

# THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

## NYQM Nominating Committee Report January 15, 2023

### 1. Proposed nominations:

- **Art Moritz** (Morningside) for the Communications Committee--partial term ending in April, 2024.
- **Antonia Smith** (15th St.) for the Friends Seminary Board of Trustees--partial term ending in September 2025.
- **Amber Flannery Field** (Brooklyn) for Gay Pride Parade Coordinator--three-year term ending in April 2026.
- **Ed Elder** (Morningside) for the Witness Fund Committee--three-year term ending in April 2026. Ed will also serve as convener for this new standing committee, which was formerly ad-hoc.

### 2. Requests for Release from Service:

- **Electra Cummings** (Brooklyn) requests release from the Brooklyn Friends School Board of Trustees.
- **Bryan Oettel** (Morningside) requests release from the Communications Committee.

3. **Proposed new procedure to ensure a full complement of members for the NYQM Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee seeks approval of a minute in order to be able to fully staff our committee, which currently has only four members. Please consider the following explanation and proposed new procedure, written by Friend Rich Accetta-Evans and recommended by our committee.

**In order to do its work effectively, the Nominating Committee of the Quarterly Meeting needs to have a full complement of members, coming from as many of the Monthly Meetings as possible. Per the current Quarterly Meeting Handbook, this means it should have seven members, and all seven should be appointed by the Quarterly Meeting based on nominations from the Monthly Meetings. Currently, Fifteenth Street Meeting and Brooklyn Meeting are entitled to nominate two members each, while Manhattan Meeting, Flushing Meeting, and Morningside Meeting are each entitled to nominate one member.**

**As of January 2023, the committee consists of**

- **Two members who were nominated by Fifteenth Street Meeting**
- **One member who was nominated by Brooklyn Meeting**
- **One member who was nominated by Morningside Meeting**
- **No members were nominated by either Manhattan or Flushing Meetings.**

**We are hopeful that Brooklyn, Manhattan and Flushing Meetings will nominate new members for the unfilled slots and forward them to the Quarterly Meeting early in 2023. In the event these Meetings are not able to do this we ask the Quarterly Meeting to authorize a fallback procedure to be used in any year when the QM Nominating Committee learns that one or more of the Monthly Meetings have not made timely nominations to the Committee. The fallback procedure would be as follows:**

- 1. The Nominating Committee should contact the clerk or clerks of each Monthly Meeting that has not yet made its nominations to learn when and whether that Meeting expects to be able to do so.**
- 2. If the Monthly Meeting is not able to do so, the Nominating Committee may itself nominate members to fill the slots. These nominations will be subject, as usual, to approval by the Quarterly Meeting for business.**
- 3. Members of the Nominating Committee nominated by the Nominating Committee itself will be appointed for only one-year terms, rather than the usual three year terms. At the conclusion of these one year terms the Monthly meetings will then be entitled to make new nominations to the committee for the remainder of what would have been the original three year term.**

Submitted in Friendship,  
Rich Accetta-Evans  
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Paul van Linden Tol  
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