

**LEYM Executive Committee**  
**Meeting before Representative Meeting, March 8, 2024**

Present: Susan Loucks (clerk), Peggy Daub (recording clerk), Rick Adams, Stephanie Charlot, Jeff Cooper, Flo Friender, Tom Kangas, Shelley Kotz, Diane Mott, Joanne Neuroth, Clemence Ravaçon Mershon, Jon Sommer, Sally Weaver Sommer, Bill Warters

The Meeting began at 5 pm. All attended online. The purpose of the meeting was to plan content for the business part of the Representative Meeting.

**EC24-1-1** Bill Warters reported that 19 people have registered for Representative Meeting so far.

**EC24-1-2** Susan said she will propose a Naming Committee and invited Friends to send her suggestions of those who might serve.

**EC24-1-3** Rick Adams presented a report from the Nominating Committee. (The report is attached.)

Although the committee has reached out to numerous people, they have not found anyone yet led to accept responsibilities for clerk or assistant clerk. They asked that some action be taken to lower the number of people expected to serve on committees, as this is a structural problem in the yearly meeting that comes up repeatedly.

Stephanie Charlot added a plea for new members to serve on Nominating Committee. People who know a lot of people would be helpful, though a variety of skills among the committee works best.

**EC24-1-4** Jeff Cooper presented a report from the Publications & Archives Committee. (The report is attached.)

The Committee is prepared to propose putting a revised version of the *Annual Records* online this year. The Directory would be removed, avoiding public display of contact information. There might also be places where names of children would need to be removed in accordance with our existing policies (e.g., at the end of the children's epistle). Permission from the plenary speaker to have their talk represented online would be needed. Monthly meetings should be asked if they have any concerns with putting State of the Meeting reports online. It was clarified that the proposal is for this year's AR, not back issues. Ministry & Nurture Committee can ask clerks of monthly meetings if they have any concerns with this proposal.

The Committee also requests that if our committees retain their current structure, they should review how they are described in *Policies and Procedures* and provide updated language, as needed.

**EC24-1-5** Joanne Neuroth reported for the Finance Committee that they are reviewing funds intended for special purposes that are not being used.

## **ATTACHED REPORTS:**

### **LEYM Nominating Committee Report to Executive Committee for 3.8.24 Mtg**

Regarding the preliminary slate for 2024, we are still working to confirm a small handful of nominees to fill terms expiring in 2024. Except for Clerk and Asst Clerk, the overall slate for 2024 looks pretty solid.

However, we wish to highlight the gap that has existed for years between the number of people P&P wants on different committees and the number of people that are active in the YM. We urge YM to think about how we can restructure committees more substantively so that whatever might be decided at 2024 Rep meeting about structure can be implemented in 2025 when many terms are expiring. It will be a much bigger lift in subsequent years if we delay looking at how committees are staffed.

Lastly, we would like mention that nominating committee has two open positions now and two members (Wink Covintree and Rick Adams) will not be continuing when their current terms expire after rise of annual sessions 2024 which will then leave two active members: Stephanie Charlot (2025) and Mike Hinshaw (2026).

### **Publications & Archives Committee Report to Executive Committee, March 8, 2024**

1. We are pleased to announce that Elise Yoder has agreed to edit the *2024 Annual Records*. I told her we would try to get items to her in a more timely way this year, and hope we can make good on this request.
2. Following up on a suggestion, we recommend producing a separate pdf version of the *Annual Records* with the Directory removed, for posting on the website. In addition to removing the Directory, there are two sections that would need slight editing:
  - 1) Children's epistles are sometimes "signed" by all the children in an age group. Current policy precludes providing names of children on the website without prior approval of their parent or guardian. Given that often several children are named on each epistle, the best solution is probably to remove those names – perhaps stating "signed by (X number of) children" – rather than seeking permission for each.
  - 2) Posting transcriptions or summaries of plenary talks would require obtaining permission from the speaker(s).These changes would require only a little more work and no additional cost. Sharing thoughts, suggestions, and concerns regarding this recommendation is welcome. We also considered a suggestion that all or parts of *Annual Records* appear *only* online but ultimately decided that it should continue as a print publication.
3. Finally, we're not sure what to expect from the discussion of committee/clerking structure at Representative Meeting. IF we move forward with our committee structure intact, then we would like to invite standing committees to look at the description of their committee in *Policies and Procedures*, and suggest changes to reflect current practice. Depending on the degree of recommended change, this may ultimately need to go before the Meeting for approval at Annual Sessions.