

**Intermountain Yearly Meeting
Executive Committee
At Mountain View Meeting, Denver
September 15, 2007**

Attending:

Penny Thron-Weber [IMYM Clerk]; Annette Kowal [IMYM Assisting Clerk]; Tom Kowal [IMYM-Ghost Ranch Liaison, and acting as EC Recording Clerk]; David Henkel [Ministry and Counsel]; Jim Mills [Web Co-Clerk]; Pat Easterling and Brenda Chung [2008 Co-Registrars]; Joann Pierson [Interest Groups]; Rand Hirschi [Continuing Committee Clerk]; Gretchen Reinhardt [Children's Yearly Meeting Clerk]; Rebecca Henderson [Outgoing IMYM Clerk]; Rob Pierson [Interest Groups]; Eric Wright [Outgoing CC Clerk]; Barb Stephens [Incoming Treasurer]; Fran Boler and Joanne Cowan [Outgoing Registrars]; Bob Schroeder [Finance Clerk]; Eileen Haney [Operations]; Valerie Ireland [Co-Clerk CYM]; Jerry Peterson [Worship Sharing]; John Kretzmann [Outgoing Treasurer]

Note: Please see *IMYM.org* site [Executive Committee page] for committee reports and other documents referenced below.

1. Meeting opened with silence. The Clerk read this query: "How do we nourish the spirit that allows us to serve the Yearly Meeting?"
2. Introductions
3. **EC 07-01: Annette Kowal was approved by the Executive Committee as Assisting Clerk of IMYM.**
4. Rand Hirschi reported on the IMYM 07 Evaluation Survey. Junior Young Friends was the highest-rated activity. The Survey results are available on the website. Several improvements to procedures were suggested and noted for follow-up by responsible officers. These included the Bulletin, facilitating newcomers' and campers' participation, facilitating use of "scholarship" funds, food choices and requirements
5. Gretchen Reinhardt and Valerie Ireland gave the Junior Yearly Meeting report. Discussion: keeping and fostering a sense of a loving community among young and older Friends at IMYM, while responding to concerns for security and safety of children. **EC 07-02: A working group is established to work on policies and procedures for assuring personal safety within a loving community at IMYM and among Friends. Members of this working group are: David Henkel, Gretchen Reinhardt, Penny Thron-Weber, Eileen Haney, Jerry Peterson. Jane Kroesen will be asked to join the group as well.**
6. Eileen Haney gave the JYF report. Pima Monthly Meeting has offered to provide Friendly Adult Presence and organizing assistance to JYF for IMYM 2008. EC expressed its appreciation for this generous offer.
7. Senior Young Friends representatives are abroad; Penny Thron-Weber read their report. Discussion on possibilities for responding to SYF's and vegans' request for kitchen facilities, and improvements to sleeping and gathering facilities. Responsible officers [Tom Kowal, Penny Thron-Weber, the Registrars and Operations] will follow up with SYF representatives and Ghost Ranch.

8. Jerry Peterson gave the Worship Sharing Group report. Discussion on keeping the WSG times, including the afternoon Intergenerational groups, free of other formally scheduled activity. We also hope to facilitate IMYM officers' participation in WSG, and the Spanish WSG.
9. Rob Pierson reported on Interest Groups. Discussion was around balancing the breadth of IG offerings with the number that can be accommodated in the time available.
10. Eileen Haney gave the Operations Report. Discussion: communications, access to campground and mesa. **Any issues needing to be addressed at Tom Kowal's winter meeting with Gary Salazar [Ghost Ranch] should be sent to Tom [tomandannette@comcast.net] and Eileen Haney [eileen-haney@cox.net] by November 15.**
11. Penny read the report for the Bookstore. Discussion: Joanne will collect data re: loss of 2007 books for decision at Continuing Committee. Source of books will be decided by Marilyn Hayes in consultation with the Clerk.
12. Gretchen reported on carpooling arrangements. Discussion on reducing our carbon footprint, and coordination of rides from Albuquerque airport – perhaps a blog could be set up to facilitate.
13. Lunch!
14. Registrar's report was given by Joanne Cowan and Fran Boler. Appreciation to all the volunteers. Synching communications across computers and the web was a challenge. Discussion: How to handle late registrations; reminder to Friends that meeting timelines for registration is a matter of integrity and consideration for our community [especially the Registrars]. Accommodating Friends who commute or come for one or two days only.
15. Registrar Support Committee report was read by Penny. The 2008 Registrars accepted the appointment conditional on a diminished job scope. The report included two recommendations.
Recommendation 1:
EC 07-03: A one-time, temporary Annual Gathering Packet Coordinator is approved by Executive Committee. Eileen Haney volunteered to fill this role.
Recommendation 2: That the registration support committee meet prior to Continuing Committee and submit a plan to CC for registration task divisions among jobs, including options for on-line and/or contracted registration.,
EC 07-04: Charlene Weir, Jim Hoffman, and Joanne Cowan [Convenor] and Phil Brewster will serve as a Long-Term Registration Planning committee to address identified issues [ref: EC 06-15], and report with recommendations to Continuing Committee.
EC 07-05: \$1000 is allocated from IMYM funds to use by the Registrars for making modifications to the registration software system.
16. Jim Mills gave the WebClerk report. [ref: IMYM CC 05-06] **Website pages, such as EC materials, can be accessed by entering first initial and last name in the log-on and password windows.** The WebTeam has become somewhat inactive in terms of development, but is maintaining the sites. As dependence on the website increases, additional resources may be necessary; the current WebTeam budget of \$500 per year is sufficient for current operations, and is requested for renewal, along with re-appointment of Jim Mills as WebClerk.

EC 07-06: Jim Mills is re-appointed as WebClerk for the next year, and \$500 is approved for the WebTeam 2008 budget.

EC 07-07: The Executive Committee deeply appreciates the faithful leadership of Ted Church in bringing IMYM.org into fruition as a highly functional tool for fulfilling a variety of communication needs of the Yearly Meeting.

17. Cynthia Smith's report from the Committee to Revise the Guide was read by Jim Mills. Recommendations include; to change this committee's name to the Committee on Procedures: and, changing the name of the Guide to Operations to the Guide to Procedures.

EC 07-08: The "Committee to Revise the Guide" name is changed to the "Committee on Procedures"; and, the name of the "Guide to Operations" is changed to the "Guide to Procedures."

EC 07-09: Executive Committee recognizes and appreciates the talented and skilled on-going work of Jim Mills on the IMYM website and the Guide.

18. Annette Kowal gave the Nominating Committee Report. Discussion: Given that JYF coordination has been assumed by a Monthly Meeting [Pima], how will the next year's coordination be arranged? Suggestion is that the next MM to assume this role be identified prior to start of IMYM and "shadow" the operation of JYF for the year prior to their assumption.
19. Affiliation with Quaker Earth Care Witness was addressed. Discussion: ECW is currently examining its own organization and mission; is this an individual calling, or one that calls IMYM as a body? The Clerk will communicate with Ruah Swennerfeldt of QEW on how they are doing.
20. Clerk Penny Thron-Weber reported that she has made contact with Friends' General Conference to begin the process of IMYM affiliation with FGC and possible visitation from FGC during Continuing Committee.
- 21. EC 07-10: Executive Cimmittee sets January 12-13, 2008 for Continuing Committee, in either Boulder or Albuquerque, the site to be determined after consultation among the Clerk and those meetings' representatives.**

NOTE added October, 2007—Continuing Committee will meet on Jan 26-27 in Albuquerque.

22. Ministry and Counsel report was given by David Henkel. See attachments.
23. IMYM Committee for American Friends Service Committee: Jim Mills reviewed the history of this committee and recommendations for modification of its composition and role.
- EC 07-11: Executive Committee forwards to Continuing Committee its recommendation to accept the AFSC Committee's Draft revision to the Guide's section on this committee's organization and responsibilities, with recommendation to add to item 6 under "Responsibilities" the following: "... and receiving and carrying IMYM concerns and initiatives to the AFSC Corporation."**
24. Penny reported on possibilities for the 2008 IMYM Speaker. Discussion: costs, alternatives.
- EC 07-12: The Clerk is asked to invite Leah Green to speak on Compassionate**

Listening, and to continue exploring potential for her Early Days participation, perhaps in coordination with Ghost Ranch programming.

25. John Kretzmann gave the Treasurer's report. Discussion: Reserves and levels of expenditures.

EC 07-13: Executive Committee accepts the Treasurer's report and minutes its appreciation for John's excellent work as Treasurer over the past three years.

26. Bob Schroeder gave the Finance Committee report. Discussion: reduction of carbon footprints for travel of IMYM representatives and officers; registration and other cost waivers for officers and part-time attenders of YM; assuring that potential barriers to participation in IMYM do not deprive the community of Friends' attendance.

27. Fall Queries

Discussion: Are Friends satisfied with our individual and collective response to peace, human rights and social justice concerns of our time and place? What is the appropriate IMYM response to these concerns?. What can Friends do re: Iraq war? How do we as Quakers respond to the needs we see around us? How do we develop and employ our spiritual grounding and effectiveness in this work? What are we called to do? Earthcare.

Governmental border policies aimed at Latinos are connected to curtailment of civil rights generally, a fear/military state mentality and to reductions in funding to health, education and human welfare.

Intergenerational nurturing – staying involved with older members. Re-involving 20- 30-somethings.

“How do we nourish the spirit that allows us to serve the Yearly Meeting?”

How to assure that potential barriers to participation in IMYM do not deprive the community of Friends' attendance

Concerns regarding management and development of large, and small, meetings. How the YM can assist.

EC 07-14: Rand Hirschi as Continuing Committee Clerk, with assistance of Penny Thron-Weber IMYM Clerk, will prepare and distribute the Fall Queries.

Minutes prepared by Tom Kowal and Sara Keeney.

ATTACHMENT

Ministry and Counsel Report to Executive Committee, 9-15-07

Ministry and Counsel met three times during the Annual Gathering 2007.

A person from Junior Young Friends brought forward a concern related to potential abuse.

After initial prayerful consideration, M and C was joined by two Friends with professional psychological training and experience with such issues at the invitation of the committee. These two Friends helped mightily in sorting through the reality of the concerns and appropriate responses for the immediate and longer term safety of the individuals and resolution of the dynamics through direct support from the individuals' Monthly Meeting.

Subsequent to the Annual Gathering the Monthly Meeting in question has continued to work with and be tender to the situation of these Friends.

The previously raised (prior to 2006) concern related to promoting general Inter-visitation between IMYM Friends and Monthly Meetings was laid aside as Meetings had not responded to the earlier proposal to invite interest in this via the IMYM website.

Submitted by David Henkel, Clerk to Ministry and Counsel