

To: Permanent Board

From: NEYM Finance Committee, Scot Drysdale, clerk

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### **Statement from the Finance Committee to the Permanent Board**

The Finance Committee proposes the accompanying FY25 budget, which once again budgets \$0 for Support of Other Organizations. However, we propose that this be accompanied by the following minute, which mirrors the FY24 contingency budget that Sessions approved last year:

We approve the budget as proposed with the following contingency. If at the end of FY25 there is a surplus, 50% of that surplus would be used to fund Support of Other Organizations, up to a limit of \$45,495. The remainder of the surplus would increase our reserves.

The budget does not specify which organizations will receive donations if money is available. A committee is working on a way of deciding which organizations should be funded and how our funding should be divided amongst them. If this committee recommends a distribution mechanism that is approved by Sessions before the end of FY25 this mechanism will be used to distribute the funds. Otherwise they will be distributed proportionally to the same organizations that received contributions in FY23.

The budget approved at Sessions last year had 75% of the surplus go to fund Support of Other Organizations. When we approved the FY24 budget at Sessions our reserves were about 13% of expenses, when our policy says that we should have reserves of 25% of expenses. At the close of FY23, reserves were just over 5% of expenses, so we feel a more pressing need to increase reserves.