

Nominating Committee (4 Persons)

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The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of four persons. In selecting these persons, the Clerk shall seek such advice as s/he believes appropriate, and at least one nominee shall be a member of the previous year's Nominating Committee. The members shall serve during the year they are appointed.

The Nominating Committee shall nominate persons to fill office and committee vacancies during the forthcoming year. Nominating Committee members are eligible for nomination to any committee or office.

Nomination of Officers and Committees

- The Nominating Committee shall be nominated by the Clerk and approved by Meeting for Business during first month.
- The Nominating Committee should present officer and committee nominations to Meeting for Business during second month.
- After seasoning, Meeting for Business will approve nominations during third month.
- Retiring committee members will leave their committees and new members will assume their positions effective with Meeting for Business during sixth month. At that time, new officers will assume their positions at that Meeting for Business.

When a vacancy occurs, a person shall be nominated to carry out the remainder of the term. Persons so nominated will be confirmed at the Meeting for Business at which their names are presented, without the delay of the normal process.

The Clerk, who acts as corporate president, shall be a recorded member of the Religious Society of Friends. Nominees for other offices and committees will be persons who are committed to the Meeting and to spiritual discernment within the Quaker tradition and testimonies. It is recommended that individuals in the same family not serve on the same committee simultaneously.

The Nominating Committee shall nominate officers (Clerk, Recording Clerk, Treasurer, Librarian, and Publications Editor) for one year terms. Reappointment may be considered; however, with rare exceptions, a person may serve no more than three consecutive years in the same office.

The Nominating Committee shall nominate committee members for two year terms. Reappointment to a committee may be considered; however, with rare exceptions, a person may serve no more than four consecutive years on the same committee.

Committee appointments should be staggered so that committees are always operating with some experienced members.

In nominating a person for an office or a committee, the Nominating Committee is advised to consider the following questions:

- Does this individual have some Quaker experience, including a sense of Quaker procedures; does s/he demonstrate and uphold Friends' principles; does s/he understand and embrace the unique nature of Quaker decision making?
- Does this individual regularly attend Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business; is s/he willing to attend the meetings of her/his committee?
- Have we tried to match the strengths and potential of individuals to the needs and functions of the office or committee?
- Do the nominations we propose reflect the diversity of the Meeting?