Nominating Committee Report
Annual Session 2017
University of Puget Sound

Dear Friends of North Pacific Yearly Meeting,

I am wondering what I can write that is different from last years Nominating Committee report to Annual Session. Last year I spoke of Annual Sessions struggling in attendance numbers, in process of planning, in filling positions to have a full and active grid for our committees and officers......... I could say exactly the same this year and it has been said many years past. Nominating Committee proposed downsizing some of the committees, as there were not enough people volunteering to serve. I don't believe that proposal was approved; yet our committee, by default, has reduced the numbers of some of the committees. I put out a statement and some queries that I have copied with some additions as they still apply.

[The spiritual growth and development of our Quaker Faith is essential to the gathering of Friends in conference. This includes the faith within our business and the opportunity for decision with unity and worship.

*How can we open our minds to difference and change?*
*How can we hear the needs of our committees?*
*How can Nominating Committee communicate clearly to MM’s and our whole region what is needed?*
*As a group, can we find flexibility in matters of NPYM Business?*
*Can we take these recommendations into our hearts and allow seasoning and prayer to be a part of our discernment?*
*Let us not react, but ponder with spirit & worship before speaking our truth.*]

Nominating Committee attempted to meet by Conference call once a month and email communications. In August we took on the Positions of Standing Committees for Coordinating Committee. There are still holes on some of those committees but it is growing ever so slightly in a positive direction. In September and October we pursued finding folks that could serve in officer positions. We then sought people that could serve as Clerks for the committees. From there we went onto Representatives to Organizations. In the Spring we went through the grid to list those positions still not filled and again brainstormed to find people who were interested in the specific job or ask what folks were interested in. Viewing the Grid one can see there are gaps and some very important positions that are not filled. I have listed these positions and have posted them for easier viewing. (They are the empty spaces on the grid that is on the website) If you are interested in one of these positions please connect with anyone on our committee. Ted Etter, Kathy Hyzy, Jerry Graville, Ethen Perkins, Maya Whitley and myself, Kathryn Willard. If you are new and feel you could not embrace taking on a position – there are some that are shorter, simpler and good starts into NPYM service. We can educate you on these positions. Nominating Committee is facing you with the same contemplation we did last year. We need you to serve our NPYM region. We have jobs that need to begin by the Fall. Check out our grid and lists and see if there are positions that speak to you.
The Nominating process is a revolving door (I think I said this last year) Once you feel you are close to filling the grid, job terms revolve out and new folks are to be found! So… there is something for you to do, dear Friend. There is a way you can contribute.

In the Light,

Kathryn Willard, Clerk & The Nominating Committee