

NYQM Communications Committee  
Report to Quarterly Meeting 7/16/22

Since our last report to Quarterly Meeting in April, 2022, the committee has met three times, virtually, via Zoom.

External communication

The reason our committee is asked to report quarterly is to inform Friends of any external communication we have made on behalf of the community. Since our last report no such instance has occurred.

Web site and database

What we have done is work hard on our new website and database and we hope to have the results of this work to share with Friends soon.

We have been developing layout and fonts and graphics and a color palette for a central Quarterly Meeting site and templates for individual Monthly Meetings to use if they wish to participate in the integrated Quarterly Meeting/Monthly Meetings web site.

We have also been developing a digital portal to allow Friends to update their information in a central Quarterly Meeting database that will allow all the monthly meetings to have consistent and up-to-date contact information for Friends.

The database will also encourage communications within meetings and across meetings by supporting Meeting-wide and QM-wide newsletters and ways for Friends to group together electronically around shared concerns. In recent years we have learned how emergencies like natural disasters, disease, and other threats can isolate us from one another and how much technology can help us to come together.

When your meeting's Communications Committee comes to you with the opportunity to participate in the database we hope you will respond and help us with your comments on the process!

We are also working on a "Community Web" that will allow us to share and preserve documents internally, among other things.

Zoom

The Quarterly Meeting's new interim executive director Betsy Smulyan is working with staff to support and rationalize the Quarter's use of our shared Zoom account. If you have been scheduling Zoom meetings or otherwise accessing your Meeting's or the Quarter's Zoom accounts, please be in touch with Betsy to be sure you are aware of these changes.

Calendar and social media

We continue to encourage Friends to share news of their events (before and after) with the Quarterly Meeting office, so that they can be posted to the Quarterly Meeting calendar and social media sites, and help to make our programs visible to seekers.

Please follow and engage with our social media accounts @nycquakers to help make our activities more visible.

In Friendship,  
Nadine Baldasare  
Dave Britton  
Ann Kjellberg, clerk  
Bryan Oettel  
Adam Segal-Isaacson  
Steve Monroe Smith