Introduction
To be open to new viewpoints at Friends for a NonViolent World (FNVW), we are seeking potential new Board Members not only from within our FNVW community, but also from outside our organization's traditional circles and from the communities we serve.

Friends for a Nonviolent World
Position Description for
Member of Board of Directors

FNVW’s Board of Directors is responsible for developing, defining and reviewing the organization’s mission and for providing overall leadership and strategic direction to the organization. Board Members are stewards of the organization’s vision, mission and resources. The Board actively sets policy, ensures that the organization has adequate resources to carry out its mission, provides direct oversight and direction for the executive director and the organization as a whole, and evaluates its own effectiveness as a governing body.

Principal Responsibilities
The Board members are responsible to the members and other stakeholders of FNVW. Specific responsibilities include:

- Strategic planning for the future of FNVW
- Providing the link between FNVW and its members and stakeholders
- Writing governing policies
- Guiding and monitoring the organization’s work
- Hiring, monitoring and evaluating the executive director

Expectations
Board members are often volunteers, contributors or participants in FNVW programs, or individuals representing constituencies served by or of interest to FNVW, including Quaker meetings. Board members might also be someone previously unconnected with FNVW who could make significant contributions to the organization.

Board candidates are expected to:

- have a commitment to the mission and vision of the organization;
- be willing to work within a framework in which the board sets policy and supervises the executive director rather than overseeing day-to-day operations;
- visibly support the organization’s fundraising efforts;
- value diversity;
- attend and actively participate in Board meetings and activities;
- have or develop an awareness and understanding of the needs and wants of FNVW’s members and stakeholders;
- have demonstrated leadership abilities.

FNVW values a diversity of knowledge, skills, and abilities in its board members. Experience and skills in one or more of the following areas would be helpful: event planning, facilities,
finance, fundraising, communications, volunteer management, personnel/human resources, research, and training.

No prior board experience is necessary, but a willingness to learn is essential.

Time Commitment
- Board members serve two-year terms beginning at election at the Annual Meeting in April.
- Currently, the Board meets in the evening on the fourth Monday of every other month, and for a 7-hour retreat twice a year. However, the Board is open to the possibility of different meeting times depending on the needs of the Board Members.
- Board members are expected to participate on at least one Board task force or sub-committee.
- The Board provides an orientation for new Board Members at the first day-long retreat.
- Board members attend and participate in organization events and activities as needed, including the Annual Meeting.
- Each meeting requires preparation.

Compensation and Expenses
- Board members receive no monetary compensation for their board duties other than reimbursement for board-related expenses.

To express your interest contact Board@fnvw.org

Friends for a Nonviolent World

Vision: We seek a world free from violence and the threat of violence.

Mission: We champion nonviolence as the foundation for effective programs and actions to promote the dignity of every human being.

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