

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

Numbered Minutes of Winter Interim Business Meeting 01/13/2007

Introduction to Minute 07IBM01

The YM budget includes financial assistance for official representative travel. No one who is led to be a representative to an organization should be deterred from doing so for financial reasons. However, it is not now possible to fully cover all representative travel. When travel money requests exceed the limit of our budget in any given year, the Assistant YM Clerk, the contact person for assistance with representative travel, may need to prioritize and pro-rate the disbursements according to guidelines approved by the YM.

Some representatives may wish to pay their own travel expenses. In some instances, monthly meetings may choose to assist the representative financially. All such contributions and gifts benefit YM and are greatly appreciated. It is recommended that receipts for all such donations be sent to the YM administrative secretary to document travel expenses for more accurate budget preparation.

07IBM01: It is recommended that, over time, the YM plan to increase money available for representative travel to approved organizations. Ultimately the YM wants to be able to compensate all requested travel expenses of official representatives. It is requested that the Finance Committee develop a plan of intention in this matter to bring forward for YM consideration.

07IBM02: It is recommended that the list of official representation for the YM be expanded to include sending:

- a. representation to Friends General Conference Consultations (by invitation, every two years)
- b. YM Clerk to FGC Central Committee and FGC YM clerk consultations
- c. YM and IBM clerks to a clerking workshop, as needed, when newly appointed.

07IBM03: Winter Interim Business Meeting of Southeastern Yearly Meeting supports the traveling minute from Palm Beach Monthly Meeting written for Jack Bradin as he travels among Friends carrying a “Minute of Grave Concern” relative to civil liberties.

07IBM04: SEYM Interim Business Meeting urges SEYM to ask monthly meeting members to use the FCNL website as a simple and effective means to contact our legislators on specific issues of concern to Friends. This is especially critical as FCNL has increased access to the 110th Congress.

07IBM05: SEYM Interim Business Meeting encourages the monthly meetings to have a member or attender as contact for Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) and to provide them with financial support.

07IBM06: Southeastern Yearly Meeting Interim Business Meeting asks that all affiliated monthly and preparative meetings and worship groups name at least one representative to SEYM Yearly Meeting and Interim Business Meeting sessions to bring reports from meetings to and take reports back to meetings from SEYM Yearly Meeting and Interim Business Meeting sessions. Members and attenders other than representatives are also urged to attend Yearly Meeting and Interim Business Meeting Sessions.

07IBM07: Generous hospitality is almost palpable here in Orlando! The Orlando Meeting House had lights on indoors as the first people arrived in time for the EC meeting at 7 P.M. on Friday evening. As we approached the building, the huge lights were on the field across the street, the crowds were yelling a welcome and the loud p.a. system was deafening. Of course, when we settled into worship, our cars were tucked into the ample parking spaces, munchable goodies were joined by fresh apples, and we actually managed, despite the concerning absence of Ed Lesnick, our recorder, to settle into deep "active silence." We wish Ed well.

The Saturday morning greeting involved a Winter Park Friend, who seemed to personally welcome each and every one of us, and we appreciated the fond "hello" from Bill as he continued to help us enjoy moving the furniture within his Meeting House. Breakfast, lunch and snacks were simply delicious!

We cannot express the thank yous to everyone involved in the food preparation, arrival and clean-up, but we can say thank you for the spaces for the committee meetings and thank you for the friendly hospitality given to us as individuals and as a group.