

This Special Membership Meeting was called to address revisions to the existing Bylaws as adopted on 2/9/03 and subsequently amended on 2/19/10, 6/3/10, and 9/10/13.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic challenges, the meeting was held with a remote option for attendees, as well as in-person at the church facilities.

Start time: 7:00 PM

It was announced that a quorum was not yet achieved, so in the interim, Chad Oberholtzer reviewed the process that the Bylaw Review Committee took over the last year. The committee was appointed by the Elders and led by Chad. Members were Judy Firebaugh, Ashley Holleman, Scott Long, and Keith Walker. It was determined that the committee would focus on four guiding purposes:

1. Simplifying
2. Clarifying
3. Right-sizing
4. Empowering

The committee's revisions were submitted to the Elders in June, 2021 then revised and submitted to the District Office in August, 2021. The church then held a family meeting in October, 2021 to consider additional revisions and answer questions. The final proposal was circulated to the membership ahead of this meeting.

Chad then reviewed the two major changes that are addressed with the Bylaw Revision Proposal:

1. The Board of Administration to replace the Board of Ministries
2. The reorganization of Deacons and Deaconesses

At this point in the meeting, a total of 212 members were registered (76 in-person and 136 online), exceeding the required 199 (1/2 of the membership) for a quorum to change the Bylaws.

At 7:25 the meeting was called to order by Pastor Aaron, and he led in prayer. Chad took over as moderator, who invited Keith Walker, Church Secretary to make the motion, as seconded by Wes Miller:

**MO211108.1 Walker/Miller** It is recommended by the Board of Elders that the church membership vote to approve the Bylaw Revision Proposal, as presented in its entirety.

**Approval will be tallied at the end of the discussion and electronic voting process.**

### Questions:

1. Please explain how our Bylaws relate to the CMA Constitution – The Constitution is not able to be changed by the local church. Our Bylaws are written to be in compliance with the Constitution. The national documents are available at [cmalliance.org](http://cmalliance.org)
2. How will the Board of Administration be established? – at least five members will be appointed annually by the Board of Elders, to include either the Treasurer or Asst. Treasurer, one pastor, at least two non-elected lay leaders, and one Elder.
3. Were there any doctrinal issues raised by any pastor regarding the deacon/deaconess designation? – none.
4. How soon will these changes take effect? – If approved, the Nominating Committee will fill positions according to the new Bylaws, and will become effective after the next Annual Membership Meeting.

Having addressed all questions, Scott Long then called the question. Chad reviewed that a Yes vote is to approve the Bylaw Revision Proposal as presented, and No vote is to reject the proposal.

Votes were tallied, with 202 voting Yes and 2 voting No.

**MO211108.1** passed with 99% voting Yes.

Chad described next steps:

- Several groups will gather over the next few weeks to sketch out specific plans to develop the general framework of the new Bylaws.
- Those results will then inform the Nominating Committee with suggestions on how to perform their work ahead of the next Annual Membership Meeting in February 2022.

### Closing and Adjournment

Chad and Aaron expressed thanks to all those involved in getting the Bylaws updated. Aaron closed in prayer.

Having no additional business, the following motion was moved and seconded:

**MO211108.2** It is moved and seconded to adjourn the Special Membership Meeting.  
**Approved via Voice Vote (those in attendance) with no dissenting (via on-line)**

Meeting ending time: 8:00