Naming Committee
Report to PYM Annual Session, July 2013

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We, the Naming Committee, are submitting four names to be considered for positions on Nominating Committee, and we recommend Elaine Emily as Clerk:

- Elaine Emily (Strawberry Creek): returning member, 3 year term, <u>Clerk</u>
- Graciela Martinez (Visalia): new member, 1 year term
- Rob Cimorelli (Orange Grove): new member, 3 year term
- Tom Farley (Palo Alto): returning member, 3 year term

The full committee would thus be:

(9 members, 3-year terms, original year of appointment in parentheses, *names for consideration in italics/underlined*)

2014	Maggie Hutchinson, Orange Grove (2011)	
2014	*Graciela Martinez, Visalia (2013)*	
2014	Stephen Matchett, San Francisco (2011)	
2015	Carl Anderson, Strawberry Creek (2011)	
2015	David Barrows, San Diego (2009)	
2015	Henriette Groot, Central Coast (2010)	
2016	*Rob Cimorelli, Orange Grove (2013)*	
2016	*Elaine Emily, Strawberry Creek (2012),* **Clerk**	
2016	*Tom Farley, Palo Alto (2010)*	

A note on process: We were particularly attentive to the need for regional, age, cultural, gender, and other forms of diversity on the committee so that the Nominating Committee has the personal connections and perspectives it needs to reach out to a wide group of potential PYM committee members. A diverse committee would also be more able to develop deep awareness of various Friends'/Meetings' perceptions of and relationships with the wider Yearly Meeting, especially given that PYM is in a time of evaluating how it might shift processes to better meet diverse needs. We on the Naming Committee were pleased to find two Friends who are excited at the opportunity to join the committee along with the two who are enthusiastic about continuing their service.

As part of our discernment and to come to a better understanding of the strengths and needs of the committee, we talked to a number of the individual, current Nominating

Committee members, and we asked them as a group to consider and respond to a set of self-evaluation queries (see below). One thing we would not have known without asking is that they particularly wanted to make sure there was a technologically-skilled Friend on the committee to help with things like video conferencing.

We thank the Nominating Committee members for their input, and we want to acknowledge the outgoing members, Muriel Strand and Maia Wolff, for their service. We are grateful that the current clerk, David Barrows, is willing to continue as a member of the committee, and thank all the Nominating Committee members for their work.

ADVICES AND QUERIES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
SELF-EVALUATION 2013, Requested by Naming Committee

"A Nominating Committee is given the task of discerning how the gifts of members and attenders may best serve the Meeting. Like all committees, the Nominating Committee meets in worship seeking divine guidance.... They need to be discerning in judgment and tactful in manner, and at the same time bold, giving opportunities to younger Friends and to those more recently arrived, and encouragement to those who underestimate their own potential for service.... They should be aware of the interests, talents, proven experience, latent gifts, and potential leadership of Meeting participants.... However, the list of vacancies is only a tool. The desire to fill all vacancies should not distract the committee from its task of discernment..... Responsibility for an appointment does not end when it is made. Having been fully involved in making the appointments, the Meeting must support and uphold those carrying out the tasks." (PYM Faith & Practice, pp. 112-114, 184)

1) How have I been faithful as a member of this committee? How have we been faithful in fostering growth in the spiritual life of our committee and of PYM?

2) What are our spiritual strengths and weaknesses as a committee?

3) Are there any changes we might consider making to our how our committee does its work, and what might we continue doing that is working well?

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