

## **Registrars Report**

### **Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session 2017**

Good afternoon, Friends!

I'm Heather Levien, one of your co-Registrars for 2017, and Rick Altherr was your second co-registrar this year. We want to thank you for being patient with the inevitable challenges we've faced this year and to celebrate a couple of new innovations.

This year, 287 people have attended PYM this year, with 56 being new attenders. We hope that everyone has taken the time to notice those first time attender stickers on the new PYMers name tags and paid some special attention to those people. If not, there's still time!

We have a new online registration system this year which was piloted into existence after many months of consideration and online meetings with the Electronic Communications Subcommittee of M&O convened by Lawrence Alderson, and aided by various others. The final product, as many of you will have seen, is very easy to use and lovely to look at. There are still some bugs in the system that some of your registrations alerted us to, and we hope to have those worked out by next year. We also want to express appreciation to Brylie Oxley for all of his efforts in designing the previous system, which we appreciate so much. Representative Committee approved the proposal for people to be able to pay their fees using PayPal, and those friends who used this option (about 20% of registrants), expressed appreciation for the option

Finally, we would like to express our great appreciation to the Berkeley Meeting members who have provided assistance to the Registrars, even though it was unclear that we would be able to pay much this year for a contract registration team, since we needed to pay for the coding of our new registration system. In particular, Joe Magruder has put in countless hours working as an unofficial Registrar, and we would like to thank him for this. He's been doing this for years, but he's usually the head of the Berkeley contract registration team. If we approve his nomination for Registrar, his work will finally be visible, and perhaps I can apply to lead the Berkeley contract registration team.

Thank you all again for your patience, your willingness to find alternatives and your good humor.

Heather Levien, co-Registrar