The Handbook Revision Committee asks Friends and Meetings in reviewing these changes to not concentrate on individual words but to ensure that the meaning is adequately conveyed. Much time has recently been taken up with changes to individual words which did not alter the meaning of the revision, and hampered the work of the committee.

The text in red is the new proposed text.

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| **Entry in the 7th edition** | **Proposed new entry** | Explanatory notes from the Handbook Revision Committee |
| **2.4. Regional Meetings** **2.4.1 General** The seven Regional Meetings that together make up Australia Yearly Meeting correspond to the six states and the Canberra region. Canberra Regional Meeting’s defined area consists of the Australian Capital Territory and that part of New South Wales south of a line drawn through Nowra and Cowra, and thence down the Lachlan River to the Murrumbidgee River, and then to the Victorian border. South Australia and the Northern Territory are one Regional Meeting, SANTRM. Each Regional Meeting is financially separate and legally incorporated, according to laws of the relevant state or territory. Australia Yearly Meeting is incorporated as a separate entity in the ACT. The responsibilities of the Regional Meeting office-holders, which include the legal responsibilities associated with their roles (e.g. incorporation, employing staff, owning property) are in addition to their responsibilities in their Local Meeting. In some Regional Meetings, there are no Local Meetings, and therefore the Regional Meeting office-holders take on these responsibilities. In other Regional Meetings, there are several Local Meetings with their own office-holders. The Regional Meeting office-holders are separate appointments from the Local Meeting office-holders. | **2.4. Regional Meetings** **2.4.1 General** **2.4.1.1 Regional Meeting regions.**The seven Regional Meetings that together make up Australia Yearly Meeting are geographically defined. The borders mainly correspond to state and territory borders.Friends in South Australia and the Northern Territory are one Regional Meeting, SANTRM.Canberra Regional Meeting’s defined area consists of the Australian Capital Territory and that part of New South Wales south of a line drawn from Nowra to Cowra, and thence down the Lachlan River to the Murrumbidgee River, and then to the Victorian border. NSW Regional Meeting includes Friends in the remainder of NSW.**2.4.1.2 Responsibilities/Tasks/Roles of Regional Meetings**Each Regional Meeting is financially separate and legally incorporated, according to laws of the relevant state or territory. Australia Yearly Meeting is incorporated as a separate entity in the ACT. The responsibilities of the Regional Meeting office-holders, which include the legal responsibilities associated with their roles (e.g. incorporation, employing staff, owning property) are in addition to their responsibilities in their Local Meeting. In some Regional Meetings, there are no Local Meetings, and therefore the Regional Meeting office-holders take on these responsibilities. In other Regional Meetings, there are Local Meetings with their own office-holders. The Regional Meeting office-holders are separate appointments from the Local Meeting office-holders.Each individual Friend’s Membership is of a Regional Meeting. Australia Yearly Meeting (AYM) (Chapter 5) is an affiliation of the Regional Meetings. Therefore, all Regional Meeting Members are members of AYM. Each Regional Meeting:  | The proposed new entry clarifies geographical boundaries of Regional Meetings in 2.4.1.1.The specific responsibilities/ tasks/ roles are in a new heading 2.4.1.2.The content is the same, apart from one extra paragraph.This part of the entry is unchanged from here on. |