

EMEYF Representative to QCEA Council and Alternate (3 years)

The role is to represent EMEYF at the QCEA Council Meeting, and to see if there are any ways in which EMEYF could bring added value to QCEA activities. The representative may then wish to email the CC if there were any particular details that emerged from the meeting that require immediate CC feedback.

The representative should report to the EMEYF community via reports at gatherings and/or in publications, and make sure feedback and concerns from the community are brought back to QCEA. The representative might think about ways to do this, e.g. by facilitating Workshops at Annual Meeting or Spring Gathering.

As well as representing EMEYF to QCEA, the EMEYF rep forms part of the governance structure of QCEA, and therefore should be prepared to contribute to ensuring that QCEA is well-functioning, effective and a good place to work. The QCEA transition process 2016 outlined four roles: governor, ambassador, sponsor and consultant, which all council members should make a contribution to. The first two are what is described above: taking part, through Quaker business method in decisions regarding QCEA's work, and providing the link between QCEA and EMEYF, to strengthen that relationship, representing EMEYF to QCEA and vice versa. The latter two entail contributing to QCEA's financial stability (though this may be less possible/important for EMEYF) and providing information or specific experiences to help the governance of QCEA.

The actual Council Meeting consists of updates on QCEA activities, and proposals for future projects. Much discussion will take place over any topical areas, or new proposals. 2015/16, QCEA underwent a transition process, which is implemented at the moment.

Practicalities: There are two Council meetings per year. Normally in March/April and October. The meeting lasts a full day, (Saturday). The representative is encouraged to arrive on the Friday for dinner with other Council members, and then to stay for the Sunday Meeting and shared lunch. In effect two weekends a year. Travel expenses are covered by EMEYF. Meals are provided by QCEA.

What to bring and what to get: Interest in politics, enthusiasm for international cooperation and the willingness to engage with structures and organisations, and liase with other council members and QCEA staff are essential to the role; specific knowledge or a professional background not necessary. We are looking for a good communicator.

The role offers insight into political processes, Quaker structures, and how they interact currently, and how they might in the future. The role is very open to the interests of the roleholder, both for activities towards EMEYF and towards QCEA.

Role of the Alternate: To ensure EMEYF is represented even when the Representative is prevented from attending Meetings, EMEYF appoints an alternate as well. Whether this person just serves as backup or both roleholders share responsibility depends on to the individuals and any discernment of the appointing meeting.

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