2004-2: Friends approved amending Minute Pacific Yearly Meeting 2003-3 to read: Amending Pacific Yearly Meeting policy covering reimbursement of travel costs, Friends approved ~~increasing~~ extending allowable travel reimbursements for committees ~~to include costs of travel to meetings of other Friends' organizations~~ for travel by committee members among Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends to make presentations, participate on panels, and do other similar work on behalf of their committee." [Note: deleted language is in ~~strike-out type~~ and added language is in italic type.]

RepCom 2002-3: Friends approved the allocation of \$3000 for a transition service project/retreat asking the Clerk, in consultation with the Ministry and Oversight Committee, to appoint an ad hoc committee to oversee this project.

RepCom 2004-4: Friends approved the proposed budget of \$115,200 for the 2004 Yearly Meeting session.

RepCom 2004-5: Friends approved the proposed fees for the 2004 Yearly Meeting session.

RepCom 2004-6: Friends approved adding a second representative to the Friends Peace Team Board of Directors. We commend this activity to the care of the Peace Committee.

RepCom 2004-7: Friends approved Ann Bleile-Kratzer (Fresno); Zachary Moon (Strawberry Creek); Sue Scott (Inland Valley) as members of the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee to serve until the 2005 Representative Committee meeting. Zachary Moon will be the convenor.

RepCom 2004-8: Friends approved the following nominations:

Children's Program: Ernest Bicknell (2004), Berkeley

Finance Committee: Karen Lawrance (2004) (La Jolla) and Kitty Bergel (2004) (Orange County)

Unity With Nature: Kristina Perry (Humboldt) as Clerk to 2004

RepCom 2004-9: Friends approved the following priorities for the placement of achieves [sic. - *should be archives*] in Whittier College Library, and for the organization and preservation of materials: 1) Pacific Yearly Meeting records, 2) Records of meetings that have been laid down, 3) Records of meetings without meeting houses, 4) Membership records of meetings that do have a meeting house, and 5) other materials of monthly meetings.

RepCom 2004-10: Friends approved the Minutes of this Representative Committee session.

2004 Annual Session

PYM 2004-01: Pacific Yearly Meeting expresses deep appreciation for Jorge Martinez' faithful work in translating our *Faith and Practice* into Spanish.

PYM 2004-02: We approved these Friends for our Epistle Committee. Linda Dunn (Inland Valley Meeting), Sue Torrey (Central Coast Preparative Meeting), and John Holding (San Francisco Meeting).

PYM 2004-03: We approved Jan Tappan and Sandy Farley as recording clerks for this PYM week.

PYM 2004-04: We ask PYM Nominating Committee to name two young Friends to represent PYM at the World Gathering of Young Friends, to be held in August 2005. We ask PYM Finance Committee to allocate \$4,000 to support the attendance of these representatives.

PYM 2004-05: Friends approved incorporating the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends under the laws of the State of California. One Friend stood aside from this decision.

PYM 2004-06: Friends gratefully accepted the Treasurer's report of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, including income and expenses for the 2003 PYM session.

PYM 2004-07: We approved augmentation of the fiscal year 2004 budget for the Finance Committee by \$400, to \$1300, this amount be balanced by an increase in the transfer from reserves.

PYM 2004-08: Friends approved that the Yearly Meeting discontinue moving unused funds from line item 5206 (Young Friends PYM Scholarship) into reserve fund 2742 (Young Friends Travel Reserve).

PYM 2004-09: Friends approved renaming line item 2721 as Pre-Publishing Reserves, *Faith and Practice*, and using this reserve for that purpose.

PYM 2004-10: Friends approved the establishment of limits on the following Reserve funds:

- 2713 Clerk's Travel and Discretion (5202) Reserve \$2,000
- 2714 Committee Supplemental (5237) Reserve \$2,000
- 2722 Equipment Purchase (5207) Reserve \$1,500
- 2723 Account Audit (5210) Reserve \$4,000
- 2749 Latin American Concerns (5212) Reserve \$1,500

PYM 2004-11: We approved the following additions to our Nominating Committee: to serve through PYM 2005, Marilee Eusebio (Davis); to serve through PYM 2006, Darcy Stanley (Berkeley); to serve through PYM 2007, Elaine Emily (Orange Grove), Ann Harwood (Orange Grove), and Forrest Parker (Humboldt); Sharon Gates (Orange Grove) to serve as Committee clerk through PYM 2005.

PYM 2004-12: We approved the report of Nominating Committee – names of PYM officers, Committee members, and representatives to Friends' organizations -- as presented during this week. [ATTACHMENT N]

PYM 2004-13: Friends approved the contribution (line 5265) to Friends United Meeting in our fiscal year 2005 budget, but asked that our Treasurer not disburse it before Representative Committee next March, when FUM policy regarding sexual minorities can be further considered. (This decision does not affect the contribution to FUM from our 2004 budget.)

PYM 2004-14: Friends approved the fiscal year 2005 budget [ATTACHMENT B], at the "Plan A level" (see Finance Committee revised report, p. 8) that reflects an as yet unchanged policy on delegates' travel reimbursement. We minute our acknowledgement of the deep concern and pain in our hearts regarding division over a permanent site and our commitment to work with each other in coming months to seek a way forward. (The donation to FUM is conditioned by minute PYM 2004-13.) Carin Anderson, Bob Barns, Tom Farley, John Holding and John Pixley stood aside from approval of the budget by this minute.

PYM 2004-15: Friends approved an assessment level for member Meetings of \$36 per member, except for Mexico City Meeting (for which it remains \$10 per member).

PYM 2004-16: We gratefully accepted all these epistles. [ATTACHMENT L]

2005 Action Minutes

2005 Representative Committee

RepCom 2005-01: Friends approved the minutes for the first portion of the session.

RepCom 2005-02: Friends approved the minutes for the second portion of the session.

RepCom 2005-03: We approved asking our Finance Committee to adopt a policy of providing full and equitable funding, in accordance with our spiritual practice, for liaisons and delegates. We ask our clerk to appoint an ad hoc committee to develop guidelines for the implementation of this policy, in light of financial, social, and ecological considerations.

RepCom 2005-04: We approved the following minute:

The Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative Committee has a deep concern over the effect of Friends United Meeting Minute 8-8GB-52. We believe it is not in keeping with Friends' testimonies to deny marriage to same gender couples and at the same time refuse them full participation because they are unmarried.

We unite with Friends General Conference that "our experience has been that spiritual gifts are not distributed with respect to sexual orientation or gender identity."

Desiring to labor with Friends United Meeting Friends over this concern, we feel the funds set aside as a contribution for Friends United Meeting this year may best serve our mutual relationship by supporting travel of PYM Friends to Friends United Meeting's triennial gathering to listen and to seek dialogue on this concern.

We ask the clerk in counsel with the Ministry and Oversight Committee, to select two additional Friends to join our FUM liaison for this service, and to compose letters of introduction to accompany them.

We also extend an invitation to Retha McCutchen, General Secretary of Friends United Meeting, to attend Pacific Yearly Meeting to speak with us regarding these and other concerns we share, so we can work on them together as Friends.

RepCom 2005-05: We accepted the sessions finance report.

RepCom 2005-06: We accepted the recommendation of Site Committee that we hold the 2006 and 2007 sessions of Pacific Yearly Meeting at the University of Redlands.

RepCom 2005-07: We approved increasing Item 5231 [of the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget] to \$1,000 and Item 4105 to \$7,257.

RepCom 2005-08: We approved the budget for the 2005 Yearly Meeting session.

RepCom 2005-09: Friends approved the minutes for the third portion of the session.

RepCom 2005-10: Friends approved the naming of the following Friends to the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee. These Friends will serve until Representative Committee 2006:

Linda Dunn (Inland Valley) (Convenor)

Sarah Orr (La Jolla)

Jay Owen-Smith (Davis)

Margaret Willits (Delta) (Alternate)

RepCom 2005-11: Friends approved the following appointments to committees:

Children's Program Committee:

2005 Heather Levien (Berkeley)

2007 Elizabeth Bills (La Jolla)

Religious Education for Children Committee:

2007 Joe Morris (Santa Monica)

2007 Joe Wilcox (Napa Sonoma)

Friends also approved the naming of Chris Mohr (San Francisco) as interim convenor of the Children's Program Committee.

RepCom 2005-12: Friends approved the minutes for the fourth portion of the session.

2005 Annual Session

PYM 2005-01: Friends approved the nomination of Sara Rose House as Reading Clerk for this year's session.

PYM 2005-02: Friends approved John Holding, Clerk, Robin Durant and Evan Nelson as members of the Epistle Committee.

PYM 2005-03: Pacific Yearly Meeting is concerned about the environmental effects of travel to do Quaker business. We urge all Friends to consider the environmental impact of our travel, as we witness in the world, and to conduct our business in ways that minimize environmental damage and that ultimately restore the natural world

PYM 2005-04: Friends accepted the Treasurer's report for 2004

PYM 2005-05: Friends approved augmenting the budget for Young Friends Travel (5288) for fiscal year 2005 by \$1,000 to \$1,600, this amount to be balanced by increasing the transfer from reserves by \$1,000.

PYM 2005-06: Friends approved establishing the following limits to reserve funds:

2743 FWCC Section of the Americas Travel (5279) Reserve \$500

2744 FGC Central Committee Travel (5278) Reserve \$500

2745 FUM Travel (5280) Reserve \$1,500

2746 General Reunion of Friends, Mexico Travel (5281) Reserve \$500

PYM 2005-07: Friends approved establishing a policy of giving the full travel reimbursement, currently 16 cents per mile, directly to the meeting representatives who attend Representative Committee or Annual Session.

PYM 2005-08: Friends approved the budget for fiscal year 2005-2006, including the increased budget for Peace & Social Order [*Attachment E*].

PYM 2005-09: Friends approved continuing the per member assessment for FY2006 at the same level as last year: \$36 per member except for Mexico City, which is assessed \$10 per member.

PYM 2005-10: 1. Despite differences between Pacific Yearly Meeting and Friends United Meeting—and perhaps especially because of them — we believe that Pacific Yearly Meeting should stay in relationship with Friends United Meeting, so that we may labor in love with them regarding our concerns, while

giving spiritual and moral support to those within Friends United Meeting who seek to change the hiring policy stated in FUM Board Minute 88 GB 52.

2. While the Friends United Meeting hiring policy remains in force, Pacific Yearly Meeting will not send a direct contribution to Friends United Meeting, but will use equivalent funds to defray travel costs of Pacific Yearly Meeting observers to Friends United Meeting gatherings.

3. For the next Friends United Meeting Triennial (to be held in North Carolina in 2008), a team of two Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends again will be named as observers to Friends United Meeting.

PYM 2005-11: We approved the names of the following Friends to serve on our Nominating Committee, for the terms ending as indicated: Nancy Lynch(Santa Barbara) 2006; Darcy Stanley(Berkeley) 2007; Judith Favor (Claremont) 2008, Sharon Gates (Orange Grove) 2008, with Sharon Gates named to serve as clerk for one year.

PYM 2005-12: We approved the Nominating Committee report—Friends named to serve as PYM Officers, Committee members, and representatives to Friends’ organizations—as presented to us this week. [Attachment H]

PYM 2005-13: We approved the proposed By-laws of Pacific Yearly Meeting. [Attachment J]

PYM 2005-14: Friends approved continuing to use the PYM web site under the care of M&O committee, recognizing that good order was not in evidence in the prior lack of authorization.

PYM 2005-15: Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends calls on the US Congress to adopt a Sense of the Congress resolution declaring: "It is the policy of the US to withdraw all US military troops and bases from Iraq." We will send this minute to the all members of the US Congress.

PYM 2005-16: We gratefully accepted the epistles of our children.

PYM 2005-17: Friends approved the naming of Martha Hunkins (Humboldt) for a Nominating Committee term ending in 2006 and D J Bloom (Appleseed) for a Nominating Committee term ending in 2007.

PYM 2005-18: As witness to our Quaker faith, our testimonies of community and equality, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends endorses the spirit and intent of California Senate Bill 840 (Kuehl) "The California Health Insurance Reliability Act." Pacific Yearly Meeting acknowledges that Senate Bill 840 may be imperfect and likely will be amended. We are grateful to the Legislature for its courage in addressing the issue of health care reform and encourage it to continue its labors toward equitable, affordable, and accessible health care for all.

PYM 2005-19: We accepted the Statistical Report with appreciation.

PYM 2005-20: Friends approved authorizing the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Clerk of the Finance Committee to open and close bank accounts and to sign checks on behalf of the Yearly Meeting. We approved the standard language required by banks and other institutions to accomplish these tasks.

PYM 2005-21: We gratefully accepted the epistles of Junior Friends and Young Friends, and our Pacific Yearly Meeting 2005 Epistle.

PYM 2005-22: We approved attaching to these minutes, reports brought to Yearly Meeting by Committees, but not specifically referenced in these minutes.

2006 Action Minutes

2006 Representative Committee

RepCom 2006-01: The Representative Committee approved the Nominating Committee's recommendation that the term of office of the FGC Central Committee representative be set at three years.

RepCom 2006-02: The Representative Committee approved Jim Eusebio [Davis], Dottie Vura-Weis [Inland Valley], and David Barrows [San Diego] as members of the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee, with Carl Magruder [Humboldt] as an alternate member. Jim Eusebio will serve as convenor.

RepCom 2006-03: The Representative Committee approved Margaret Mossman [Berkeley] to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee for a three-year term ending in 2008.

RepCom 2006-04: We accepted the Treasurer's FY 06 interim report. [*Attachment G*]

RepCom 2006-05: We approved the 2006 session budget and the associated fee schedule. [the former is in *Attachment G* and the latter in *Attachment F*]

RepCom 2006-06: We accepted the CPA's report of a financial review brought to us by Finance Committee. [*Attachment H*]

RepCom 2006-07: We accepted the outgoing Treasurer's FY 05 report. [*Attachment G*]

RepCom 2006-08: We approved a policy change: Checks will become void 90 days from issue date.

RepCom 2006-09: We approved a policy change: Requests for reimbursement must be received within 90 days of the incurrence of the expense.

RepCom 2006-10: We approved a policy change: The immediate past treasurer shall continue to attend as ex officio member of Finance Committee and Representative Committee for one session each to provide continuity.

RepCom 2006-11: We minute our thanks to outgoing treasurer, Sherri Sisson.

RepCom 2006-12: With the change in Pat Wolff's nomination from co-clerk to service as assistant to the Arrangements Clerk, the nominations read this morning were approved. [*Attachment A*]

2006 Annual Session

PYM 2006-01: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved authorization to publish 500 additional copies of Fe y Práctica.

PYM 2006-02: Pacific Yearly Meeting appointed DJ Bloom as our representative to the October, 2006 celebration in Mexico City of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Casa de los Amigos.

PYM 2006-03: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following Friends to serve on our Nominating Committee for the terms specified:

Three-year terms, 2006-2009:

Martha Hunkins Humboldt Monthly Meeting
Trudy Friedel Inland Valley Monthly Meeting
Chuck Orr La Jolla Monthly Meeting

Two-year term, 2006-2008:

Stratton Jaquette Palo Alto Monthly Meeting,
and also approved Darcy Stanley of Strawberry Creek Meeting for the position of Clerk of the Nominating Committee for 2006-07, and Elaine Emily of Strawberry Creek Meeting for the position of Assistant Clerk for 2006-07.

PYM 2006-04: Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Pacific Yearly Meeting approved extending the term of our representative to Friends General Conference to three years.

PYM 2006-05: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved augmenting the budget of the Nominating Committee by \$400 for fiscal year 2006.

PYM 2006-06: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved changing its travel reimbursement rate to \$0.25 per mile.

PYM 2006-07: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Finance Committee's proposed budget for fiscal year 2007.

PYM 2006-08: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Finance Committee's recommendation that the fiscal year 2007 assessment level for member meetings be reduced from \$36 to \$34 per member, keeping the assessment for Mexico City Monthly Meeting at \$10 per member.

PYM 2006-09: We approved attaching to the minutes reports brought to Yearly Meeting by committees, but not read in sessions.

PYM 2006-10: We stand in support of the Declaration of Peace, the central text of which is:

"I join with the majority of U.S. citizens, the people of Iraq, and people around the world in calling for a comprehensive end to the U.S. war in Iraq."

PYM 2006-11: We approved the following minute on torture and in support of Humboldt Friends and others:

Thirty years ago, the Friends World Committee for Consultation stated:

Both tortured and torturer are victims of the evil from which no human being is immune. Friends, however, believe that the life and power of God are greater than evil, and in that life and power declare their opposition to all torture. The Society calls on all its members, as well as those of all religious and other organizations, to create a force of public opinion which will oblige those responsible to dismantle everywhere the administrative apparatus which permits or encourages torture, and to observe effectively those international agreements under which its use is strictly forbidden. (FWCC, 1976)

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was moved by the March, 2006 Santa Monica Monthly Meeting minute that notes that "our Quaker faith is based on the conviction that 'there is that of God in everyone.' We are therefore convinced that everyone is entitled to humane treatment and due process of law. We utterly oppose any form of torture and illegal detention, whether perpetrated by our government or by any other power or group." We call on our elected representatives to hold the executive branch of the U.S. government accountable for any actions that violate the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their 1977 Protocols, or the 1987 United Nations Convention Against Torture, or any other treaties binding upon the United States.

Pacific Yearly Meeting, joining with Humboldt Friends, San Jose, and Palo Alto Meetings, supports the leadings of the six Humboldt Friends to travel with a concern for the condition of all who are involved in the conflict at the Guantanamo Bay Prison. Fred Adler, Andrea Armin-Hoiland, Carol Cruickshank, Margaret Kelso, Richard Ricklefs, and Karin Salzmann are called to journey to the prison to meet with and witness to both the prisoners and prison personnel. The concern for the well-being of both prisoners and military personnel at Guantanamo Bay is one shared by many Friends in our Yearly Meeting .

Further, we ask that members, Monthly Meetings, and Worship Groups familiarize themselves with the work of the Quaker Initiative to End Torture (www.quit-torture-now.org), considering both minutes of support and encouragement of participants in the next conference in June 2007 at Guilford College, North Carolina.

As people of faith, we believe that the United States must set a high moral and ethical standard in its treatment of its captives, whether foreign or domestic. As William Penn wrote: "A good end cannot sanctify evil means; nor must we ever do evil, that good might come of it."

PYM 2006-12: We approved the Nominating Committee report.

PYM 2006-13: We gratefully accepted all of the epistles.

Minute from JYM: We strongly support the valuable work that Quaker Camps at Ben Lomond performs in developing leadership among Quaker young people in the Quarter and the Yearly Meeting. We would be in accord with PYM offering financial support to Quaker Camps.

2007 Action Minutes

2007 Representative Committee

RepCom 2007-01: The recommendation of the site committee was accepted.

RepCom 2007-02: Representative Committee approved these nominations, which were brought to us in Session 1 by the Nominating Committee:

Joe Morris (Santa Monica), Clerk of Unity with Nature, term ending 2009,
Carl Magruder (Grass Valley), to Ministry and Oversight, term ending 2007,
Mark Koenig, (Visalia) to Children's Program Committee, term ending 2009,
Burton Housman (La Jolla), to Discipline Committee, term ending 2007,
Ann Bleile-Kratzer (Fresno), co-Clerk of JYM Committee, term ending 2009,
Madeline Schleimer (Orange Grove), to Unity with Nature Committee, term ending 2009,
Klara East (Visalia) to Unity with Nature Committee, term ending 2009.

Note: It is our policy to nominate clerks for only one year; therefore both Joe Morris' term as clerk of Unity with Nature and Ann Bleile-Kratzer's term as co-clerk of JYM will end in 2007, but they will remain members of those committees until 2009.

RepCom 2007-03: Representative Committee approved these budget augmentations:

- (1) for Unity with Nature to cover travel (\$515). Approved.
- (2) for three representatives travel to the FWCC Triennial in Ireland (\$1,000). Approved.
- (3) for two delegates to attend an FGC outreach meeting in Pittsburgh (\$800).

Questions were raised about a recommendation to use the Clerk's discretionary fund for ongoing [vs. one-time] expenses, specifically in regard to this item. How do we create flexibility for expenses which aren't anticipated in the budget? Could the Finance Committee add a line for unanticipated expenses that come before Rep. Com? ([The clerk agreed to use his discretionary funds for this purpose, rather than to ask for an augmentation.) Representative Committee approved sending these two Friends as our representatives.

(4) for Quaker Center for scholarships at this summer's Youth Camp (\$2,000); questions were raised regarding the Quaker Center request for \$2,000: How can PYM be more mindful of youth work and financially supportive of youth programs? Quaker Youth camp is a major investment in our youth and in the future of Quakerism. In the context of this specific request from Quaker Center, along with the Year of Discernment, M&O is working to season this concern. Representative Committee approved allocating \$2,000 (from uncommitted reserves) for the benefit of Ben Lomond Quaker Center's 2007 Summer Youth Camp. The clerk and the finance committee will determine where it should appear in the budget.

(5) to the Discipline Committee for an Advices & Queries pamphlet (\$600). Approved

(6) to Junior YM for travel and phone calls (\$250). Approved

(7) To FCNL for travel (\$500);

Questions arose about spending travel funds for someone who was not an official PYM representative to FCNL. In this instance, approval had been given to support the friend when there was not sufficient money to do so. Not approved.

RepCom 2007-04: The finance committee asked: What should our financial responsibility be with regard to paying for attendants for persons with special needs? They propose paying for attendants, and using line item 6230 currently designated for "support professions." Approved.

RepCom 2007-05: The finance committee considered the policy question of paying travel expenses for committee co-clerks to attend Representative Committee. They recommend no change in the current policy of providing payment for only one clerk per PYM committee, with an exception allowing payment for two JYM youth co-clerks. Approved.

RepCom 2007-06: Budget for PYM session in August 2007 The basic fee will be \$72 per adult per day for lodging (in a double room), board and fees, and approximately half that for children ages 5 – 11. The cut-off date for the 5% early registration discount will be earlier than in previous years. The Finance Committee must guess how many people will attend the session and for how long, as well as how many people will need scholarships. Therefore, the actual cost cannot be predicted in advance. Most of the changes from the 2006 session budget are relatively minor. The (attached) registrars' recommended fee schedule was approved. The session budget was also approved.

RepCom 2007-07: Representative Committee approved the appointment of Marilee Eusebio (Davis Meeting) as Arrangements Clerk for 2007 and 2008.

2007 Annual Session

PYM 2007-1: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved these Friends as members of the 2007 Epistle Committee: Convenor Robin DuRant (Orange Grove), Kylin Navarro (Santa Cruz), and Ed Flowers (Apple Seed).

PYM 2007-2: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the minute on global climate change brought by the Unity with Nature Committee. [See **Attachment 4**]

PYM 2007-3: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following minute, which was proposed by the Children's Program Committee and forwarded with approval by the Finance Committee:
The Children's Program Committee requests that a position for a paid program director be reestablished at a cost of \$660 per year. The Finance Committee has been consulted and supports this proposal, and asks that it be approved by Yearly Meeting. The session budget for Children's Program, #6223, would be increased by \$660 for FY 2008.

PYM 2007-4: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following minute, which was proposed by the Finance Committee: *Pacific Yearly Meeting authorizes the Treasurer to invest funds in the Friends Fiduciary Corporation.*

PYM 2007-5: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved a budget augmentation of \$600 for DJ Bloom's travel to the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Casa de los Amigos.

PYM 2007-6: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved a budget augmentation of \$600 for the Nominating Committee, bringing that Committee's budget to \$2,100.

PYM 2007-7: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Finance Committee's request to increase the 2008 budget for delegates' travel to the FWCC Section of the Americas meeting by \$700 to a total of \$2,500.

PYM 2007-8: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Finance Committee's request to increase the Peace and Social Order Committee's budget from \$500 to \$1,000.

PYM 2007-9: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the annual assessment of \$32.00/member for fiscal year 2008.

PYM 2007-10: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the 2008 budget as presented by the Finance Committee, with the increases and augmentations approved in this session.

PYM 2007-11: Pacific Yearly Meeting accepted the Treasurer's report.

PYM 2007-12: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the policy for use of the PYM website proposed by the electronic subcommittee. [See **Attachment 8**]

PYM 2007-13: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved this minute, proposed by our representative to Friends General Conference, with the understanding that the Presiding Clerk will send our invitation to the appropriate FGC clerks and staff:

Pacific Yearly Meeting invites Friends General Conference and its committees and programs to consider holding events [such as gatherings, institutes, consultations, conferences, committee meetings, etc.] in the geographic region of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

PYM 2007-14: For the Naming Committee, Jim Anderson presented for the second time the names of Friends who were recommended to serve on the Nominating Committee, each for a specific term. These recommendations were approved:

DJ Bloom (Apple Seed) Pat Daggerty (Orange Grove), and Jo Tyler (Orange County) for three-year terms; Heather Levien (Berkeley Meeting) for a two year term ending in 2009, and Kitty Bergel (Orange County) and Tom Farley (Palo Alto) for one-year terms ending in 2008; Stratton Jaquette as Clerk for a one year term ending in 2008.

PYM 2007-15: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the slate of nominees in the final report of the Nominating Committee.

PYM 2007-16: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following minute, which was proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Nominating believes that Julie Harlow is a Friend with a leading and should appropriately be under the care of M&O. We further believe that East-West Relations Committee is laboring under a leading in tandem with Julie's work, and therefore their care also belongs under M&O. However, it is premature to lay down this committee and appointment, until the structure for ongoing care is clarified.

It is clear to us, that as Nomination Committee, it is not in our charge how to structure the care for these Friends and their common concern. We ask M&O to review and return to Repcomm with recommendations on structure and care, so that all the valuable work that is currently done by these Friends continues to be adequately supported in good Quaker order.

As there are 3 line items in our budget with regard to Friends House Moscow and East-West Relations and a bank account in the name of East-West Relations Committee, we further request Finance Committee consider appropriate mechanisms and structures for financial support of these Friends' work and also report back to us at Repcomm.

PYM 2007-17: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following minute, which was proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee requests that Pacific Yearly Meeting approve the laying down of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee. This committee has not been functional or effective in recent years and no longer serves a vital purpose to PYM.

2008 Action Minutes

2008 Representative Committee

RepCom 2008-1: Representative Committee recognizes the importance of supporting our youth and recommends that Pacific Yearly Meeting move forward on funding a Youth Coordinator position, but we also acknowledge the need for deep discussion of Ministry and Counsel's proposal. We ask monthly meetings, quarterly meetings, and Yearly Meeting to season this discussion and bring their thoughts to both Ministry and Counsel and Pacific Yearly Meeting at our next annual session.

RepCom 2008-2: Representative Committee asks Finance Committee to allocate \$5,000 for youth support for this Pacific Yearly Meeting annual gathering, to use as way opens in consultation with Junior Yearly Meeting, Young Friends, and Ministry and Counsel.

RepCom 2008-3: Representative Committee approved the interim service of Sandy Farley as recording clerk in the absence of Claire Gorfinkle.

RepCom 2008-4: Representative Committee accepted the Treasurer's report.

RepCom 2008-5: Representative Committee approved Liz Baker, Trudy Friedel, and Jim Anderson to serve on the Naming Committee. The Presiding Clerk will ask Sally Davis to serve as an alternate. Jim Anderson will convene the first session, and the committee will select its clerk.

RepCom 2008-6: Representative Committee approved the following budget augmentations:

- \$3,500 for Friends Bulletin/Western Friend Editor transition costs
- \$933 for Unity with Nature Committee for Ruah Swennerfelt to attend address PYM
- \$5,000 for Youth Coordinator position
- \$2,700 for Children's program coordinator at PYM [actually in the sessions budget]
- Use of money allocated for FHM board meeting travel, to be used for executive committee this year.

RepCom 2008-7: Representative Committee approved fully funding all representatives, delegates, and liaisons to other organizations. We also need to evaluate whether we need the number of representatives to which we are entitled, how our delegates report to the plenary, etc. The Future of Yearly Meeting subcommittee will review these representative functions and the number of delegates. Ministry and Counsel will report back to the annual gathering of 2008.

RepCom 2008-8: Representative Committee approved using a professional registration service, The Conference Managers, for our 2008 annual gathering.

RepCom 2008-9: Representative Committee approved the 2008 Pacific Yearly Meeting sessions budget of \$140,450.

RepCom 2008-10: Representative Committee approved the 2008 Pacific Yearly Meeting fee structure as set out by the Site Committee, recognizing that there may be changes.

RepCom 2008-11: The Representative Committee approved these nominees:

- **Registrar (2009):** Sherri Sisson, Orange County (2008)
- **Discipline Committee (2009):** Jorge Martinez, Mexico City (2008)
- **Unity with Nature Committee (2010):** Stephanie Freeman, La Jolla (2008)

RepCom 2008-12: The Rep Com approved the nomination of Dirk Neyhart (Berkeley) for a term on the Unity with Nature Committee through 2010.

2008 Annual Session

PYM 2008-1: The Meeting approved the nominations of Rick Troth (Apple Seed) to serve as Reading Clerk for 2008 and Stratton Jaquette (Palo Alto) to serve on the PYM Holding Corporation through 2009. These nominations were first brought to Plenary Session I of this annual session.

PYM 2008-2: The Meeting approved these Friends to serve as our 2008 Epistle Committee: John DeValcourt (Santa Cruz), Mary Ann Percy (La Jolla), and Kate Newlin (Strawberry Creek). These nominations were brought to us by Laura Magnani for the Ministry and Oversight Committee.

PYM 2008-3: The Meeting approved the Finance Committee's recommendation to augment the Nominating Committee's budget by \$1,500.

PYM 2008-4: The Meeting approved the Finance Committee's recommendation to raise the cap on the reserve fund allocations for representatives:

- representative to FWCC Section of the Americas (\$1500),
- representative to FWC Triennial (\$2500), and
- representative to Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico (\$1000).

PYM 2008-5: Meeting approved the two minutes presented by the Holding Corporation.

PYM 2008-6: Jim Anderson (Chico) brought a second reading from the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee. Meeting approved Stratton Jaquette (Palo Alto), to serve two additional years and to serve as clerk for one year; Linda Rowell (Chico) for a three year term (2011) and Ellie Huffman (Monterey Peninsula) for a one year term (2009).

PYM 2008-7: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Nominating Committee's recommendation for a new policy for PYM's AFSC Representatives as it was presented:

PYM appoints 5 representatives to AFSC; these representatives will select 1 or 2 of their number to go to the National meetings each year, as funding allows. The representatives to the National meeting are expected to represent PYM's interests and to report to PYM on their experience and understanding of AFSC. They are expected to be active in their local Region throughout the year and to communicate to PYM as appropriate. Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating a Convener of the AFSC Representatives to facilitate their work and nominating representatives who live close enough to the two Regional offices (plus Honolulu) to ensure that at least one representative can be engaged in each region during the year. Terms will remain 3 years.

PYM 2008-8: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the proposed budget for 2008-2009.

PYM 2008-9: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved a 2008-2009 assessment of \$32.00 per member, unchanged since 2007-2008.

PYM 2008-10: Pacific Yearly Meeting accepted the Treasurer's Interim Report, with gratitude.

PYM 2008-11: Approved: Pacific Yearly Meeting minutes our support in principle for a Youth Coordinator Position.

PYM 2008-12: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved establishing a planning committee constituted by our Ministry and Oversight Committee with Junior Friends, Young Friends, the Children's Program Committee, and other interested Friends, charged to bring a proposal to Representative Committee in 2009.

PYM 2008-13: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved asking The Conference Managers to handle our registration for 2009.

PYM 2008-14: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the minute Proposal (1) as brought by Ministry and Oversight Committee. (1) We propose \$5,000 for a pre-PYM gathering next year, for preplanning and for working with JYM, if needed.

PYM 2008-15: Meeting approved augmenting the budget of Ministry and Oversight by \$3,000 to support the work of the ad-hoc planning committee under their care, which they proposed.

PYM 2008-16: The Naming Committee brought forward a second reading of the name of Marie Fredell (Berkeley) for the Nominating Committee (2011). Meeting approved this appointment.

PYM 2008-17: Friends approved the PYM Epistle which is included in these minutes [See Attachment 23].

PYM 2008-18: Meeting approved this minute as offered, with one friend standing aside.

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) supports marriage equality as a basic human right for all adult couples whether same or opposite gender. This is based on our historic testimonies on equality, community and integrity. We, therefore, oppose any and all efforts to undermine marriage equality in California, specifically the so-called California Marriage Protection Act (Proposition 8).

To quote from Pacific Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice: "It is consistent with Quakers' historical faith and testimonies that Friends practice a single standard of treatment for all couples who wish to marry."

We wish to affirm love, commitment, sharing and stability in a world that is too often torn apart by war, hatred, exploitation, and greed.

2009 Action Minutes

2009 Representative Committee

RepCom 2009-1: Representative Committee approved these four recommendations from the Subcommittee on Ministry and Leadings:

1. That the leading of Julie Harlow to work with Friends House Moscow be put under the care of Pacific Yearly Meeting's Committee on Ministry and Oversight.
2. That the leading of Rachel Fretz to work with Friends Peace Teams be put under the care of Pacific Yearly Meeting's Committee on Ministry and Oversight.
3. That the East-West Relations Committee be laid down.
4. That the Finance Committee be asked to move or rename budget items currently designated for one representative position to Friends peace Teams Board of Directors so that the level of financial support for Julie's and Rachel's leadings is maintained, under the care of Ministry and Oversight.

RepCom 2009-2: Representative Committee accepted the Treasurer's report. (Attachment 3)

RepCom 2009-3: Representative Committee approved augmenting the budget for FCNL travel by \$2900, Representative Committee travel by \$500, and Nominating Committee by \$500.

RepCom 2009-4: Representative Committee approved the basic fee structure in principle, but with the proviso that Finance Committee and the Registrar modify this as best they could in response to concerns raised. These concerns especially include low or no fees for attenders who come solely for the memorials meeting, attaching the \$50 registration fee to the first night or day, with lesser fees for succeeding days, and negotiating reduced fees for children sleeping on the floor in semi-private rooms

RepCom 2009-5: Representative Committee approved the three nominees that were brought to us earlier by the Nominating Committee:

- Miriam Berg (BE) for Registrar (2010)
- Jeff Kroeber (SJ) for Peace and Social Order Committee (2010)
- Lucia Van Deipen (SF/MA) for Religious Education for Children Committee (2010)

RepCom 2009-6: Representative Committee approved holding our 2010 annual gathering July 26-31, 2010 so that we can meet in Southern California.

RepCom 2009-7: Representative Committee approved Liz Baker, Tom Farley, and Nate Secrest for Naming Committee and approved the Clerk naming two more members from Southern California.

RepCom 2009-8: Representative Committee approved authorizing the Clerk to create an ad hoc committee to advise him on issues of support on an FGC Gathering in California, and on possible affiliation.

2009 Annual Session

PYM 2009-1: The Meeting approved increasing the Children's Committee budget by \$1000.

PYM 2009-2: The Meeting accepted the Report of the Site Committee.

PYM 2009-3: The Meeting approved the following minute as revised.

In keeping with our Quaker Peace Testimony, Pacific Yearly Meeting opposes the expansion of the war in Afghanistan and elsewhere and urges our government to address the underlying causes of war and to increase and depend on diplomacy and other nonviolent means to resolve conflicts in the world.

PYM 2009-4: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the recommendation that our Nominating Committee nominate a member of our Religious Education for Children Committee to serve as an additional representative to the Friends General Conference Central Committee, and to serve on the Religious Education Committee of the FGC Central Committee.

PYM 2009-5: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the nominees as presented in Plenary II.

PYM 2009-6: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the budget proposed by the Finance Committee.

PYM 2009-7: The Treasurer's report was accepted with gratitude.

PYM 2009-8: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following Friends to serve on the Nominating Committee, with the terms indicated:

- 2010 Martha Hunkins (Humboldt)
- 2010 Keith Wedmore (San Francisco)
- 2011 D.J. Bloom (Appleseed), Clerk
- 2011 Ellie Huffman (Monterey Peninsula)
- 2012 David Barrows (San Diego)
- 2012 Chuck Orr (La Jolla)

PYM 2009-9: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the nominations as recommended by Nominating Committee. **[See final approved List of Officers, Committees and Representatives, Attachment 10].**

PYM 2009-10: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved moving forward with the revised Youth Program Coordinator Position Proposal for a three-year trial period, asking that yearly written reports be presented to our annual sessions and that an assessment of the project be made at the end of the three years. Further, we ask the committee to consider the needs of our youth from age 10 through Young Friends, addressing the needs of our monthly and quarterly meetings. We also ask the Coordinator and the committee to help us address the issues of safety raised by our monthly meetings, parents, and youth. Instead of raising the Pacific Yearly Meeting assessment, we ask each monthly meeting to consider making a contribution of at least \$38.00 per member to cover the costs of the proposal. We are aware that the proposal we have approved is open to change and modification as we go forward.

PYM 2009-11: Pacific Yearly Meeting accepted the Epistle.

PYM 2009-12: The Meeting approved the following minute as revised.

"In keeping with our Testimonies on Equality and Community, those of us gathered at Pacific Yearly Meeting in 2009 believe that access to health care must be universal and affordable for every individual in this land. There is support among Friends for a single-payer health insurance plans, and we support the right of states to adopt the singlepayer option. We encourage further study and action by monthly Meetings."

2010 Action Minutes

2010 Representative Committee

RepCom 2010-1: Representative Committee approved the session fee proposal, with the exception that registrars and finance committee were asked to change the fees for part-time attendance for children, and to address other concerns expressed. Differential fees reflecting early and late payment dates will also be added to the proposal.

RepCom 2010-2: Representative Committee accepted the Treasurer's report. **(See Attachment 3)**

RepCom 2010-3: Representative Committee approved the following augmentations to the 2008-2009 budget:

- Augmentation to \$3,927 for Ministry and Oversight
- Augmentation to \$2,644 for Friends House Moscow.

RepCom 2010-4: Representative Committee approved the augmentation of \$400 for committee travel for the Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee in the 2009-2010 budget.

RepCom 2010-5: Representative Committee approved adding a total budget line of \$500 for Clerk's Invited Guests for George Lakey (for 2009-10).

RepCom 2010-6: The Representative Committee approved the nominations brought earlier for the Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee, which run through the end of the annual session 2010:

- Lanny Jay (Redwood Forest) from Ministry and Oversight
- Kate Watkins (Santa Monica) for Southern California Quarter
- Alyssa Nelson (Clerk) (Davis) for College Park Quarter
- Mary Klein (Palo Alto) as parent of JYM youth

RepCom 2010-7: Representative Committee approved having an at-large member added to the YPCSC.

RepCom 2010-8: Representative Committee approved the Naming Committee's nomination of Sheri Sisson for the Nominating Committee through the end of the next annual session.

RepCom 2010-9: Representative Committee approved these nominees for the 2010 Naming Committee:

- Jim Anderson (Chico) (Convenor)
- Shane Lightner (Santa Monica)
- Sharon Gates (Orange Grove)
- Kristy Updegraff (Sacramento) was approved as alternate.

RepCom 2010-10: Representative Committee approved the following minute:

Treasurer Gary Wolff is authorized to open and establish a checking account to be styled as "Pacific Yearly Meeting's Youth Program." Pacific Yearly Meeting's Taxpayer Identification

Number shall be used by and for this account. Until further notice, the number of signatures required to transact business on this account shall be one (1). Until further notice, the following persons shall be the authorized signers on this Pacific Yearly Meeting, Inc. account:

Gary Wolff
Ed Flowers
Alyssa Nelson
Elizabeth Boardman
Lanny Jay

2010 Annual Session

PYM 2010-1: Friends approved Julie Harlow as Recording Clerk, effective immediately through 2011.

PYM 2010-2: Friends approved the session budget that was presented at Representative Committee and here.

PYM 2010-3: Friends approved an augmentation of \$1,750 for Ministry and Oversight.

PYM 2010-4: Friends approved removing the cap for the account for Friends World Committee for Consultation World Gathering Travel.

PYM 2010-5: Friends approved an augmentation for Nominating Committee of \$1,500, to the total amount of \$4,500.

PYM 2010-6: Friends accept the full packet of information as a report from the Futures Subcommittee.

PYM 2010-7: Friends approved the naming of Maia Wolff and Winnie Sunshine to the Nominating Committee for terms ending in 2013.

PYM 2010-8: Friends approved that for statutory purposes the officers for Corporation business shall be designated as follows:

as President, the Presiding Clerk,
as Treasurer, the Treasurer,
as Secretary, the Recording Clerk whose term ends first.

PYM 2010-9: Friends approved asking Ministry and Oversight to consider the appropriate number of representatives to any organization where we are currently sending more than one representative, and that they come back to us next year with a recommendation.

PYM 2010-10: Friends approved encouraging Friends to take part in interfaith efforts to foster peace and understanding ranging from the local to the international level. Friends are encouraged to send representatives to local inter-religious councils, to reach out to those in other faith traditions in the spirit of friendship, and to engage in interfaith peace and justice efforts.

PYM 2010-11: Friends approved authorizing the Presiding Clerk to write a letter indicating PYM support for Anthony Manousos' interfaith work.

PYM 2010-12: Friends approved the proposed 2010-2011 budget as amended.

PYM 2010-13: Friends approved an augmentation to the Travel budget, adding \$1300 to the budgeted \$9000 for a total of \$10,300.

PYM 2010-14: Friends approved the Nominating Committee report as given with additions and corrections recorded.

PYM 2010-15: Friends approved the following names for the Nominating Committee: Tom Farley (Palo Alto) 2 years ending 2012, Kate Connell (Santa Barbara) 3/2013, Henriette Groot (Central Coast) 3/2013.

PYM 2010-16: The epistle was accepted and will be sent to Friends “everywhere”.

2011 Action Minutes

2011 Representative Committee

RepCom 2011-1: The observer to Friends United Meeting will be appointed one year in advance of the gathering rather than 3 years.

RepCom 2011-2: After the Annual Session Fee Schedule has been approved at Representative Committee, revisions to that schedule require approval of the PYM Clerk, the Treasurer and the Finance Clerk. The Finance Clerk will consult with the Finance Committee regarding any revision.

RepCom 2011-3: The Registrar will submit requested data within a month of the close of Annual Session to the PYM Finance Clerk. The Finance Clerk shall retain this information for future planning.

RepCom 2011-4: The FCNL Expense Account #5277, originally budgeted at \$3600, will be augmented by \$2300 bringing the total to \$5900.

RepCom 2011-5: The FWCC Expense Account #5279, originally budgeted at \$1500, will be augmented by \$3500 bringing the total to \$5000.

RepCom 2011-6: The YPC Expense Account #6136 (Unemployment Insurance/Employment Training Tax), originally budgeted at \$245, will be augmented by \$245, bringing the total to \$490.

RepCom 2011-7: Representative Committee approved having an at-large member added to the YPCSC.

RepCom 2011-8: We allocate \$100 for the phone expenses of the Naming Committee.

RepCom 2011-9: The following will replace previous wording of Section 1. of the PYM Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy (changed words are **bold in different font**)

“1. General

Travel expenses of officers, clerks, and committee members are reimbursed at \$.25 per mile for round trip road atlas mileage between the member's Home Meeting and the location of the meeting being attended **or actual expense up to \$.25 per mile. Round trip** from Mexico, Guatemala **and Hawaii** is reimbursed up to **\$600**. Members are encouraged to reduce costs by taking advantage of special bargain rates (early reservation, two for one, special offers, etc.). No reimbursement for less than \$5.00 will be made without a specific request. Members who choose to commute daily to a meeting that takes place over more than over more than one day will be reimbursed for only one round trip.

"The treasurer(s) ordinarily pay(s) for travel and committee expense after bills have been submitted and reimbursement requested. If expenses need to be prepaid, please communicate this request, in writing, to the Treasurer(s), describing requirements.

"The Treasurer(s) are not permitted to make reimbursements that fall outside of these guidelines. If it is anticipated that it is necessary and desirable to incur expenses that do not fall within the guidelines (see also: Guidelines for PYM Officer and Committee Expenditures), it is essential that these anticipated expenditures be communicated to the Clerk of the PYM Finance Committee for recommendation to and action by Representative Committee **or Annual Session BEFORE** any expenditure is made.

"In some instances there are reserve funds in addition to the annual budget allocation. These are found on page 3 of the PYM Financial Report or may be ascertained by contacting a PYM Treasurer. Also, the Presiding Clerk has available a limited amount of discretionary funding that may be used, upon the Presiding Clerk's approval, for unusual needs."

RepCom 2011-10: The schedule of Proposed Session Expenses was approved.

RepCom 2011-11: We approve the Proposed PYM Fees.

RepCom 2011-12: The members of a subcommittee of the Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee will have travel expenses covered.

RepCom 2011-13: Three Friends currently authorized to be signatories on the Youth Program Account, currently with Bank Of America, are removed. They are Lanny Jay, Alyssa Nelson, and Gary Wolff. Pacific Yearly Meeting authorizes the Clerk of Finance Committee (currently Donna Smith) to be added as a signatory on the payroll account. The signers on the Youth Program Account at Bank of America or other bank or financial institution determined by the YPC Supervisory committee will therefore be:

Ed Flowers, as Treasurer

Elizabeth Boardman, as YPC Administrative Supervisor and

Donna Smith, as Clerk of Finance committee

RepCom 2011-14: The Clerk, Treasurer and Secretary/Recording Clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting are authorized to approve and sign on behalf of PYM such minutes, resolutions and documents as may be required to open a new Youth Program Account at a bank or financial institution and/or a new account with a payroll service.

RepCom 2011-15: We approved the nominations presented at the beginning of today's session.

RepCom 2011-16: We approved the following for the Naming Committee: Sherri Sisson (Orange County) clerking, Jeff Kroeber (San Jose), and Anthony Manousos (Santa Monica) with Stratton Jaquette (Palo Alto) as an alternate.

RepCom 2011-17: We approve the establishment of a “PYM Traveling Friend Fund” as a successor to the Brinton Visitor program and to use the money left in that fund (line 2731) to the extent possible.

RepCom 2011-18: The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting together with the Nominating Committee will provisionally approve interim appointments that URGENTLY need to be made to Yearly Meeting positions and committees other than Nominating Committee. The clerk, together with the Naming Committee will provisionally approve URGENT interim appointments to the Nominating Committee. These provisional appointments would be brought to a Yearly Meeting Plenary or Rep Com to ratify or disaffirm. The Treasurer is authorized to reimburse the expenses of those appointed in this manner until consideration at a Yearly Meeting Plenary or by Rep Com.

2011 Annual Session

PYM 2011-1: We approved the following: Amy Cooke (Grass Valley): Recording Co-clerk, 2011-12. Judith Favor (Claremont): Reading Clerk, 2011. Stephen Myers (Sacramento): Reading Clerk, 2011.

PYM 2011-2: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves laying down the second position of representative to the Friends Peace Teams Board.

PYM 2011-3: For Junior Yearly Meeting, Committee Expense Acct # 5227. Originally budgeted at \$500. Request augmentation of \$300 bringing total to \$800.

PYM 2011-4: For Western Friend Board, Travel Expense Acct# 5271. Originally budgeted at \$1000. Request augmentation of \$800 bringing total to \$1800. For FGC Central Committee, Travel Expense Acct # 5278. Originally budgeted \$750. Request augmentation of \$250 bringing total to \$1000.

PYM 2011-5: The 2011-12 Budget was approved as presented.

PYM 2011-6: The following were approved for the Nominating Committee:

Carl Anderson (Strawberry Creek) 2011-2012
Stephen Matchett (San Francisco) 2011-2014
Liz Baker (Berkeley) 2011-2014
Maggie Hutchinson (Orange Grove) 2011-2014
David Barrows (San Diego) 2011-2012 (as Clerk)

PYM 2011-7: The Nominating Committee Report for PYM 2011 was approved.

PYM 2011-8: As Friends, we stand firmly opposed to torture committed by anyone in any setting. We support the work of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (<http://www.nrcat.org/>) as well as of Quakers’ Initiative to End Torture (<http://www.quit-torture-now.org/>). We urge elected officials to bring to justice those who have authorized torture in violation of international law. We urge our governments to stop preventing the victims of torture from seeking redress and just compensation in our courts. We are also deeply concerned that cruel and inhumane punishment such as involuntary long-term solitary confinement are taking place in prisons in California and throughout the USA and the world. Finally, we support the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT), which can

help prevent torture and abuse by requiring a ratifying country to establish National Preventative Mechanisms (NPMs) to monitor the treatment of prisoners. In addition to the NPMs, OPCAT allows for international oversight of places of confinement to ensure that torture and other abuses are not occurring.

As Quakers, we believe that torture is a moral and religious issue. We believe that there is "that of God" in every human being and therefore everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. Torture does incalculable and long-lasting damage to the torturer, the torture victim and the witnesses of torture. Torture erodes a nation's moral fiber, diminishes its moral standing in the world, incites retaliation, and puts at risk the lives of its citizens abroad and at home.

We urge an end to this practice."

2012 Action Minutes

2012 Representative Committee

RepCom 2012-1: We approve as Registrar Joyce Samati, Strawberry Creek, for service to begin immediately and end with the Annual Session 2013.

RepCom 2012-2: An ad hoc committee is established to develop an explicit process for selection and approval of a registration service for Annual Session. This committee will consist of the current Registrar, the Treasurer and the clerk or a designee of Finance, Nominating and M&O Committees. The Registrar will be the convener.

RepCom 2012-3: We approve an augmentation of \$300 to Unity with Nature, Expense Account #5235, bringing the total to \$1100.

RepCom 2012-4: We approve an augmentation of \$850 for M&O Committee, Expense Account #5228, bringing the total to \$4950.

RepCom 2012-5: We approve the budget for the Annual Session.

RepCom 2012-6: We approve the Annual Session Fee Schedule as recommended by Finance.

RepCom 2012-7: We approve the proposed contract for a bookstore at Annual Session to be run by Tom and Sandy Farley who accept all tax liability. This approval is contingent on the rest of the details being supplied to and approved by the Treasurer and the Presiding Clerk.

RepCom 2012-8: To allow for a full evaluation and understanding of the experiment of funding a Youth Program Coordinator for Pacific Yearly Meeting, we recommend to the Annual Session 2012 of Pacific Yearly Meeting that the calendaring of the three year Youth Program Coordinator position start in April 2010 and end at the conclusion of the fiscal year 2013 (9/30/2013).

RepCom 2012-9: Because AFSC will no longer be distributing copies of the PYM Faith & Practice, Representative Committee approves establishing an ad hoc committee of the clerks of Ministry and

Oversight and Discipline Committees to oversee the transition of the existing copies of Faith & Practice from the AFSC Los Angeles office.

RepCom 2012-10: We approve the nomination of Jim Avera (Redwood Forest MM), Arrangements clerk to serve through Annual Session 2013.

RepCom 2012-11: We approve the Job Description for Monthly Meetings Representatives to Pacific Yearly Meeting.

2012 Annual Session

PYM 2012-1: Lanny Jay (Redwood Forest) will be a member of the Site Committee for the term ending in 2012. Lanny Jay (Redwood Forest) will be Clerk of the Site Committee for the term ending in 2012.

PYM 2012-2: Dottie Vura-Weis and Brian Vura-Weis (Palo Alto) will be Arrangements Co-clerks for the term ending in 2012.

PYM 2012-3: Terrill Keeler (Live Oak) will be Clerk of Children's Program Committee for term ending 2012.

PYM 2012-4: To allow for a full evaluation and understanding of the experiment of funding a Youth Program Coordinator for Pacific Yearly Meeting, the calendaring of the three year Youth Program Coordinator position will start in April 2010 and end at the conclusion of the fiscal year 2013 (9/30/2013).

The terms of service of the current YPCS Committee will also be extended for one year.

PYM 2012-5: Expense account #5225, originally set at \$1000, will be augmented in the amount of \$83, to \$1083.

PYM 2012-6: *Western Friend*, Expense account #5271, set at \$1500, will be augmented in the amount of \$160, to \$1660, for travel expenses.

PYM 2012-7: The Annual Session approved the 2012-2013 Budget.

PYM 2012-8: Friends enthusiastically expressed their gratitude for Kathy Hyzy's work, noting her grace and thoughtfulness. We appreciate her diligent and effective work and wish her well in future endeavors.

PYM 2012-9: The following were approved for the Nominating Committee:

Elaine Emily, Strawberry Creek, (2013)
Muriel Strand, Sacramento (2014)
David Barrows, San Diego, clerk (2015)
Carl Anderson, Strawberry Creek (2015)
Henrietta Groot, Central Coast (2015)

PYM 2012-10: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves including the adult clerks of teen programs in CPQM and SCQM as ex officio members of the Junior Yearly Meeting Committee.

PYM 2012-11: The slate of 2012 nominations brought forward in this annual session by the Nominating Committee was approved.

PYM 2012-12: Authorized signatures for bank accounts and financial instruments for Pacific Yearly Meeting shall be those of the Treasurer, Assistant to the Treasurer and Clerk of the Finance Committee.

2013 Action Minutes

2013 Representative Committee

Minute RC 2013.01: Representative Committee recommends to Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session that the paid Youth Program Coordinator position be continued.

Minute RC 2013.02: RepCom establishes an Ad Hoc Sexual Misconduct Prevention Committee consisting of the Youth Program Coordinator, the YPC administrative supervisor, and the clerks or designees of the JYM Adult Committee, the Children's Program Committee, and Ministry and Oversight. The purpose of this Ad Hoc Committee is to: • review the Yearly Meeting's policies around sexual misconduct prevention as well as the documents and procedures used by JYM and the children's program to ensure consistency; • discern which officer or committee of the Yearly Meeting should administer the background checks and determine what to do with the information and how to archive it; and • bring recommendations to Annual Session.

Minute RC 2013.03: We authorize the Treasurer to purchase sexual misconduct insurance and the Ad hoc Committee to coordinate background checks starting with the FAPs and children's program staff who will serve at the 2013 Annual Session. Finance Committee will discern how this will be reflected in the budget.

Minute RC 2013.04: We ask Finance Committee to work with members of PFOS and the YPCSC to explore how we might accept and manage this gift. We ask them to bring recommendations to the Annual Session.

Minute RC 2013.05: Many Friends feel grief at the laying down of PFOS and the end of this effort. We extend our thanks to members of PFOS for their faithful work over many years and their gracious offer of remaining funds to the Youth of PYM.

Minute RC 2013.06: Representative Committee of PYM approves contracting with the Berkeley Meeting registration team for the 2013 AS for a payment of \$3,000.

Minute RC 2013.07: We approve an augmentation of \$235 to the PYM Delegates, Western Friend Board, Expense Account (line 5271) bringing that line total to \$1735.

Minute RC 2013.08: We approve an augmentation of \$150 to the PYM Delegates, Evangelical Friends Church SW, Expense Account (line 5283) bringing total to \$300.

Minute RC 2013.09: We approve the Annual Session Budget as proposed.

Minute RC 2013.10: We approve laying down the ad hoc committee formed by RepCom Minute 2012.9.

Minute RC 2013.11: Representative Committee approves using EarthLight as the bookstore provider at annual sessions. Appreciation is given to Tom and Sandy Farley for their continued efforts to bring books to our annual sessions.

Minute RC 2013.12: Representative Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the nominations of Walt Jones, Delta Meeting, to serve on Ministry and Oversight Committee for a term ending 2014; Brylie Oxley, Grass Valley, to serve on Junior Yearly Meeting Committee for a term ending 2015; Roy Allen, Berkeley, to serve on the Finance Committee for a term ending in 2015; and Marilee Eusebio (Davis) as Arrangements Clerk, with a term ending in 2014.

Minute RC 2013.13: Representative Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the nominations of the following persons to serve on the Naming Committee for one year terms: Brendan Fagan, Reno; Elizabeth Bills, La Jolla; Alyssa Nelson, Davis (convener); Alternate: Rhea Farley (Strawberry Creek).

2013 Annual Session

Minute PYM AS 2013-01: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves continuation of the paid Youth Program Coordinator position.

Minute PYM AS 2013-02: *[No minute of this number was recorded.]*

Minute PYM AS 2013-03: *[No minute of this number was recorded.]*

Minute PYM AS 2013-04: PYM accepts the gift from Pacific Friends Outreach Society under the conditions of the following section of Pacific Friends Outreach Society Board minute:

The Board minutes its decision to offer the assets of Pacific Friends Outreach Society, that remain after expenses are paid, to Pacific Yearly Meeting. The income from the fund is to be used as determined by the Pacific Yearly Meeting committee, Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee (the YPCSC), or a successor committee, with the exception that it cannot be used for salary or wages.

Minute PYM AS 2013-05: Pacific Yearly Meeting expresses its gratitude for the long and faithful service of the members of the Pacific Friends Outreach Society to complete the charge given to them and appreciates their generous gift on behalf of the youth of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Minute PYM AS 2013-06: *[No minute of this number was recorded.]*

Minute PYM AS 2013-07: Having minuted our acceptance of the Pacific Friends Outreach Society Bob Vogel Endowment, Pacific Yearly Meeting authorizes PYM officers and clerks make legal arrangements and execute necessary documents to receive and manage the gift of the Bob Vogel Endowment. Consistent with the terms of the gift, requests to spend funds will be managed and approved by PYM's Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee (YPCSC), or another appropriate committee to be determined by PYM in the event that the YPCSC is laid down. PYM's Finance Committee and Treasurer will manage the financial aspects of this gift such as investments and accounting

Minute PYM AS 2013-08: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the General Account Budget as proposed.

Minute PYM AS 2013-09: The Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee (YPCSC) shall consist of six members with overlapping three year terms, nominated by Nominating Committee, and approved by Yearly Meeting. Each year, one person shall be nominated to serve as clerk of the committee. In addition, the Nominating Committee, in consultation with the YPCSC, shall nominate four youth members for renewable one-year terms to be approved by Yearly Meeting. The YPCSC shall choose one person from among its members to serve as the Direct Supervisor of the Youth Program Coordinator (YPC).

Minute PYM AS 2013-10: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves the 2013-2014 slate of Nominees.

Minute PYM AS 2013-11: Pacific Yearly Meeting authorizes an ad hoc committee, consisting of the Registrars and a member of Ministry and Oversight, to solicit and receive applications for a Contract Registration Service, to select one of these, and to submit a contract to the presiding clerk for signature.

Minute PYM AS 2013-12: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves allocating \$3000, which will be part of the annual session budget presented at the next Representative Committee session, for the purpose of contracting with a Contract Registration Service.

Minute PYM AS 2013-13: We approve the Nominating Committee as proposed:

Elaine Emily (Strawberry Creek): returning member, 3 year term, Clerk

Graciela Martinez (Visalia): new member, 1 year term

Rob Cimorelli (Orange Grove): new member, 3 year term

Tom Farley (Palo Alto): returning member, 3 year term.

Minute PYM AS 2013-14: We approved the Nominating Committee slate as presented in this and prior plenaries.

Minute PYM AS 2013-15: In accordance with the Peace Testimony, Pacific Yearly Meeting is opposed to militarized drones as we oppose all weapons of war.

2014 Action Minutes

2014 Representative Committee

MINUTE RC 2014.01: PYM Representative Committee approves removing the reference to Mexico City Monthly Meeting from paragraph 5 of the Travel Expense Reimbursement Policies. PYM Representative Committee further approves the reimbursement of expenses for a total of two representatives per year from Mexico City Monthly Meeting to attend either Representative Committee, or Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session, or both, as the Mexico City Monthly Meeting may discern.

MINUTE RC 2014.02: The requested augmentation of \$200 to the JYM line #5227 in the General Budget is approved.

MINUTE RC 2014.03: The 2014 Annual Session Budget as brought forward by the Finance Committee and appended to these minutes is approved.

MINUTE RC 2014.04: The registration fees for the 2014 Annual Session as presented to Representative Committee 2014 and appended to these minutes are approved.

Minute RC 2014.05: Representative Committee approves bringing the following minute to the 2014 Annual Session: "Pacific Yearly Meeting approves beginning on the next revision of our Faith and Practice."

Minute RC 2014.06: Representative Committee approves Sarah Hawthorne (Strawberry Creek) for a 2016 slot on the Friends Bulletin Corporation Board of Directors, and Carl Magruder (Strawberry Creek) to fill a vacancy on Discipline Committee for the rest of a 2014 slot.

Minute RC 2014.07: Representative Committee approves Marilee Eusibio, Liz Baker, and Jim Summers for the 2014 Naming Committee, with D.J. Bloom (Appleseed) as an alternate.

Minute RC 2014.08: Representative Committee approves Catherine de Neergaard as co-clerk of Unity with Nature Committee.

2014 Annual Session

AS Minute 2014-01: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves the appointment of Stephen McNeil as Recording Clerk.

AS Minute 2014-02: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves augmenting the budget of Ministry and Oversight Committee by \$100, raising the total of their annual budget to \$5,050.

AS Minute 2014-03: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved changing the name of the "Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee" to the "Youth Programs Coordinating Committee," with appreciation for the work performed thus far.

AS Minute 2014-04: Pacific Yearly Meeting asks the Discipline Committee to begin work on the next revision of our Faith and Practice.

AS Minute 2014-05: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the initial proposed budget with the exception of the giving budget items. Finance and Ministry & Oversight Committees are asked to form an ad hoc

committee to recommend guidelines for determining allocation of donations to Quaker organizations. The ad hoc committee is asked to elicit wider Friends' input, and bring its seasoned recommendations for guidelines and for Support of Friends Organizations expenditures for the 2014-2015 budget year to the Representative Committee in March 2015.

AS Minute 2014-06: The Naming Committee recommendations for the Nominating Committee were approved: For terms ending in 2017: Stephen Matchett (San Francisco), Graciela Martinez (Visalia), and Nora Cooke (Grass Valley). And for the term ending in 2015, Marion Holzwarth (San Bernardino/Ojai Worship Group). Stephen Matchett and Elaine Emily were approved as co-clerks.

AS Minute 2014-07: The Nominating Committee slate (unchanged from the first reading) is approved.

2015 Action Minutes

2015 Representative Committee

MINUTE RC 2015.01: The Treasurer's Report on both the General and Annual Session accounts for the year ending September 30, 2014 was accepted.

MINUTE RC 2015.02: The augmentation of \$750 to line 5286 for travel was approved.

MINUTE RC 2015.03: The augmentation of \$250 to line item 5238 to cover conference calls was approved without discussion.

MINUTE RC 2015.04: The augmentation of \$500 to line item 5229 for Nominating Committee expenses was approved without discussion.

MINUTE RC 2015.05: The budget and fee schedule were approved as presented.

MINUTE RC 2015.06: We approved inserting a link on the registration site to encourage a payment of a voluntary carbon tax that would go to the committee's Unity with Nature Project Fund.

MINUTE RC 2015.07: The guidelines of the Ad Hoc Committee [on PYM Financial Allocations to Friends Organizations] were approved.

MINUTE RC 2015.08: Approval was reached to give the recommendations from the ad hoc committee on financial allocations to the Finance Committee for discernment, with the advice to allocate funds back to QUNO. Finance Committee was advised to bring back the revised list of allocation to Annual Session 2015 for approval by the larger body.

MINUTE RC 2015.09: The draft Annual Session schedule was approved as presented.

MINUTE RC 2015.10: Representative Committee approve Rick Altherr (San Jose) as Junior Arrangements, whose term now runs through 2016; and Senior Arrangements Clerk Eric Moon

(Berkeley), whose term now ends in 2015. Joyce Pointe (Apple Seed) is approved as a member of Unity with Nature Committee (term ending 2016).

MINUTE RC 2015.11: Representative Committee approves the Naming Committee of Sarah Tyrell (Berkeley), Patricia Smith (Claremont), and Linda Rowell (Chico), with Alvaro Alvarado (Sacramento) as the alternate.

MINUTE RC 2015.12: Representative Committee approved reducing by \$450 (to \$550) the Unity with Nature Committee expense budget (Line 5235), and increasing the QEW Representatives travel budget (Line 5286) by an additional \$450, bringing it to \$2,200.

2015 Annual Session

AS Minute 2015-01: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves having the clerk endorse the travel minute for Paula Palmer (Boulder, Colorado, Intermountain Yearly Meeting).

AS Minute 2015-02: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves having the clerk endorse the travel minute for Friends General Conference General Secretary Barry Crossno, (Arch Street Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting).

AS Minute 2015-03: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves endorsing as a first step the “Facing the Challenge of Climate Change” statement.

AS Minute 2015-04: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved this minute: “Those gathered at the 2015 Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting support the efforts of the Latin American Concerns Committee and numerous other Friends who are seeking justice and showing compassion toward those who are fleeing the violence in their home countries and need a place of refuge in the United States. We encourage monthly meetings and individual Friends to read the minutes passed by Monthly Meetings and take them to heart. We also encourage Friends to support the efforts of American Friends Service Committee and Friends Committee on National Legislation to promote just and compassionate policies toward immigrants.”

AS Minute 2015-05: Pacific Yearly Meeting approved this minute with one person standing aside: “We hold a deep concern for over reliance and investment in fossil fuels. We ask that monthly meetings and individuals engage in discernment on how to reduce their dependence and investment in fossil fuels. Meetings and individuals are asked to share their efforts with the greater community.”

AS Minute 2015-06: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves the revised Finance Committee Report.

AS Minute 2015-07: The Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Nominating Committee report as published.

AS Minute 2015-08: The Pacific Yearly Meeting acknowledges the receiving of various reports from Yearly Meeting Committees and Representatives which will be attached to the minutes.

AS Minute 2015-09: Pacific Yearly Meeting accepts all epistles with gratitude.

2016 Action Minutes

2016 Representative Committee

Minute RC 2016.01: The Nominating Committee slate was approved as amended.

Minute RC 2016.02: The 2016 Annual Session's budget, keeping the fee schedule the same as last year's and the five augmentations were approved.

Minute RC 2016.03: The meeting approved development of a Travel Minute for Jim Summers (La Jolla).

Minute RC 2016.04: The Clerk read a travel minute for Alyssa Nelson who has been invited by Australia Yearly Meeting to share our Yearly Meeting's youth work experiences. We approved the travel minute with great appreciation.

Minute RC 2016.05: Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM) would welcome having FGC come to California for their 2018 Summer Gathering.

2016 Annual Session

AS Minute 2016-01: We approve the budget for Fiscal Year 10/01/2016 - 9/30/2017, as presented and revised at this 6/20/2016 session.

AS Minute 2016-02: We ask our Presiding Clerk to sign the travel minute for Thistle West, sending them with our love and joy into their time of ministry among Friends in Australia.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

AS Minute 2016-08: We approve the final Nominating Committee slate of names brought for a second reading, as presented at our closing plenary.

2017 Action Minutes

2017 Representative Committee

Minute RC 2017.01: We direct Finance Committee to augment the budgeted amount of our youth program coordinator insurance fees by \$1350.

Minute RC 2017.02: We direct Finance Committee to augment the amount budgeted for the Unity with Nature Committee by \$150.

Minute RC 2017.03: In the desire to equitably share the cost of attending the annual session and to limit our carbon footprint, we approve the piloting of a travel fee reduction, in the spirit of an experiment, for Annual Session 2017. Practical matters will be worked out by the Finance Committee, Attendance Assistance Fund, and the group working on the registration form; these will be substantially aligned with the proposal in the Finance Committee report.

Minute RC 2017.04: We approve a fee reduction for Friends traveling from Hawaii, Guatemala, and Mexico for the full five-day session, of \$50.

Minute RC 2017.05: We approve the annual session budget for 2017.

Minute RC 2017.06: We direct the Registrars to reallocate a portion or all of their \$3,000 budget (Line 6234) to pay for a contract for the new design and implementation of the online registration system.

Minute RC 2017.07: We expressed appreciation for the past extensive services of Brylie Oxley for the Yearly Meeting's website and PYM registration. We also expressed appreciation for the current services of Lawrence Alderson, clerk of the Electronics Subcommittee of Ministry & Oversight.

Minute RC 2017.08: With a desire to increase Annual Session registration by making it easier for registrants to pay online, and to simplify the job of Registrars, we approve the use of online payment option for the 2017 Session registration. Joe Magruder asked to be recorded as standing aside.

Minute RC 2017.09: We approve the nine interim appointments as presented by nominating committee: Sharon Gates as Assistant to the Clerk through 2017; Stephen McNeil [Strawberry Creek] as Recording Clerk at this Representative Committee session; Kate Connell [Santa Barbara] and Dan Strickland [Orange Grove] as co-clerks of Junior Yearly Meeting and Suzanne Dross [Orange Grove] as a new member; Donna Smith [Redwood Forest] as clerk and Laura Kohl [Santa Barbara] as member of the Latin

America Concerns Committee; and Bertha Pena [Mexico City] as clerk of YPPC; and Heather Levien [Berkeley] as Friends General Conference Observer. We approve Sharlene Roberts-Caudle [Visalia] as Recording Clerk at Annual Session and Sherri Sisson[Orange County] as Co-Statistical Clerk through 2019.

Minute RC 2017.10: We approve Steve Leeds, Berth Pena (Convener), and Sue Scott as the Naming Committee. We approve the Clerk and Assistant to the Clerk's naming of the alternate.

2017 Annual Session

AS Minute 2017-01: We **approve** the review of the travel subsidy policy's being brought to Representative Committee 2018 for discussion, review, and action.

AS Minute 2017-02: We **approve** the budget for FY 2017-18, with the exception of the line items for JYM and the assessment to monthly meetings.

AS Minute 2017-03: We **approve** the following augmentations to our present budget

- FCNL & Wm Penn House Travel (#6227) increase \$900 to total of \$3400.
- JYM Committee budget (#5227) increase \$1500 to \$2500.
- JYM session budget (#6225) increase \$500 to \$6000.

AS Minute 2017-04: We **approve** the creation of a reserve account for conference travel budget of Quaker Earthcare Witness, with a cap of \$500.

AS Minute 2017-05: We **approve** the Abuse Prevention Policy proposed to us by the committee, with the knowledge that the committee will be seeking legal review of this policy at some point.

AS Minute 2017-06: We **approve** the Restructuring and Rightsizing of PYM document presented to us by M&O.

AS Minute 2017-07: We **approve** the addition of one member to the Faith and Practice Revision Committee, who would have strong cyber and computer skills to help the committee design a viable way forward into electronic revision of Faith and Practice.

AS Minute 2017-08: We **approve** adjustments to our FY 2017-18 budget as follows: the JYM budget line is approved, the increase in our assessment of \$2 was approved making the total assessment for members in California and Nevada \$113, Guatemala and Hawaii \$51, and Mexico \$32 per year.

AS Minute 2017-09: We **approve** the names brought to us by Nominating Committee, for service in positions and terms listed in the final Nominating Committee Report.

AS Minute 2017-10: We **approve** the following Friends to serve on our Nominating Committee: Sue Torrey, Central Coast (2018) as clerk and new members Peggy Craik, Conejo Valley WG (2020), Julie Harlow, Davis (2020) and Rebekah Percy, La Jolla (2020).

2018 Action Minutes

2018 Representative Committee

Minute RC 2018-1: We **approve** the interim appointment of Elaine Emily [Strawberry Creek] to serve on Nominating Committee to complete the 2018 term.

Minute RC 2018-2: We **approve** Winnie Sunshine [LaJolla] and Heather Levien [Berkeley] to serve until 2019 on our Nominating Committee.

Minute RC 2018-3: We **approve** Julian Garrett [San Jose], Rebekah Percy [LaJolla], and Rachel Kempf [Santa Monica] for service on the Youth Programs Coordinating Committee for terms ending in 2018.

Minute RC 2018-4: We **approve** Sharon Shen [Berkeley] to serve as Clerk for a term ending in 2019 on our Unity with Nature Committee.

Minute RC 2018-5: We **approve** the interim appointments of Marcus Melander [Santa Cruz] to a term ending in 2019 on Children's Program Committee, and Gail Eastwood [Humboldt] to a term ending 2020 on Ministry and Oversight Committee.

Minute RC 2018-6: We **approve** Kiernan Colby [Santa Cruz] for service on Youth Programs Coordinating Committee for a term ending in 2018.

Minute RC 2018-7: We **approve** the augmentations listed in the Finance Committee report presented [Attachment 5].

Minute RC 2018-8: We **approve** Finance committee's recommendation that the travel subsidy program continue unchanged for the 2018 Annual Session.

Minute RC 2018-8.1: Reflecting on the immense range of work undertaken, we **minute** our appreciation of the Communication Committee's good efforts.

Minute RC 2018-9: We **approve** the minute of travel, in English and Spanish, for Barbara Babin, who will travel to Mexico to visit Mexico City Monthly Meeting and attend the Reunion General de los amigos de Mexico.

Minute RC 2018-10: We **approve** as our Naming Committee for the coming year: Mica Estrada [Strawberry Creek][convenor], Claudia Kirkpatrick [Sacramento], and David Mackenzie [Orange Grove], with Elizabeth Bills [La Jolla] to serve as alternate.

Minute RC 2018-11: We **approve** the fee schedule for persons registering for the annual session 2018 at the same rates as last year.

Minute RC 2018-12: We **approve** the 2018 Annual Session budget as proposed in the Finance Committee Report [Attachment 5].

2018 Annual Session

Minute AS 2018-1: We approve the Pacific Yearly Meeting Website Policy statement as proposed by the Communications Committee in Attachment 7, to replace the Website Policy statement that was approved by PYM in 2007.

Minute AS 2018-2: We approve the Joint Proposal from Children's Program Committee, Ministry and Oversight Committee, and Nominating Committee, to create and charge an ad hoc committee to investigate issues regarding the Children's Program Coordinator position, as presented in Attachment 10. We approve the following to serve on the committee: Julie Harlow, Chamba Cooke, Sally Kingsland and Roy Allen.

Minute AS 2018-3: We approve the budget presented by Finance Committee in its revised form [Attachment 16] and now including the following amendments:

\$400 added to the Faith and Practice Revision line for increased travel

\$300 added to the Peace and Social Order line for travel

\$200 added to the Quaker Earthcare Witness line for travel

\$2,785 added to the Youth Programs personnel cost line for a 7.5% merit raise for the Youth Programs Coordinator.

Minute AS 2018-4: Pacific Yearly Meeting is considering affiliation with Friends General Conference but did not reach unity at the 2018 sessions. Among the reasons Friends felt in support of this step was the significant benefit our meetings gain from FGC's resources and services, at little or no cost. At the same time, concerns about cost of affiliation were raised. We ask our Ministry and Oversight Committee to direct our monthly meetings to consider whether PYM should affiliate with FGC, and to ask themselves what their Meeting would be led to contribute should Pacific Yearly Meeting approve such affiliation. It is understood that responses from each monthly meeting will reflect its financial resources. Over the next year we ask monthly meetings and worship groups to consider the financial information available about affiliating with FGC regarding number of delegates and levels of additional contribution per member.

Minute AS 2018-5: We approve the Nominating Slate as presented in Attachment 20.

Minute AS 2018-6: We approve the names brought to us for service on our Nominating Committee: William O'Connell [Las Vegas], for a term ending in 2020, Sue Torrey [Central Coast], Jorge Morales [San Jose], and Joe Magruder [Berkeley] for terms ending in 2021, and Sue Torrey to serve as Clerk for one year.