

## CONSENT AGENDA FOR NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING

SUMMER SESSIONS, JULY 19–25, 2015

The items below are for Friends' consideration in preparation for meeting for worship with attention to business on Wednesday night, July 22. At that time Friends will be asked whether we can act on the items without discussion. Prior to that time, Friends are expected to familiarize themselves with the Consent Agenda by reading the written material pertaining to each item.

Any questions, comments, or concerns should be addressed with the Friend(s) listed as available for consultation below. Contact information is available in the NYYM *Yearbook*. During Summer Sessions, a message can be left for the contact person on the message board inside the Inn, adjacent to the NYYM conference center.

If discussion with the contact person does not resolve concerns about an item or nomination, those issues are to be brought to the Yearly Meeting Clerk directly and immediately by either the concerned Friend or the contact person before our business session on Wednesday night. That item or proposed appointment will be removed from the consent agenda.

The Clerk then discerns whether to return the item to its originating committee, or to bring it to the Meeting for discussion.

<b>Decision concerning</b>	<b>Information available</b>	<b>Friends available for consultation</b>	<b>Actions Proposed (to be Recorded as YM minutes)</b>
1. Nominations for service	Posted on Inn porch by 1pm on Tuesday; reposted with any changes by 1pm on Wednesday	Elaine Learnard and Deb Wood, co-clerks, Nominating Committee	Friends are being asked to approve nominations to Yearly Meeting Committees, officer positions, and as representatives to other bodies, as listed for review.
2. Requests for release from service	Posted on Inn porch by 1pm on Tuesday; reposted with any changes by 1pm on Wednesday	Elaine Learnard and Deb Wood, co-clerks, Nominating Committee	Friends are being asked to accept requests for release from Yearly Meeting service as listed for review.
3. Proposed <i>Handbook</i> page for NYYM Trustees	On page 2 following	Linda Houser, clerk, NYYM Trustees	This <i>Handbook</i> page has been amended to include appointment of a Trustee to the Audit Committee. Friends are being asked to approve the change.

## Handbook page—Trustees

### NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING—CORPORATION AND TRUSTEES (2008)

#### Purposes & Objectives

New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is organized and conducts its business affairs under the guidance of the book of Faith and Practice of New York Yearly Meeting. It is incorporated under Section 15 of the New York State Religious Corporation Law for the purpose of holding title and administering properties, both real and personal, belonging to the Yearly Meeting or subject to its direction and disposition. All members of the Yearly Meeting are members of the corporation, and any business meeting of the Yearly Meeting constitutes a meeting of the corporation.

#### Functions & Activities

The Yearly Meeting assigns to a Board of Trustees all business matters relating to property transactions, including specific management of bequests and deeds of trusts received by the Yearly Meeting in a fiduciary capacity. It has adopted By-laws for Trustees (see *Faith and Practice*), which prescribe the duties of trustees and general regulations for conduct of their business. These include appointment of their own officers, consisting of a clerk/president, a secretary, and a treasurer of trustees, and the appointment within their number of an investment committee for interim supervision and decisions concerning the investment of funds.

#### Organization & Method of Appointment

The Board of Trustees is composed of a minimum of five and a maximum of seven trustees with individual terms of five years, and rotating dates of termination, so that one or two trustees are appointed each year. Recommendations for these appointments are made by the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee, and they are approved by the Yearly Meeting. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting of Summer, Fall, or Spring Sessions. Trustees are eligible for two successive reappointments of five years each, for a total of fifteen years. Officers are appointed as described above. The trustees name a representative to the General Services Coordinating Committee **and a representative to the Audit Committee (but this representative cannot be the Treasurer of the Trustees).**

#### Meeting Times & Places

The Trustees meet annually, usually on the first Saturday in April, and they frequently hold one or more additional meetings during the year, according to need. They report annually, usually to the summer session of Yearly Meeting, concerning the status of funds under their care and the disbursements of income to the several beneficiaries of the trust funds. They may be asked to make interim reports to any session of the Yearly Meeting.

#### Finances

Custodial fees, bookkeeping, and other expenses, except costs of securities transactions, are paid out of the income from the pooled trust funds.