

Abington Quarter Coordinator Support Committee  
Report to Abington Quarterly Meeting  
12/3/2023

The committee consists of Tom Armstrong, Kelly Green, Amelia Diamond and Bob Reiff, Convener.

The committee has met and interviewed 5 applicants over the last 6 months for the position of Abington Quarter Communications Coordinator. The committee has determined that the strongest candidate is Laura Lanza.

Lanza is currently the administrative Secretary for the Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia (Arch Street Friends). From 2018 to 2022 she was the Coordinator for Philadelphia Quarter.

Prior to moving to Philadelphia, Lanza worked in multiple sectors In New York, focusing initially on client services, training, sales and marketing in the emerging new media industry and financial services. Later, as part of her Masters work at Hunter College she worked in a consultant capacity in a range of nonprofits, mostly doing development work (grant writing and programming) and needs assessment and strategic planning.

Lanza has expressed her feeling about the position as follows-

- I believe Friends are called to steward our unique organizational structures through societal changes to ensure Quakerism is available for future generations.
- I am confident I am qualified and can make a positive difference.
- I really enjoy the people I have met in the Abington Quarter
- I relish the opportunity to become proficient in new technology or procedures; and
- I sense that my background in nonprofit strategic planning and organizational development can be used in research, data gathering, assessment and SWOT analyses from which to craft a responsive communications and outreach / in reach strategy.

Lanza is a member of Green Street Meeting.

After careful consideration, the committee recommends that the Quarter approve the hiring of Laura Lanza as the Abington Quarter Communications Coordinator.

In addition the committee wishes to thank all applicants for applying and for their patience in dealing with the application process.

Submitted by Bob Reiff, Convener