



The CAA Centennial Annual Meeting was called to order by Dana Sharon Winer at 9:44 a.m. on April 27, 2014, following minyan in the chapel. Michael Whellan served as Parliamentarian. Julie Van Keer was Secretary for Marty Price, who was out of town with USY. The requirement for a quorum of current members was met in order for voting to proceed during the meeting, with over 99 voting members present.

**D'var (Rabbi Blumofe)**

*duration: 6 minutes*

Rabbi Blumofe provided a D'var Torah. Parsha Emor teaches about looking ahead. He encouraged the congregational members to look ahead to Shavuot, and live the gift of the Torah given to our people by connecting with our CAA community in something personally meaningful. He asked everyone to find a refreshed way to connect either in prayer, socially, or as a volunteer.

**5774 Annual Meeting Minutes (Dana Sharon Winer)**

*duration: 2 minutes*

Dana presented the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes for approval. There were no suggested changes. A motion was made to accept the 2013 Annual meeting minutes by Joe Oliveri, and seconded by Davida Charney. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

**5774 Year-in-Review, 5775 and Beyond (Fai Lee Steinberg, Dana Sharon Winer)**

*duration: 21 minutes*

A video was shown that highlighted 5774 events, and project ideas for 5775 and beyond. Diane Radin and Ginny Belofsky were recognized with flowers and applause for their Centennial Co-Chair work so far. Reminders for the final two centennial events were mentioned: a May 9<sup>th</sup> Pray and Stay Shabbat service and oneg led by our home grown Cantor Rebecca Carl, and the Gala on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting paused for a moment of silence to remember our 16 members who passed away during the previous year.

The hamsa visual was displayed to remind the membership of the 5 elements comprising our forward-looking vision and values. Action plans for the coming year include a new committee to evaluate facilities headed by Marty Price, and a project to build a community Mikveh, headed by Lily Smullen. Natalie Weinstein will lead a send-off todah rabah celebration for Rabbi Kobrin after her 5 years with CAA. Gary Susswein will spearhead the new clergy committee.

**Board Recognition and Elections (Dana Sharon Winer, Joe Steinberg)**

*duration: 9 minutes*

Current board members were recognized. Those leaving the board were thanked and presented with certificates of appreciation for service.

A motion was made by Brian Forman to accept the Board of Directors en masse, as presented by the Nominations Committee. The motion was seconded by Diane Radin, then it passed with unanimous consent.

**5774 Chesed Award & Past Chesed Recipients (Dana Sharon Winer, Fai Lee Steinberg)**

*duration: 27 minutes*

A video was shown describing the purpose of the Chesed Award and the 2014 recipients, Sandy & Marshall Sack. Robert Cullick was the interviewer, Larry Schooler was the Narrator. Sandy and Marshall each gave a thank you speech. Some areas that they are most proud of their contributions are Bar/Bat Mitzvah sponsors idea, Rabbi search committee, Agudas Arts like Jewish Film Festival, creation of Hazak, and the History Project. Another video was shown honoring past recipients.

**New Leadership Award (Dana Sharon Winer)***duration: 8 minutes*

Debra Danziger Panzer was presented the inaugural New Leadership Award. A plaque with Debra's name as the first recipient will be placed in the hallways. She was also presented with a certificate.

**CAA Bylaws Proposal (Mike Abkowitz, Ben Rosenberg)***duration: 70 minutes*

There were 13 recommended changes to the CAA bylaws by the Bylaws Committee. Dana Sharon Winer explained the order of voting. It was expected that 3 of the changes would generate more discussion than the others, so items 2-8, 11-13 would be voted on as a block (one vote) and items 1, 9, 10 would be voted on independently. She also reminded the forum that there had been a meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> to allow discussion on the bylaws changes prior to this meeting.

Item 3 offered the option of permitting electronic notification, to adjust the current mandate to print and mail notification of congregational meetings in a bulletin, as a cost-savings measure. A brief discussion followed, including clarification that this change would not eliminate current methods of communication, but allow more flexibility. There was a suggestion to reword the change to include an electronic option for the 10-day advance mailing, which was not accepted by the bylaws committee, as it changed the intent of the proposal.

Item 7 recommended changing board service limitations for officers to serve an additional one-year term. Concern was raised about officers remaining in office for unreasonably long additional one-year terms and other questions surfaced about why additional one-year terms were being proposed. Response from the Bylaws Committee explained that in past years it had been a challenge to find people to serve so this would allow the board the flexibility to keep a seasoned officer for an additional year in the case that the role could not be filled in the given timeframe. The president role was precluded from this change; the president could not serve for a third year.

Item 8 sought to open a seat on the board for the CAA Brotherhood President to match the CAA Sisterhood President seat. Discussion ensued about adding a seat for the Hazak President too. Three points of clarification were raised. First, the Brotherhood seat was eliminated years ago because the Brotherhood had no members. Now that the group has been active again for several years, it is appropriate to reinstate their seat. Secondly, the CAA Board President may select two non-voting honorary members, so perhaps Hazak could participate in that capacity. Third, the Nominations Committee strives to propose a diverse slate, and Hazak is currently represented in the slate. The vote to amend Item 8 to include adding a Hazak seat on the board failed to pass.

A motion was made by Robert Cullick to vote on the block of 10 bylaw changes (2-8, 11-13), and seconded by Cathy Schechter. The 10 bylaws changes passed with 78 in favor, 16 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

Item 10 of the recommended Bylaws changes were quickly interpreted by the membership at large to indicate that the board could hire/renew/terminate an Assistant Rabbi or other additional Clergy without a vote from the membership. However, Item 10 addressed the absence of provisions in the Bylaws for hiring additional Clergy, sparked by the 5-year term ending for Rabbi Kobrin. A discussion about the scope of the new provisions culminated in a motion by Susan Broockman to further qualify this change with the specification that the congregation will vote on hiring/reviewing Clergy after the board recommendations, before final decisions are made. Dana Baruch seconded the motion and a vote passed with 80 votes in favor. Additional notes for Item 10 included a strong recommendation that a written list of qualifications for additional clergy be published prior to presenting the candidates, along with a mapping of this clergy position to the CAA vision. Diane Radin motioned to vote on accepting Item 10, and Barry Rossen seconded the motion. The motion passed easily by two-thirds majority vote.

Nathaniel Winkler motioned to vote on Item 1, extending voting privileges to non-Jewish spouses of Family Members. The motion was seconded by Robert Cullick. Mike Abkowitz from the Bylaws Committee explained that the rationale for the change was the growing number of family memberships comprising of one Jewish adult and one non-Jewish adult. There were many issues raised immediately about this proposed change. Eddie Selig moved to vote on the question of tabling the issue or voting on the issue (not determining if the item would pass or not, just how to proceed), and Earle Sherrod seconded the motion. Voting resulted in 60 members in favor of tabling the issue, 28 members against. Item 10 was tabled.

Item 9 proposed that the bylaws pertaining to expectations of standing committees be revised, because these committees are not currently functioning as proscribed. Davida Charney moved to table the vote, stating that the changes will have a huge impact and should be discussed further before voting. Lea Isgur seconded the motion, and it passed with a majority vote.

**Aytz Chaim Election & Trust Agreement (Mike London)***duration: 17 minutes*

Elections. Jeff Newberg has completed his 5 years and one other person resigned, so there are open seats. The Nominations Committee for the Board of Trustees for Aytz Chaim propose Barry Rosson and Terry Milman. Both were voted yes with unanimous vote.

Trust Agreement. Article 3.4 regarding rules for creating a fund should be changed to remove the requirement for signing a promissory note. Also proposed was the new clarification that an entity that starts a new fund can do so with the initial \$5000 but if the fund does not grow to \$25,000 within 5 years as currently stated, the opportunity to add the other \$20,000 to activate that fund will be extended past the 5 year cap today. Currently, after 5 years, the money goes into the general Aytz Chaim pool. Earle Sherrod motioned to accept change as stated, Joe Oliveri seconded the motion. The change passed by majority vote. Aytz Chaim finances were summarized on a separate paper that was available at the meeting.

**CAARS Raffle (Dana Sharon Winer, Leslie Rosenthal)***duration: 2 minutes*

Congratulations to the raffle winner for this year...the Kress Family. Leslie Rosenthal received flowers as a thank you as CAARS administrator, since she is moving this summer.

**5775 Budget (Caroline Legatt)***duration: 14 minutes*

Caroline Legatt presented a line item review of 2013-2014 budget versus actuals year-to-date, and explained the few changes in line items for the current budget, like the item "other event income." Caroline praised the office staff for keeping expenses so low, and shared that CAA is running in the black at this time, which was not the case last year. There was a quick discussion about the variety of dues structures.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Nathaniel Winkler, and seconded by Leslie Rosenberg. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm.

*Total meeting duration: 2 hours, 52 minutes*