

Proposed minute to change status of reading clerks.

Explanation:

- Reading clerks have been listed as “Officers of New York Yearly Meeting” in the annual Yearbooks. They are nominated for one year terms by NYYM Nominating Committee, to serve at the three annual gatherings: Spring, Summer and Fall.
- At many spring and fall gatherings, some appointed reading clerks can not attend and volunteer replacements need to be found. In many cases, this provides an opportunity for Friends of all ages to serve our Yearly Meeting in an “entry level” capacity, in particular from among Oakwood Friends and from the given host regions. These opportunities have been enthusiastically welcomed both by the volunteers and by gathered Friends.
- It is difficult for Nominating Committee to find Friends willing to serve in this capacity, in part because of the expectation that they will attend and serve at all three gatherings.
- The proposed bylaws to be presented for consideration for approval at these Summer Sessions includes a detail specification of the officers of NYYM which wording does not include reading clerks.

Liaison Committee proposes the following minute for consideration for approval by Friends at Summer Sessions 2019:

Minute, proposed by Liaison Committee in consultation with Nominating Committee:

From date of approval of this minute, reading clerk will become a volunteer position, to be sought by Sessions Committee as a part of their regular list of necessary volunteers for each gathering. Reading clerks will no longer be officers of New York Yearly Meeting. They will no longer be nominated by NYYM Nominating Committee. Changes to the NYYM Handbook and Yearbooks will be made after this approval by the appropriate bodies with no further approvals needed by gathered Friends.