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to Emily, Nikki, Conrad, Joan, Beth, James, Abigail, Tyler, Lisa, James, Susan

We are in a time bind to make some changes to our Bylaws. According to our current Bylaws, we need to have 10 board members approve any changes, so we need a response from everyone now. We will not have 10 board members at the May 11 annual meeting, and shortly after that we will have only 9 board members until we appoint a replacement for Abigail, so we are asking that you **please reply by email to me ASAP if you approve these changes:**

1. Delete this bylaw: ~~9.6 Reports to New York Yearly Meeting. The President and/or the Treasurer shall render a report on activities of the corporation periodically to the New York Yearly Meeting, and to the appropriate committee of such Yearly Meeting from time to time as it may request.~~

Explanation for the deletion of 9.6: FFA has not been making reports to New York Yearly Meeting. NYYM receives grants from FFA, so it is not appropriate for FFA to report to them. We are allowed to change this bylaw on our own with the approval of 10 board members.

2. Change this bylaw: *7.1 Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended, without advance notice, at any meeting of members at which ~~ten or more are present and all members present~~ concur in the proposal for amendment, except that there shall be no amendment of ~~this Article VII, of the following~~ Article VIII relating to dissolution, or of Section (5) of Article IX, until after the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to and approved by the New York Yearly Meeting.*

Explanation for changing 7.1: The board is generally expected to have 10 members, which is allowed to vary, but the minimum number is 3. After a Governance Committee meeting and further consultation with Jim Whitely, changing to approval by all members who are in attendance at a meeting is recommended. (Elsewhere in the bylaws, a quorum of more than 50% of board members is required for any decision to be made.) Please note that after we approve this bylaw change, we expect to send it to New York Yearly Meeting for approval before it goes into effect. This is the only bylaw in Article VII. Articles VIII and IX (5) relate to the dissolution of the corporation or of NYYM. As is the case with this email, decisions in writing are allowed to take the place of a meeting so long as the results are filed with meeting minutes.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you-  
Lisa Ogletree