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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC)

AFSC is a non-profit corporation. It undertakes programs of reconciliation and relief in the wake of war and natural disasters. It works for social change in this country and world wide. It maintains a national headquarters in Philadelphia as well as regional offices throughout the United States. A national Board of Directors, members of which are mostly members of the Religious Society of Friends, sets the policy. A Regional Executive Committee oversees the work of the Regional Office. The Clerk of each regional Committee is a member of the National Board.

Each Yearly Meeting appoints persons to serve as representatives to AFSC. The primary responsibility of the representatives is to develop and maintain a close relationship between the AFSC and the Yearly Meeting.

Pacific Yearly Meeting appoints five persons to serve as representatives, each for a three-year term. Two are named each year. At least one appointee should be able to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation which is held in Philadelphia. One of the five representatives serves as a convener to give guidance about the appointment and to determine the division of travel funds among those who attend the meeting in Philadelphia.

To be qualified for appointment as a representative, a candidate (1) must have serious interest in AFSC; (2) be able financially and time-wise to travel to Philadelphia in November for the annual meeting; (3) be able to attend meetings of the Regional Executive Committee and/or meet with staffs of regional offices.

Tasks

- Attend annual meeting of AFSC Corporation in Philadelphia in November
- Prepare a report, in concert with other representatives to AFSC, for the annual session of Pacific Yearly Meeting
- May serve as convener for representatives
- Attend meetings of the Regional Executive Committee

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FRIENDS BULLETIN BOARD

Friends Bulletin is, and has been for the past 70 years, the official journal of the Friends on the West Coast, the Pacific Coast Association of Friends, and the successor organization to these, Pacific Yearly Meeting. In addition, it is now and has been since their formation the official journal for North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Intermountain Yearly Meeting. Previously it was published under the direction of a committee composed mostly of Pacific Yearly Meeting members. To equalize the association among the three Yearly Meetings, in 1994 *Friends Bulletin* incorporated as a non-profit religious corporation. The Board of the corporation now directs publication. It is composed of representatives from each of the three Yearly Meetings which the *Bulletin* serves.

Friends Bulletin is published ten times a year. It is the voice for the unprogrammed Friends in the Western United States. It is subsidized by the three Yearly Meetings, but it endeavors to be self-supporting through selling subscriptions and through solicitations for funds.

Pacific Yearly Meeting appoints three members to the Board. The term of office is three years, one member being appointed annually. One member should act as convener to guide the work and to divide travel funds among the Representatives. The Board's Clerk may come from any one of the three Yearly Meetings.

To be qualified for a position on the Board, a candidate must be a member of PYM. Desirable traits for Board members include knowledge of business and accounting applicable to a publishing enterprise, being well-read in literature and in Quaker writings, ability to work cooperatively with the editor of the *Bulletin*. The Representatives must be able to travel three weekends a year to attend the Board meetings. Members may be appointed to serve as Clerk or other corporate officer.

Tasks

- Attend meetings of the Board, the location of which cycles among the three Yearly Meetings. The Board of Directors is responsible for all activities of the corporation. These include:
 - Hiring and evaluating an editor to handle the day-to-day publishing and other operations of the corporation.
 - Establishing and revising the policies for corporate operations, including websites maintained by *Friends Bulletin*.
 - Providing oversight over the finances of the corporation by setting a budget and reviewing income and expenses.
 - Serving as liaison to their yearly meeting, providing reports, hearing concerns, soliciting the support of the yearly meeting and in general advocating for the work of the corporation.
 - Reading *Friends Bulletin* publications and providing feedback to the editor and the board.
 - Assisting the editor in raising funds through the solicitation of donors and writing thank you notes to donors.
 - Serving as an officer of the corporation as needed.

Work Involved

The Board currently meets twice a year, with the meeting location cycling between each of the three Yearly Meetings. Additional special meetings may be called if needed, but these are very rare. Board Meetings are generally held in September and February. The Board usually gathers on a Thursday afternoon, works Friday through Saturday, attends local Meeting for Worship on Sunday, and returns home Sunday afternoon or evening.

Very occasionally there is a conference phone call.

Email messages between meetings (not counting emails to acknowledge receipt of other emails)? 50 to 75

The committee keeps minutes of their meetings and makes reports to other bodies.

Little travel needed (besides to regular meetings) though it's nice to attend NPYM and IMYM annual sessions.

Fundraising is part of the Board Members' responsibilities. This may involve organizing fundraising events, writing letters, visiting potential donors, etc.

At PYM, the reps and the editor get together, perhaps for lunch. They may also hold an interest group.

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FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)

FCNL is the national voice for the testimonies and beliefs of the Religious Society of Friends, bringing spiritual values to bear on the political process. Its headquarters are in Washington, D.C. With its team of professional lobbyists, it works to eliminate militarism and social injustice, and to promote civil rights, environmental sustainability, better housing, education and health care. Policies are set by a General Committee of more than 200 Friends appointed by twenty-four Yearly Meetings and other Friends organizations. These represent all persuasions of Quakers from the evangelical to the unprogrammed. They develop policy, establish priorities for legislative lobbying, and approve programs. Statements of Policy are revised on an on-going basis. These are approved by the General Committee and guide all expressions of FCNL views.

FCNL publishes newsletters and background papers, and issues timely and informative calls for action to its grassroots constituency. It works cooperatively with other like-minded lobbying groups in Washington.

Pacific Yearly Meeting appoints six Friends for overlapping three-year terms. Two are appointed each year. These Representatives serve on the General Committee as liaisons between the Yearly Meeting and FCNL, facilitating mutual sharing of needs, concerns and information. One Representative serves as a convener to allocate travel reimbursement or travel support.

One Representative serves as a Convener. The Convener's responsibilities are:

- Prior to the annual meeting of FCNL, in consultation with the other representatives, to decide on a formula to allocate travel reimbursement or travel support among the representatives,
- At the FCNL annual meeting to call for a meeting of the California delegation,
- After the annual meeting to process the requests for financial reimbursement from the Representatives according to the guidelines provided by PYM treasurer,
- If possible, prior to the annual session of the Yearly Meeting, organize a meeting of the PYM representatives to help prepare a report to PYM and attend to other concerns, and finally,
- Have a meeting of the representatives at PYM annual session and submit the report to Yearly Meeting.

Qualifications for Representative include:

- Serious interest in Congressional legislation, and
- Financial and time-schedule ability to travel to Washington, DC, in November to attend the annual meeting.

Tasks

- Attend the annual meeting in Washington, DC, in November.
- Following the annual meeting of FCNL, promptly contact the "lapsed" donors in the California region on the list provided in (at least) one of the packets prepared by FCNL for that purpose.
- Prepare, in cooperation with the Convener, a report for the annual session of Yearly Meeting.
- Advocate for FCNL work and financial support in Monthly Meetings
- Keep up with the publications, specifically the monthly Washington Newsletter, and with weekly updates of information about Congressional legislation

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FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON UNITY WITH NATURE

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FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE

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FRIENDS HOUSE MOSCOW BOARD

Pacific Yearly Meeting has two representatives and one alternate on the board of Friends House Moscow, who are members ex officio of the East-West Relations Committee.

Tasks

- Yearly board and committee meetings in Moscow
- Fund raising and promotion, newsletter production and distribution, data base maintenance.
- Keeping up on reports from Moscow and keeping East-West Relations Committee informed.
- Visiting FGC and as many Yearly Meetings as possible

Time And Work Involved

At least 5 days in Moscow each year for board and committee meetings. It is recommended that it be closer to 2 weeks to allow time to visit programs we sponsor and spend time with staff. Meetings are held in a place which is handicap accessible and close to public transportation. However the restrooms in Moscow are not modified for accessibility.

Minimum average work is about _ hour a week (it comes in clumps), busier in October through December.

Phone calls are few, maybe 1 or 2 per month. E-mails are constant, 2-5 per day.

Members should meet with FHM Support Association, the US fund-raising non-profit. They meet only about once yearly for 3-4 hours in a place convenient to all members and do all other business by e-mail.

All expenses are covered for this work. Minutes of meetings are kept.

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FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS PROJECT BOARD

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FRIENDS UNITED MEETING

Pacific Yearly Meeting appoints one Representative to FUM for one three-year term. The Representative receives written materials from FUM meetings and becomes familiar with them. The Representative attends the FUM Triennial and provides a written report to Yearly Meeting.

NOTE: In the past it was not clear that the FUM Rep needs to serve for three years so as to be able to attend the Triennial.

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FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION (FWCC)

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) is a world-wide body of diverse Yearly Meetings which acts in a consultative capacity to promote better understanding among the different groups of Friends. These are: the Asia-West Pacific; European-Middle East; Africa; and the Section of the Americas, which meets annually on the weekend closest to March 17. The global organization meets triennially. Through these gatherings and through conferences, inter-visitations and publications, Friends seek ways to understand and cherish the diversity of language, culture and custom among the Sections and the varying worship traditions worldwide.

FWCC publishes a directory and a calendar of Yearly Meetings throughout the world. It sponsors the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage and is affiliated with the Quaker United Nations offices in New York and Geneva.

Pacific Yearly Meeting appoints five Friends as Representatives to the Section of the Americas for overlapping three-year terms and appoints three Representatives to the triennial gathering for worship and business. The Representatives name one of their members to serve as convener and one to be an ex-officio member of the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.

Since FWCC is a volunteer organization, the Section of the Americas encourages the Representatives to serve on the committees of the Section. As much as possible, the term of office as Representative should coincide with the term of service on a Section committee. Service to the Section ends at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Section of the Americas following the Representative's end of term for the Pacific Yearly Meeting. This means that a PYM Representative's term ends in August but the Representative continues serving on an FWCC committee through the March annual meeting of the following year.

Representatives need to be sensitive and alert to the possibilities of organizing activities, such as regional gatherings, where Friends can meet face to face.

Tasks

- Attend the annual meeting of the Section of the Americas.
- Serve on an FWCC committee or be part of its working group. (Do specific tasks for the core committee which meets and plans the committee's work).
- Assist the convener in making a written and/or plenary report of FWCC activities at the annual session of PYM.
- Sponsor interest or working groups at PYM.
- Organize a display table at PYM (and at Quarterly Meetings when possible).
- Assist with fundraising in a local geographic area (see Section III of the FWCC Representative Handbook).
- May act as Convener of PYM Representatives.
- May act as FWCC Representative on the PYM Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.
- May host and introduce FWCC visitors at PYM annual session and at other times during the year.

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REUNION GENERAL DE LOS AMIGOS EN MEXICO REPRESENTATIVE

Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico includes both unprogrammed and pastoral Friends in Mexico. It meets every 18 months for fellowship, sharing and mutual support. The Yearly Meeting appoints one Friend to attend who is also an ex officio member of the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.