

PYM Committee on Unity with Nature Representative

I. Overall purpose of SCMM representation: The representative actively participates in the work of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Committee on Unity with Nature (PYM/CUN) and supports the development of environmental witness within the meeting through liaison with other Quaker environmental organizations.

II. Time commitment and term length: The term is one year, June through May, renewable. The representative should attend Pacific Yearly Meeting, which takes place in the summer for one week, and participate in all CUN sessions at yearly meeting. In addition, the representative should expect to spend approximately 1-2 hours per month on this job, monitoring the relevant publications and listservs and conveying relevant information to the meeting. The representative will attend SCMM Peace and Social Witness Committee meetings periodically and coordinate meeting activities related to CUN and other Quaker environmental organizations (see below).

S/he may be moved to request nomination from PYM as an individual member of the Yearly Meeting CUN itself, in which case there are periodic meetings during the year at sites throughout the state and other committee-related responsibilities.

III. The CUN representative is an adjunct member of SCMM's Peace and Social Witness Committee and will attend committee meetings as needed to coordinate meeting involvement in environmental witness (see below), and as requested by the P&SW Committee's clerk.

IV. It is the rep's responsibility to advise the PYM/CUN that s/he is the new representative.

V. The representative is responsible for receiving information from the PYM/CUN, and sharing it with the meeting. In addition, the representative will serve as a contact person between the meeting and the national Friends Committee on Unity with Nature and is encouraged to monitor the publication "Befriending Creation," which is published by the national Friends Committee on Unity with Nature and includes the publication of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Quaker Eco-Witness, "Quaker Eco-Bulletin." As of September 2002, the contact information for FCUN is Ruah Swennerfelt, 173-B N. Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05401-1607 802/658-0308, e-mail: fcun@fcun.org. The representative may convey relevant information to SCMM via postings to the SCMM listserv, paper handouts and/or bulletin board postings at meeting, after-worship announcements, periodic newsletter items, and notices to SCMM affinity groups such as the Eco-berries and Fireflies. For specific initiatives or for ongoing information, the representative should coordinate with the P&SW committee.

VI. In coordination with the P&SW Committee, the representative should encourage SCMM Friends to actively involve themselves in environmental witness. This may involve, for example, coordinating periodic service projects or attendance at public events. The representative will work closely with the Friends Committee on Legislation and Friends Committee on National Legislation representatives to

coordinate meeting responses to environmental legislation action items, such as letter-writing campaigns.

VII. Define end-of-term changeover process: As incoming representative, you will receive a briefing from your predecessor; as outgoing representative, you will brief your successor. A meeting should be arranged by the incoming representative, to take place within either the last month of the old term or the first month of the new term (May-June). At this time, any appropriate files or notes should be transferred from the outgoing to the incoming rep as well as advice, wisdom, and updates on pending issues.

Items you receive should include:

- A copy of this job description
- Contact information for the current PYM/CUN clerk and subscription info for the "Quaker Nature" listserv
- Contact information for the national Friends Committee on Unity with Nature

(undated)