

Summary of Recommended Changes to the CAA Bylaws (last amended April 2017):

**1. Topic: Changing “affiliate membership” and voting privileges for non-Jewish spouses.**

Reference: Article II

Recommendations:

- Change Section 1 to: “Membership may be extended to any person of the Jewish faith (as defined by Agudas Achim’s mara d’atra) as described in Section 2 below, and to certain persons not of the Jewish faith but eligible for membership, as described in Section 2 below.”
- Change Section 2 A to include an individual household “raising Jewish children”, and to surviving partners and divorced non-Jewish members of a Jewish Household Membership.
- Remove Section 2 B. There will be no more “Affiliate Membership”.

Rationale:

- This is in accordance with the recommendation of the Interfaith Families Committee in its conversations with the congregation. The intent is to remove the word “Affiliate” for non-Jewish partners. Currently these members are part of a “Household Membership” but are designated separately as “Affiliate” members for purposes of nomenclature.
- Rights of membership are also extended to those individuals who are part of our community by virtue of Household Membership but who previously would no longer be eligible for membership after the death of or divorce from their Jewish partner.

Reference: Article II, Section 5:

Recommendations:

- Change Section B to remove the use of Affiliate Membership (as consistent with above) and designate that Jewish members may serve on the Board of Directors and as chairs of committees.

Rationale:

- This reserves the right of governance to Jewish members. This is consistent with the recommendations of the Interfaith Families Committee in their conversations with the CAA community.

Reference: Article IV, Section 4:

Recommendations:

- Remove Section B. This allows non-Jewish members to vote..

Rationale:

- This extends voting privileges to non-Jewish members of CAA. And is consistent with the recommendations of the Interfaith Families Committee in their conversations with the CAA community.

**2. Topic: CAA Cemetery**

Reference: Article IX, Section 4 D

Recommendations:

- Change from: “Certificates of Right of Burial shall be issued by the Cemetery Committee to the purchasers of burial plots.”  
“Certificates of Right of Burial shall be issued by the Cemetery Committee to the purchasers of burial plots or reservations for burial plots.”

Rationale:

- This is consistent with our current practice.