

**New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Permanent Board Minutes
August 7, 2014
Castleton College, Castleton, Vermont**

14-64 Opening Worship: Friends gathered in worship at the close of our 354th sessions, weary but full of spirit.

14-65 Roll Call: The Recording Clerk called the roll:

Present: Holly Baldwin, Travis Belcher, Deana Chase, Jacqui Clark, Susan Davies, Jeremiah Dickinson, Justice Erikson, Christopher Gant, Sarah Gant, Ben Guaraldi, Ian Harrington, Jan Hoffman, Nancy Isaacs, Sandy Isaacs, Leanna Kantt, Allan Kohrman, Rocky Malin, Christopher McCandless, Jean McCandless, Bruce Neumann, Elias Sánchez-Eppler, Karen Sánchez-Eppler, Suzanna Schell, Sara Smith, Becky Steele, Carolyn Stone, Philip Stone, Elizabeth Szatkowski, Bill Walkauskas, Donn Weinholtz, Fritz Weiss, Rosemary Zimmermann,

Regrets: Virginia Bainbridge, Aimee Belanger, Galen Hamann, Rebecca Leuchak, Patricia Shotwell, Shearman Taber (Clerk of Finance), Hannah Zwirner.

Ex-officio: Edward Baker (Westerly, Clerk of Personnel), Noah Baker Merrill (Putney, Yearly Meeting Secretary), Jacqueline Stillwell (Monadnock, Presiding Clerk).

Visitors: Muriel Farrar (Gonic), Andrew Grannell (Portland), Arthur Zimmerman (So. Starksboro)

14-66 YM nominating. Christopher McCandless reported that the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee has struggled and continues to struggle with the nominating process, and the expectations of finding friends to serve. They are looking forward to the results of Structural Review and are hopeful of a beneficial impact on nominating.

We heard that the Quaker Youth Education Committee is re-imagining its work and is restructuring itself. Until that work is complete, the Nominating Committee will refrain from adding members. Christopher presented the full nominating slate (deferred to PB from Sessions). Friends **approved** the slate. Slate attached.

14-67 New Members. Holly welcomed the new members of Permanent Board. As is our custom, we appointed mentors, whose responsibility is to help the new member become familiar and comfortable with the work of PB. One Friend suggested that pictures of PB members on the PB page of neym.org would be useful. We appointed the following mentors: for Chris Gant: Suzanna Schell, for Elizabeth Szatkowski: Beckey Steele with input from Phil Stone (Becky's mentor), for Jacqui Clark: Susan Davies, for Ian Harrington and Bill Walkauskas: Donn Weinholtz, for Ginny Bainbridge: Edward Baker, for Shearman Taber (in-coming clerk of finance): Ben Guaraldi.

Rocky Malin and Elias Sánchez-Eppler requested new mentors, as their previous mentors have moved off the Committee. Christopher McCandless offered to work with Rocky, and Sandy Isaacs will be Elias's new mentor.

14-68 Minutes from Aug. 2 Meeting: The recording clerk, confessing that he had not finished the minutes from Aug 2, read a portion of Minute 14-50 seeking confirmation that he had captured the sense of the meeting. Minutes from that Meeting will be considered in their entirety at our September Meeting.

14-69 YM Secretary Report: Noah Baker Merrill reported with joy, enthusiasm, and with fatigue: We had Sessions! He recalled ministry in worship during the Sessions Committee meeting at which the decision was made to come to Castleton, voicing a clear sense that this could be a place for our YM to grow, and thrive, and change. Noah affirmed the work of so many who helped both the move and this year's Sessions happen.

In response to questions, Noah suggested that, with only a few exceptions, things went quite well this year. While we do not have final figures, income, including equalization, exceeded expectations, while costs were lower than at Bryant. Finally he praised the NEYM staff, who are working well, and working well together, at the same time acknowledging that some were working beyond sustainability, a concern they hope to address this year.

14-70 Sessions Minutes: Karen Sánchez-Eppler, Recording Clerk at Sessions, presented several minutes that had not been approved on the floor of sessions. We heard minutes for:

- The reading of Epistles at the final gathering,
- Our continued work on our financial relationship with FUM
- Sessions statistics/Pay-as-led
- Closing message

These minutes were **approved**. We also **approved** the Epistle and the Memorial Minutes. One Friend encouraged forwarding the FUM minute to the M&C working party for use in their continued discernment work

14-71 Thanks to Castleton: Our Presiding Clerk, intending to write a letter of appreciation to Castleton College, asked for input. Friends reflected on the beautiful surroundings and on the college's rapid response to issues that arose, but spoke most clearly about the friendliness of the staff. In the interest of adjourning in a timely fashion, but not out of a deficit of things to praise, the clerk was forced to cut this discussion off.

14-72 Presiding Clerk Report: Jackie communicated her gratitude to staff, and to *everyone* who has served the Yearly Meeting this year, noting that while some will step down and take a rest, others will step up.

14-73 Development Committee: Sara Smith reported that the Development Committee received \$6K in further donations during Sessions, and expect more from the Give-

Monthly program. They are looking for feedback on envelopes passed out earlier in the week.

Due to a change in the provider of our recurring contribution service, they will be calling all of those currently on the program to re-sign up, at which time they will be encouraged to give more. They will also be encouraging all who have given, to give monthly.

One friend suggested using the momentum of Sessions to send a message of need, perhaps distributing it to PB members to convey to our MM's.

14-74 Financial Stability: Responding to a request from Sessions that PB prepare and maintain a five-year financial plan for the yearly Meeting, the clerk asked for a few Friends to outline a process for how this work can go forward. They would work with representatives from the Finance, Development, Personnel, and Coordinating and Advisory committees. Becky Steele, Sandy Isaacs, and Ben Guaraldi offered to take this on. Friends **approved**.

14-75 Legacy Discernment Committee: Given approval of the Legacy Discernment Committee's recommendations at Sessions, and understanding that Nominating Committee is working on populating the new Legacy Gift Committee, Friends **approved** laying down the ad-hoc Legacy Discernment Committee. Great appreciation was expressed to Suzanna Schell and the whole committee for their long and faithful work.

One friend voiced the hope that the materials from their work would remain available on the website.

14-76 Travel Minute: The clerk read a travel minute from Weare MM, for Marian Baker's travel to Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Friends **approved** the clerk endorsing this minute.

14-77 Closing Worship: As we settled into closing worship, the clerk reminded us of our responsibility to live into our callings to service on Permanent Board, encouraging us to read, to pay attention, and to listen to God's call to go deeper.

14-78 Future meetings: Permanent Board meetings for the 2014-2015 year will be:

- September 27, 2014 at North Fairfield MM
- November 15, 2014
- February 21, 2015
- May 9, 2015
- August 1, 2015 Castleton College

Holly Baldwin, Clerk

Bruce Neumann, Recording Clerk

Attached, nominating Slate. Note that **Bold** font is new nominations, ***Bold Italic*** are nominations to second term, and **red** represents changes to Advance Documents.

Permanent Board

2015

Belanger, Aimee (Wport)
Guaraldi, Benjamin (B Hill)
Hamann, Galen (Camb)
Hoffman, Jan (MTob)
Leuchak, Rebecca (Prov)
Shotwell, Patricia (Well)
Zimmermann, Rosemary (Put)

2016

Gant, Sarah (B Hill)
Isaacs, Sandy (Mon)
Isaacs, Nancy (Mon)
Neumann, Bruce (FPon)
Sánchez-Eppler, Elias (Nham)
Weiss, Fritz (Han)
Bainbridge, Virginia (N Lon)

2017

Baldwin, Holly (FPon)
Belcher, Travis (Mon)
Sánchez-Eppler, Karen (Nham)
Schell, Suzanna (B Hill)
Smith, Sara (Con)
Zwirner, Hannah (B Hill)
Szatkowski, Elizabeth (Port)

2018

Davies, Susan (Vass)
Dickinson, Jeremiah (Well)
Erikson, Justice (MTob)
Kantt, Leanna (Fpon)
Malin, Rocky (Smith)
McCandless, Jean (Bur)
Steele, Rebecca (Port)
Weinholtz, Donn (Hart)

2019

Clark, Jacqui (Vass)
Gant, Christopher (Bhill)
Harrington, Ian (Cam)
Walkauskas, William (NHav)
Stone, Phillip (Worc)
Stone, Carolyn (Well)
Kohrman, Allan (Well)
Chase, Deana (Wport)

Committee on Aging

2015

Barker, Virginia (Con)
Campbell, Don (MtTob)
Penzer, Martha (Bur)

2016

Hersey, Allie (Mon)
Mendes, Anita (Con)
Zwirner, Mary (B Hill)

2017

Brokaw, Fran (Han)

Archives & Historical Records

2015

McDaniel, Donna (Fram)

Angelini, Mary Frances (Fham)

Manzella, Marilyn (Fham)

2016

Slator, Nancy (Mtob)

2017

Crosby, Eileen (MTob)

Forsythe, Carol (Put)

Quirk, Brian (Law)

Board of Managers of Investments & Permanent Funds

2015

McKnight, Jeanne S. (Well)

Spivey, Rowan (Brun)

2016

Hackman, Matthew (Prov)

Spivey, Robb (Brun)

2017

Edgerly, Elizabeth (Prov)

Malin, Kathy (Smith)

2018

Clark, Brian (Fram)

Mair, Ed (Ames)

2019

Pang, Andrew (Well)

Tierney, Joe (Cam)

Correspondence

2015

Appleton, Lisa (MTob)

Norton, Bonnie (Well)

2016

Mendes, Anita (Con)

Furry, Susan (Smith)

2017

Weiss, Lynne (Camb)

Cox, Louis (Burl)

Development

2015

McKenna Moss, Jonah (Bhill)

Windwalker, Delia (FPon)

2016

Malin, Rocky (Smith)

Schwope, Martha (Well)

Smith, Sara (Conc)

2017

Meadows, Lucy (B Hill)

Earthcare Ministry

2015

Cox, Louis (Burl)

MacKenzie, Rebecca (QCU)

Swennerfelt, Ruah (Burl)

Zwirner, Rodman (Mon)

2016

Killam-Abell, Phyllis (Dov)

Warner, Ben (Camb)

Haines, Christopher (Fpon)

2017

Holcombe, William (Sand)

Millar, David (Bur)

Stoner, Kim (NHav)

Faith and Practice Revision

Armstrong, Douglas (Act)

Athearn, Marion (Wport)

Burley, Clarence (Worc)

Clement, Daphne (Dur)

Coletta, David (Camb)

Davies, Susan (Vass)

Edmondson, Maggie (Wint)

Edwards, Eric (WFal)

Evans, Kristna (NSho)

Godway, Eleanor (Hart)

Haines, David (Well)

Haase, Ken (B Hill)

Hoffman, Jan (MTob)

Hubner, Sara (Gon)

McCosker, Phebe (Han)

Reilly, Susan (Lew)

Williams, Greg (B Hill)

Finance

2015

Farrar, Muriel (Gon)

Olsen, Kathy (Sand)

Savery, Carol (Hart)

2016

Connaire, Christine (Camb)

Bennett, Dulany (Han)

Sazama, Jerry (Stor)

Taber, Shearman (B Hill)

Allen, Kimberly (Dur)

2017

Dickinson, Jeremiah (Well)

Gentile, Ralph (Law)

Isaacs, Sandy (Mon)

Sánchez-Eppler, Elias (Nham)

Kantt, Elizabeth (FPond)

Friends Camp

2015

Atkinson, Alicia (Camb)

Erikson, Tricia

Marstaller, David (Dur)

2016

Rogers, Michael

2017

Belcher, Travis (Mon)

Friends General Conference Committee

2015

Haines, David (Well)

Mick, Don (NHav)

Wright, Penelope (Han)

2016

Person, Elise (Camb)

2017

Reindrieu, Michelle (Wells)

Reddy, Clark (B Hill)

Nutting, Peter (Vass)

Anick, David (Camb)

Friends United Meeting Committee

Baker, Marian (Weare)

Smith, Jay (Con)

Weaver, Harold (Well)

Baker-Merrill, Noah (Put)

Stillwell, Jackie (Mon)

Zimmermann, Rosemary (SStar)

Matchette, Abby (Burl)

Vogel-Borne, Jonathan (Cam)

General Board Representatives

Collins-Dodd, Ann (Win)

Hasse, Ken (Bhill)

Manning, Leslie (Dur)

Friends World Committee for Consultation

2015

Humphries, Debbie (Hart)

Shippen, Nancy (FPon)

Goldberger, Judy (BHill)

2016

Ganung, Cynthia (Well)

Grannell, Dorothy (Port)

Moran, Natally (Smith)

2017

Vogel-Borne, Jonathan (Camb)

Hopkins, Mary (Camb)

Ministry & Counsel At-Large

2015

Cooley, Margaret (MTob)

Gorton, Beth (QCU)

Randall, Allison (Keen)

Sazama, Gerald (Stor)

2016

Williams, Carl (Plain)

Nortonsmith, Heidi (Nham)

Jennings, Will (Bhill)

Fisher, Katherine (Bhill)

2017

Humphries, Deborah (Hart)

Woodrow, Honor (Bhill)

Dulin, Anna (Oro)

Claggett-Borne, Minga (Camb)

Moses Brown School Board

2015

McNemar, Don

Monroe, Willis (Prov)

Schwope, Martha (Well)

Thomas, Nia (Bhill)

2016

Morrison, Mary Lee (Hart)

Jaspers, Lee (Prov)

Morse, Elsie (Prov)

Holdt, David (Hart)

2017

McGugan, Michael (Prov)

Stamm, Liesa (Hart)

Committee for Nurturing Friends Education at Moses Brown School

2015

McKnight, Jeanne (Well)

Thomas, Nia (Bhill)

2016

Monroe, Willis (Prov)

Morrison, Mary Lee (Hart)

2017

Peace & Social Concerns

2015

Harrington, Ian (Camb),
McKnight, Stephen (Well)
Redman, John Boanerges
Wasileski, Eric (Dart/MToB)
Wilson, Lillie (NBed)

2016

Donovan, Shawn (Han)
Elliott, James (Well)
Noyes-Dakota, Barbara (NLon)

2017

~~Grant, Andrew (Mtoby)~~

Publications & Communications

2015

Cullinan, Kerry (SStar)
Isaacs, Sandy (Mon)
Blanchard, Neil (Fham)

2016

Barker, Mark, (Con)
Whinfield, Steven (NHav)
Taber, Emily (Fpon)

2017

McCarthy, Regina (Well)

Puente de Amigos

2015

Baily, Sam (Ames)

Beiter, Nancy (Mon)

Hawthorn, Margaret (Mon)

2016

Cadwallader, Len (Han)

Cadwallader, MaryAnn (Han)

Fogarty, Margaret (Dov)

2017

Stern, Roland (Well)

Quaker Youth Education

2015

Johnson, Avery (Nham)

Noyes-Dakota, Jana (NLon)

2016

Cole, Pam (New Bed)

Nortonsmith, Gina (Nham)

Baker, Marian (Weare)

2017

Racial, Social, & Economic Justice

2015

Kezar, Randy (Dov)

Shoop, Nur (Dov)

2016

Garrett, Sheila (Put)

Walton, Sarah (Vass)

2017

Brimage, Michelle (B Hill)

McDonald, LouAnne (Hart)

Sessions Committee (Nominating appointments)

Clerk: Humphries, John

Equalization: Varner, James (Oro)

At-large:

2014: Woodrow, Susan (Fram)

2016: Leuchak, Rebecca (Prov)

2016: Weinholtz, Diane (Hart)

2016: Hoskins, Laura (Put)

Student Loan

2015

2016

2017

Permanent Board is tasked with making a proposal regarding the future of this committee

Youth Programs Ministries

2015

2016

2017

American Friends Service Committee Corp.

2015

McManamy, Martha (Ames)

2016

Nash, Anne (Well)

Rein, Carole (Nsho)

2017

Burke, Sara (BHil)

Sánchez-Eppler, Elias (Nham)

Friends Committee on National Legislation

2015

Telenar, Kaj (Well)

Zwirner, Rod (Mon)

2016

Drysdale, Scot (Han)

Fisher, Katherine (BHill)

2017

Thomas, Susanna (Storrs)

Weinholtz, Donn (Hart)

Friends Peace Teams Project

Shippen, Nancy (FPon)

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Zwirner, Rod (Mon)

William Penn House

Will Jennings (B Hill)