

Consent Agenda  
Summer Sessions 2018

1. Nominating Committee Report

Minuted: The nominating committee roster is approved.

2. Interim Actions Report from Clerk and General Secretary

Minuted: The interim actions report is received.

3. First Reading, Revisions to By-Laws (Trustees)

Minuted: The revisions to the by-laws have received their first reading.

(For those who were not in business on Monday, here is the minute on the Trustee's introduction of these changes:

To set the context for the changes to the by-laws of NYYM being recommended to the body, Trustee Roseann Press (Housatonic) began by reading a quotation from Wm Penn *Some Fruits of Solitude*, "The humble, meek, merciful, pious and devout souls are everywhere of one religion, and when death has taken off the mask they will know one another though the divers liveries they wear here makes them strangers. This world is a form; our bodies are form; and no visible act of devotion can be without forms. But the less form in religion, the better, since God is a spirit....

Our Yearly Meeting is a legal entity defined by the laws of New York State.

Roseann introduced the revision to the by-laws of New York Yearly Meeting. She assured the body that the changes do not alter the responsibilities of the Yearly Meeting and the Trustees.

In summary, Trustees propose revising the Yearly Meeting's By-Laws to accomplish three goals: (1) clarifying and distinguishing between the identity of the "officers" of the corporation for certain legal and financial matters and the "officers" of the Society for the spiritual concerns of the Body; (2) increasing the maximum size of the Board of Trustees from seven to ten Trustees so that a broader diversity of Friends and skills can be represented on the Board; and (3) shortening the length of a Trustee's term from five years to four years and reducing the number of terms a Trustee can serve consecutively from three terms to two terms, which will reduce the total number of consecutive years a Friend can serve as a Trustee from fifteen to eight years, in order to increase the transparency of and opportunities for participation in the work of Trustees.

This revision is on the consent agenda for Thursday; the second reading will come to Fall Sessions.)