

Publications & Archives Committee Report

Representative Meeting, March 7, 2009

Jeff Cooper reported.

A. Jeff Cooper will edit *Annual Records 2009*.

B. The co-editors of the 2009 *LEYM Directory*, Dan Bell and Mathilda Navias, have still not received updated directory information from five meetings and one worship group (Athens, Birmingham, Cleveland, Grand Rapids, Granville, and Manitou). Once this information is received, completion should take roughly a month. We hope to have the published *Directory* to distribute at the beginning of Annual Meeting (June 11).

C. We intend to remind meetings and worship groups that they can/should submit archival materials (e.g., minutes, financial reports, notices of marriages and deaths) to Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College. (See *Policies and Procedures*, IV. E. 6. b. (1).)

D. In response to the request for each committee to update its section(s) of *Policies and Procedures*, we note that our current practice has drifted a long way. We have begun to explore substantial questions such as “How broad is (should be) the role of the Bulletin Editor?” “How is the Annual Records Editor chosen?” and “How many people are needed on the committee?” These are questions on which we need to work cooperatively with Nominating Committee and LEYM officers. We hope to prepare a draft proposal soon.

E. We request approval to change the publication timeline for the *Annual Records* as follows:
Policies and Procedures, I. B. 4:

- c. All LEYM documents to be included in the *Annual Records* should be submitted to its Editor no later than four weeks after rise of Annual Meeting.
- d. The *Annual Records* shall be published no later than ten weeks after rise of Annual Meeting.

F. We have proposed amendments to the LEYM privacy policy concerning the version of the *Bulletin* that appears on our Website, and circulated them among meetings and worship groups:

- 1) The full names of adult Friends (those 18 and over) may appear in the version of the *Bulletin* posted on the Web. The names of children and youth (under age 18) may *not* appear there.
- 2) Photos of Friends of all ages may appear in the version of the *Bulletin* posted on the Web, with one exception: photos depicting *one* child or youth (under age 18) *alone* may *not* appear there.

These amendments follow current practice. If this practice is acceptable, Bulletin Editors should have clarity that they are supported. If the practice is unacceptable, we need to adjust it.

We have heard from six meetings and worship groups. Most support the proposal, but one feels that the second amendment is “too restrictive.” An alternative would be to allow photos of individual children with permission of both the child and the parent.

We invite commentary from meeting representatives and others.

[Based on commentary received at Representative Meeting, we intend to revise these proposed amendments before the 2009 Annual Meeting.]