

C.P.O.M. Spring Quarterly. May 18, 2013

**Friends**, this spring, besides preparing a slate for you here at Quarterly to consider, members of your Nominating Committee contacted representatives from nearly all the monthly meetings in the Quarter.

We asked, **“What draws members and attenders from your Meeting to the Quarterly sessions?”**

A sampling of positive responses: we come for the richness of worship and worship sharing, for the opportunity to deepen our faith, in connecting with old friends; and in welcoming the new-comers; and for the chance to have our children experience being in a wider group of friends....

And we asked, **“What keeps them away from Quarterly ?”**

And responses included: distance too far, the cost too high, I'm too busy in my own monthly meeting, and my own life....

And we also asked **“who are the friends active in your Monthly Meeting who might feel led to serve at the Quarterly Meeting level?”** In other words, **“do you know someone in your Meeting who doesn't regularly come to Quarterly, but whom you feel might have something to offer here?”**

You see, that was how I got here. I'd been to a few Winter Quarterly Mtgs. One evening in October 2009, I got a phone call from a member of College Park Naming Committee. **“I invite you to consider serving on the Nominating Committee”** “Hmmm, interesting”, I said, “but it's not a good time for me. New job, other responsibilities. Maybe next year.”

One year later: Oct. 2010, the phone rang. The same College Park person. **“Jeff, would you consider serving on the Nominating Committee”**. I felt somewhat flattered to be asked again, and thought, **maybe I do have something to offer**. So I said yes this time.

It's both rewarding & challenging serving on **Nom. Comm.** Rewarding because my fellow committee members are wise, wonderful folks. I've met a lot more Friends from all over, and I've developed some clerking abilities. Even though it's generally a challenge to find Friends who are willing to use their gifts in service to the Quarterly, we're sometimes surprised by the

eagerness and willingness of some Friends to serve as officers & committee members. **If you've never served the Quarterly Meeting, I'd like to invite you to consider it.**

You can speak with me, or with any other member of the College Park Nominating Committee here this weekend.

They are: Sarah Tyrell of Berkeley Meeting, Valerie Nuttman of Santa Cruz Meeting, Karen Morgan of Redwood forest Meeting, Janet Leslie of Chico Meeting. And although he's not here with us this weekend, Gordon Starr of grass Valley Meeting is the sixth member of Nominating Committee.

Friends, we are proposing the following slate for your consideration.....

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Clerk of Nominating Comm.  
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