

JDC Bylaws Committee Report

The Bylaws Committee worked on revising JDC Bbylaws (latest version from October 2022). Here are the **MAJOR** differences between the 2022 Bsylaws and the proposed revised Bylaws:

Summary of Proposed Bylaws Changes (2025)		
Article	Topic	Comments
IV	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4.1: Added JDC’s expectations of Members. ● 4.2 (a, b and c): Clarified membership classifications in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Active members have voting power and eligible to serve on Board of Directors. ○ Associate members have observer status and CANNOT serve on Board of Directors. ○ Affiliate members have voting power and may appoint a representative each on Board of Directors. ● 4.2 (d): NEW membership classification: Emeritus members. ● 4.3: Clarified what “good standing” means. ● 4.4: NEW Membership fees.
V	General meetings	NEW
V	Board of Directors	Merged Articles V and VI to Article VI Board of Directors. 6.3: At least five directors on Board of Directors. 6.4: JDC cannot have two co Chairs.
VI	Directors of the Corporation	6.4 and 6.5: The Chair and Vice Chair shall be Deaf. 6.8: Term shall be from one Convention to the next or a term of two (2) years. 6.11: The Board of Directors shall hold four (4) or more meetings (virtual or in person) every year.
VII	Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deleted the term “ad hoc” throughout the Article.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Created new standing committees: the Finance Committee & the Audit Committee.
XI	Dissolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Merged three old sections into one simplified section.
XII	Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Added references for the term “Deaf.” ● “Chair” and “President” are interchangeable. ● “Vice Chair” and “Vice President” are interchangeable. ● Removed gender references.

Reordered and renumbered Sections when merging old Articles V and VI in modified Article VI Board of Directors.

Other minor additions / deletions / changes were also made for clarification or easier readability.

PROPOSED MOTION Be it moved that the proposed JDC Bylaws as presented at the JDC Summit of October 2025 be accepted.

Thank you Marla Berkowitz, Roz Rosen and Bob Weinstock (Bylaws Committee members) and everyone who advised us on the Bylaw changes.

Respectfully yours,
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