

Pacific Yearly Meeting Registrars Report to Representative Committee 2020

SUMMARY

Your registrars are preparing for Annual Session 2020 with an improved system for registration. This will address some of the operational and process issues encountered with the registration, check-in and event management processes. We will be inviting friends to view a walkthrough and demo of the new system in mid-March, with an intent to be prepared to start registration at least two months ahead of annual session.

2020 CHANGES

Here are the material differences in the registration system being used for 2020:

1. The new system will be more effective supporting the data and operational elements in the registration process. Our prior solution was limited in our ability to define and manage all of the information and activities involved, requiring substantial added manual processes with spreadsheets to handle most of the functions of the Registrar. This has resulted in some operational errors and many added hours for the registrars.
2. We have moved to a new registration system platform (from a WordPress-based platform to a system based on Wagtail, Python and MySQL). We have been able to implement a design for the system that matches our needs more fully, versus working within the constraints of WordPress, which is excellent for informational content management, but has proved not well suited for a relatively complex system like annual session registration and management.
3. Issues identified in 2019 with the registration process and operation will be addressed with the 2020 solution.

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