Nominating Committee Report to CC meeting 10-19-2013

We would like to offer the following names for approval at this time:

Annual Session Planning 2014
- Lew Scholl (Multnomah) Assistant General Arrangements & Assistant Physical Arrangements - 2nd time
- Dave Ek (Multnomah) – physical arrangements – 2nd time

Other Positions
- Kate Hunter (University) as clerk for Peace and Social Concerns 10/12 – 9/14
- Tom Ewell (Whidbey Island) for a second term on Peace and Social Concerns 10/13/ -9/15
- Ethen Perkins (Eugene) – Central Friends Camp coordinator Second time 10/13- 9/15
- Katherine Spinner – FLGBTQC correspondent 10/13-9/15

From the Junior Friends as Advisors (terms not confirmed yet)
- Carrie Black (Eugene)
- Emily Bear (Eugene)

The slate for Oct. 2013- Sept. 2014 is almost full and we are beginning to look at the following year’s slate which will be approved at AS 2014. There are a few places where we need guidance and assistance.

1. Nominating committee is down one member – we are looking for a new member from either McGof or Willamette QM (but not from Portland). Suggestions would be welcome

2. The treasurer position is currently a 3 year term. We recently added a rising treasurer position who would then become treasurer making it a 4 year commitment. Our recommendation is to change the treasurer term to 2 years making the total commitment a 3 year obligation. It would still be possible for a treasurer to serve 2 terms if they were willing.

3. Committee clerks. We are having difficulty in finding members and clerks for 2 committees – this has been an issue for more than a year. The two committees are: Peace and Social Concerns and IT Committee. In both cases we have asked 25-30 Friends to be clerk of these committees. (for both these committees we have also have a degree of difficulty in finding members).

The issue may be that the work of the P&SC and IT committees does not fit with the talents and interests of folks who are willing to serve. Activists who are likely to be drawn to serve on P&SC want the Yearly Meeting to do things and take positions on critical issues. Folks who are knowledgeable about and enjoy computer issues are willing to serve on the IT Committee but their skills may not be what the Yearly Meeting needs. For both of these committees the role as
established by the job description is much more of being a consultative body, coordinating and connecting the work of various monthly meetings.

Nominating committee recommends that the CC take on a review of these committees and report back in the spring with an updated purpose and job description for these two committees.

Such a review should be more than just looking at the job description and also might include: talking to Monthly meetings about what they want from these committees, and talking to current and past members of the committees)

Meanwhile if there are Friends who are interested in clerking the IT committee please let me know.

Janet Jump, Nominating Committee Clerk