

SAYAMA Treasurer's Report on the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget

for Sessions June 14 and June 22, 2025

Since reconnecting with Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association at the 2021 virtual Yearly Meeting Sessions, I have learned and grown a lot from working with you. One big lesson for me is living with an increased awareness of abundance and generosity. I witness that generosity demonstrated every day by the Friends that are doing the work of SAYMA and that are supporting it financially. Thank you!

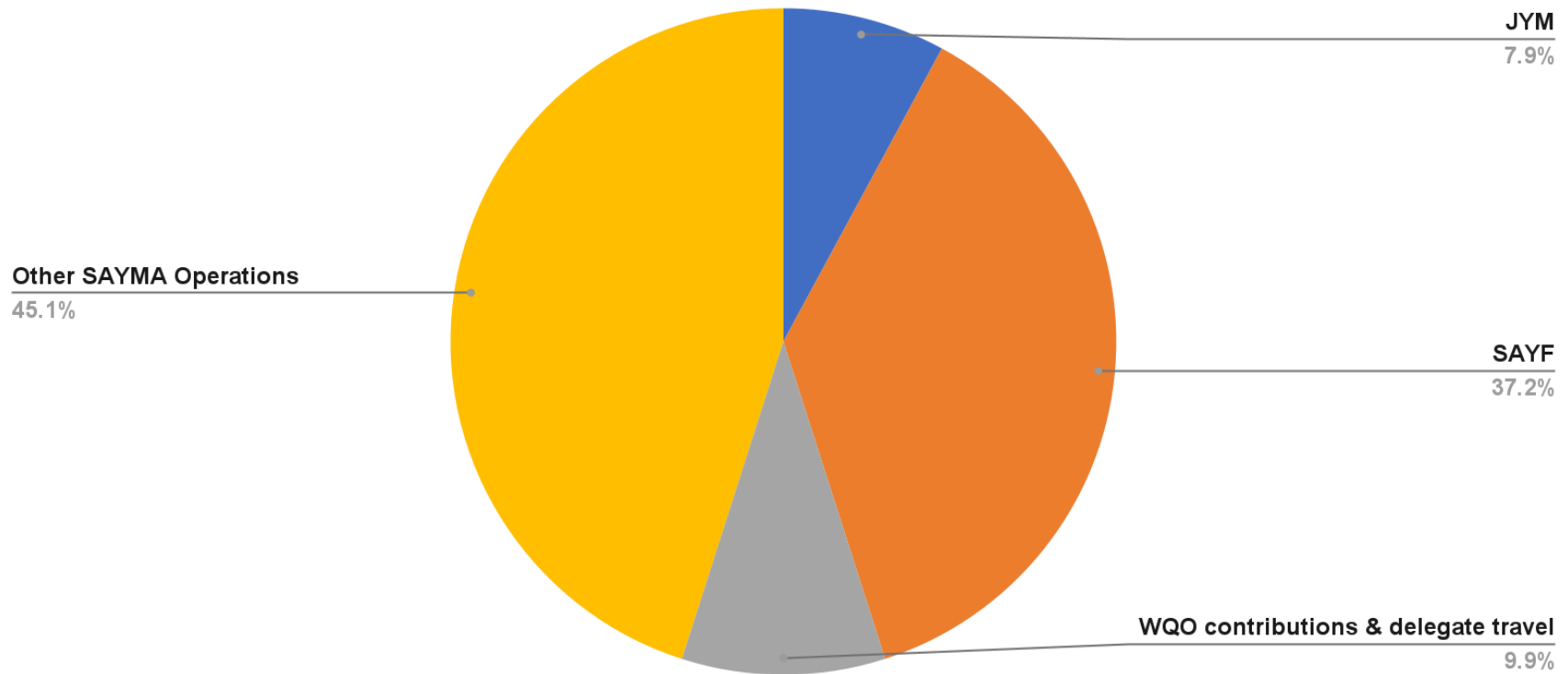
SAYMA is transitioning to a new stage financially. For many years SAYMA has held significant excess money beyond our operating Reserves. We call this extra money Undesignated Funds. The amount of Undesignated Funds, this excess money, is listed and estimated on the bottom line of the FY26 Proposed Budget. Recent SAYMA budgets have intentionally had significant deficits: spending more money than received in order to reduce our Undesignated Funds. We have succeeded in spending down the large excess in our Undesignated Funds.

Our work now is to come up with a more balanced budget for FY26. The proposed budget has too high a deficit. The budget as proposed already cuts out our donations to Wider Quaker Organizations (WQOs) except for the two Friends organizations of which we are members, Friends General Conference (FGC) and Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), and it cuts in half our contributions to those two. We include a provision for restoring those WQO contributions to their previous levels if funds allow at the end of the year. The budget does provide for travel reimbursement for SAYMA delegates to the WQOs. It holds the allotments to our set-aside funds until the end of the year pending sufficient funds. These held set-aside allotments include funds for FWCC 3rd World Delegate Expenses and for FWCC SAYMA International Delegate Expenses and other funds as well.

My hope is that individuals and meetings within SAYMA will recognize the need, and continue contributing even more generously to SAYMA General Funds in order to continue the good work of SAYMA.

Daryl Bergquist, SAYMA Treasurer

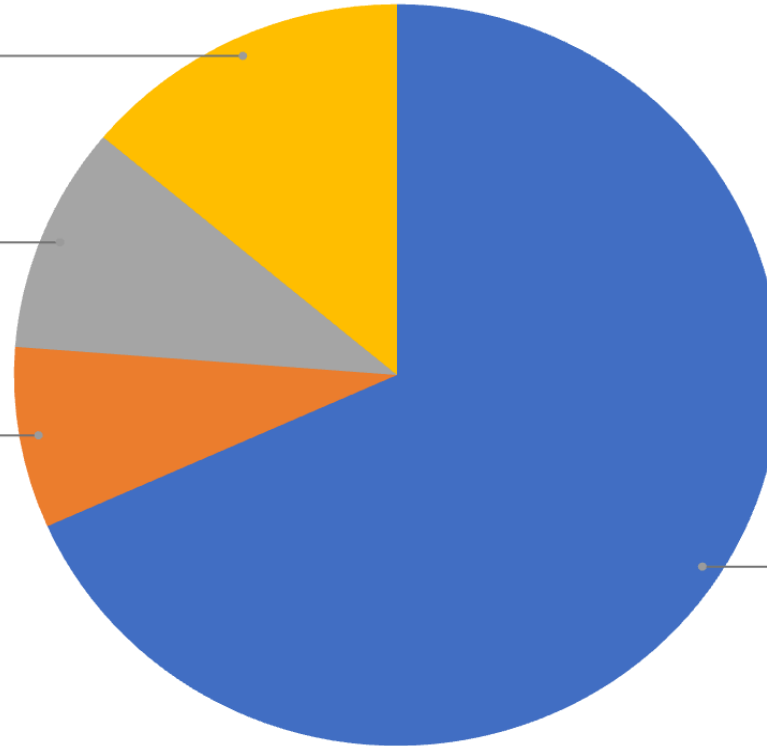
FY 26 Proposed Budget: General Funds excluding YM Expenses



Other SAYMA Operations
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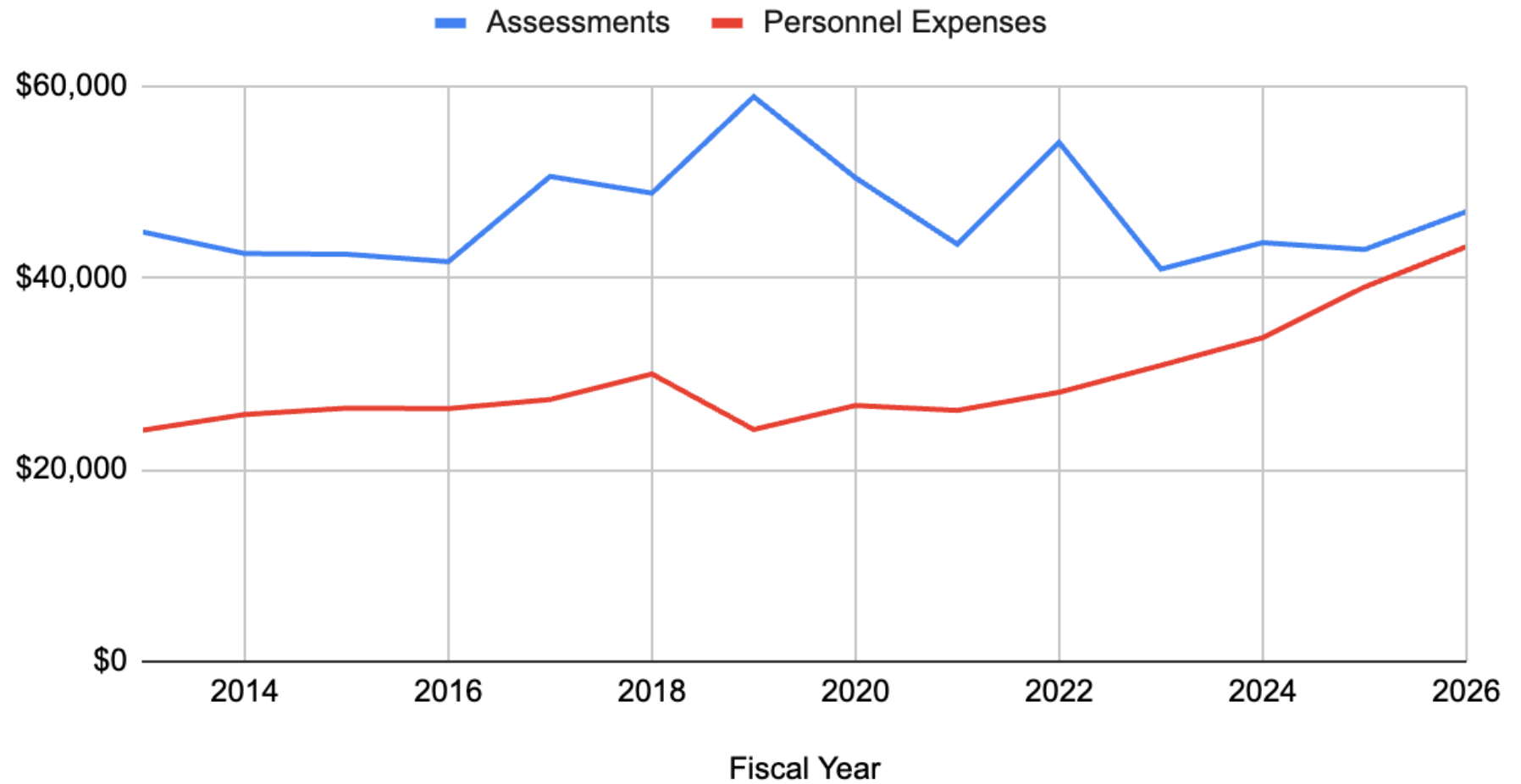
WQO contributions & delegate travel
9.9%

JYM
7.9%



Payroll Expenses
68.3%

Assessments and Personnel Expenses



Personnel Expenses as Percentage of Assessments vs. Fiscal Year

