



Bricks & Mortals

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

06.06.24

10:00am - 12:00pm

<https://www.bricksandmortals.org/membership-area>

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1. Welcome (Taylor Aikin, 10:00am - 10:15am, 15 mins)

- Welcomes and thank yous
- Type in the chat which B&M event, case study, or resource was most helpful this year
 - Victoria Barreca: I enjoyed the B&M cocktail/networking event. It was lovely to see you all in person after work!
 - Bill Shillady: The housing summit was a great event.
 - Jeff Courter: The individual coaching session for our church was insightful.
 - Branden Dupree: The housing summit was a great opportunity for education and connection.
 - Mike Tortorici from Ariel Property Advisors here, and I hope all is well. I found the briefings on the City of Yes particularly helpful. It introduces vast and potentially far-reaching changes, many of which can benefit religious organizations, landmarks, and campuses. This is certainly something to stay on top of in the coming year.
 - Shalonda Ingram: I enjoyed the live gathering in New York City. It was a great opportunity to meet people and learn more about the community in a relevant environment. I also greatly appreciated the opportunity to share our rental experiences at Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance (in a church property).
 - Jeff Courter: The LL 97 information was helpful and will continue to be needed. The focus on energy sources for buildings can become a focus for Bricks and Mortals this year, as climate change remains an issue for faith communities.
 - Toby Snyder: I appreciate the depth of discussion at the B&M Summit, and other panel talks that B&M members and leadership have participated in throughout the year. Members' ability to get into the nuts and bolts of the policies we advocate for is key to our credibility.



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- Approve April meeting [minutes](#) ***motion unanimously passed.***
- 2. **Introduction of Board Nominees (10:15am - 10:20am, 5 mins)**
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- 3. **Faith + General Members Vote (10:20am - 10:30am, 10 mins)**
 - Ballots emailed to Members
 - Members return ballots
- 4. **Bylaw Updates (10:30am - 10:40am, 10 mins) (motion)**
 - Amending General member application references and frequency Ethics Pledge is required - proposed changes highlighted in yellow below:

General Members and Faith Based Member must:

1. Sign an ethics pledge (annually, if required by the Board) affirming that Member's commitment to the purposes of the Corporation and to transparency and fair dealing in all matters involving real property owned by faith-based organizations; ***amendment unanimously passed and changes updated.***
2. Annually complete the Membership form, if required by the Board;
3. Annually make the Membership Contribution;
4. Meet the criteria set forth for the respective class of Member; and
5. Have a Letter of Reference ("Letter of Reference") from a current Member, unless waived by the Directors elected by Faith Based Members, which Letter of Reference will remain valid until withdrawn, though the Directors may request an affirmation of such letter at their discretion.
 - a. If an applicant for General Membership cannot provide a Letter of Reference from a current Member, the applicant is required to list three references. If you work with clients, these references should be your current/former clients. We strongly recommend that one or more be from the faith community. ***amendment unanimously passed.***

Please reach out to Kate Toth to be involved in the continuous revisions of the ByLaws.

5. **Reflection and Planning (10:40am - 11:45am, 65 mins)**
 - [Successes](#) this year (10:40am - 10:50am, 10 mins)



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- 1. *Poll*: How long should Membership Meetings be? (2 hours, or 1.5 hours)
- 2. *Poll*: When would you be most likely to attend an in-person Networking Event? (Morning, evening, or afternoon)
- 3. *Poll*: Why would you be most likely to attend an in-person event (Networking, educational content, or unique space / exhibit?)
- 4. *Poll*: Who should be able to attend the Networking Event? (Members and non-Members; only Members; Members and non-Members paying a one-off ticket price)
- Review [Strategic Plan](#) (10:50am - 11:20am, 20 mins)
 - *Discussion question*: What other membership benefits would you like to see - for faith members? For general members?
 - 5. *Poll*: How would you want to engage with an “Affinity” group with other Members working in similar areas as you? Eg. small congregations, geographic, members who space share, by geographic area, etc (Not at all, through an email list, in quarterly meetings, in informal 'speed dating' events, other)
- What do you want to see next year? (11:20am - 11:45am, 25 mins)
 - Budget Update (Bill Shillady, Vice Treasurer)
 - 6. *Poll*: Would you be interested in attending in person site visits? (Yes, no, maybe)
 - 7. *Poll*: In addition to Membership Meetings, would you be interested in being a part of a committee, working group, or other smaller engagement group? (Yes, committee; Yes, working group, Yes, other smaller engagement group; No)
- 6. **Closing (Taylor Aikin, 11:45am - 12:00pm, 15 mins)**
 - [Interest Form](#) for Mayor’s Working Group on Faith-Based Affordable Housing and Community Development