

**Proposed Nominating Committee Clerk
(First Reading)
from Rebecca Leuchak, Presiding Clerk and Susan Davies, Clerk of Permanent Board
for discernment at the May 10, 2025 meeting of the Permanent Board**

At the September 2024 Permanent Board meeting a revised Purposes, Procedures and Composition for the Nominating Committee was approved. One of the revisions is that the Presiding Clerk and the Permanent Board Clerk are responsible for nominating the clerk of the Nominating Committee. The Permanent Board has final approval of the nomination.

This message announces the good news concerning the nomination of a new clerk for the Nominating Committee that we are bringing for approval to the May 10 Permanent Board meeting. We are putting forward Friend Sadie Forsythe, a member of Putney Friends Meeting and attender at Mt. Tobey Meeting. Her term serving as clerk would be until 2028.

The process for approving nominations by Permanent Board is to send First Readings in a written report a week or so in advance of the Permanent Board meeting. Any concerns, questions or affirmations should be communicated immediately to the Presiding Clerk at clerk@neym.org

The following is a **First Reading**. It will come to the Permanent Board meeting on 10 May for Second Reading and hopefully approval. Please send any concerns (or affirmations) as soon as possible to Presiding Clerk, clerk@neym.org. The clerk will follow-up with a nominee to share concerns without naming who brought them forward. The focus will be on the concerns and how they may be addressed. Depending on the outcome of this exchange, the nominee will either be brought forward for second reading at Permanent Board meeting on May 10, or withdrawn from the nomination. Depending on the situation, there may be a brief mention of the concerns and response.

Proposed Nominating Committee Clerk – Sadie Forsythe, Putney (attending Mt Toby), 2028

Sadie has many years of experience as a Friend in New England as well as in other yearly meetings. She has served in multiple Friends organizations both professionally and as a committee volunteer. She clerked the American Friends Service Committee's Nominating Committee while serving on their Board and Executive Committee. Sadie has deep listening skills, is spiritually grounded, organized, and frequently called on to serve as an elder. She is not shy about embracing difficult situations. Professionally she works as a psychotherapist. Sadie looks forward to supporting Friends in NEYM as we all discern how we are called to show up in this challenging moment in human history.

Description of Service for this position and the hoped for gifts and skills for the Friend serving in this role:

Nominating Committee Clerk:

Description of service:

- *The Nominating Clerk facilitates the delegation of the work, creating or dissolving sub-groups, and appoints Nominating Committee members to convene and/or clerk sub-groups. In doing so, the Clerk and Committee will pay attention to continuity of good process, practice, and institutional memory; care for relationships with nominees; and the specific gifts and experiences needed for the work a sub-group might be charged to undertake.*
- *The Nominating Clerk clerks meetings of the full Nominating Committee, occurring seasonally or as needed, as well as Nominating coordination meetings (with the conveners or clerks of the nominating sub-groups, as well as the Program Director or other YM staff) occurring about every six weeks or as needed.*
- *The Nominating Clerk serves ex-officio as a member of Coordinating and Advisory Committee*

Gifts and skills hoped for in the Friend serving in this role:

- *Thoughtful listener and identifier of gifts and leadings*
- *Spiritually well-grounded presence*
- *Systems thinker and detail oriented*
- *Organized with clear boundaries*
- *Present with difficult situations; embraces conflict with openness*
- *See complete Nominating Committee PP&C [here](#).*