2026 Annual Meeting and Director Elections

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AND PROXY VOTE

The Boston Church of Christ will hold its annual meeting on Monday, December 7th, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Arlington building (75 Pleasant Street, Arlington). The purpose of this meeting will be to elect two directors to the church board and approve proposed changes to the church bylaws. As an alternative to attending this meeting, members may cast their vote by proxy ballot during their regional Sunday service or online at **vote.bostonchurch.org**.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Novermber 6, 2026

Each year the church elects new directors to the church board. The board consists of at least 7 directors, but not more than 15, each serving staggered three-year terms so that only a part of the board is replaced each year. **The church board election is NOT a competitive contest, but rather a process of identifying qualified spiritual men and women willing to serve the church as directors.**

Generally, the election process begins early in the year, with nominees being sought from all regions of the church, and candidates being interviewed. Outstanding nominees are selected who best complement the other directers' skills. This year current directors **Sharon Metzger** and **Susan Brunton** will serve another 3-year term. The board and elders welcome these candidates and appreciate their desire to continue to serve. The proxy vote will be the church's opportunity to elect these two candidates to the 2027 board.

Directors should be "full of the Spirit and wisdom" (Acts 6). They should possess gifts, talents, and experience in areas such as financial oversight, management, human resources, legal & risk management, and other skills that support the church's work. The board works closely with the elders to provide support, input, and advice on financial matters, church policy, and risk management issues.

This year we have also been working on refining the language of the **church's bylaws**. On page 2 you will find a summary of the changes that are being proposed. The purpose is to clarify operational procedures and practices, and to help further support board and church governance. None of the amendments affect the church's statement of purpose, its relationship with the elders, membership qualifications, or its theology.

Thank you to the nominations committee members for their work this past year to identify these candidates and to improve the church bylaws. The 2027 board will consist of twelve non-staff directors and two church employees. The board includes, an evangelist, an elder, and church members with experience in nearly every non-staff church leadership role, including deacons, children's ministry coordinators, family group leaders, and region leadership team members.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, December 7th, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Arlington Building. The meeting will be short, with the purpose to elect the two directors and approve the bylaws changes. Recognizing the challenges of conducting an all-church gathering just for this purpose, members may vote by proxy ballot either at their regional Sunday service or online at **vote.bostonchurch.org**.

On behalf of the board, we are blessed to serve the Boston Church in this manner and are hopeful for the church's future. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the directors if you have questions regarding any church matter. Thank you for your support and cooperation during this process. We pray along with you to bring glory and honor to God, and for the church's continued growth and success.

John Martin
Chairman of the Board

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Sharon Metzger

Boxborough, Massachusetts
Northwest Region

Education
B.S. Technical Communication & Mathematics, MIT
Master of Technical & Professional Writing, Northeastern

Professional Experience

Sharon is an experienced professional writer and editor in enterprise software organizations, and currently works at Red Hat as a Senior Technical Writer in the Automotive program.

Family & Ministry

Sharon was baptized in the Boston campus ministry 40 years ago. Along with her husband Michael of 27 years, they are EMS Ambassadors and also minister to the young marrieds in the Northwest Region. They have two sons: Benjamin (24), and Christopher (22).



Susan Brunton

Maldon, Massachusetts
Central Region

Education
B.S. Biology & Geography, University of Guelph, Ontario

Professional Experience

Susan is from Ontario, Canada, and has been working with GIS (Geographic Information Systems), producing digital data and maps for over 20 years. She is currently the Director of GIS for the town of Arlington.

Family & Ministry

Susan has been a faithful single disciple for 24 years, baptized in the Downtown Region, and is now part of the Central Region.

Church Bylaws - Summary of Changes

The following proposed amendments to the Corporate Bylaws of the Boston Church of Christ reflect eight targeted improvements to help clarify operational procedures and practices, and to help further support board and church governance. None of the amendments affect the church's statement of purpose, its relationship with the elders, membership qualifications, or its theology.

1. **Board Leadership** (Section 6.8) - A new section formally establishes the Chairman of the Board role, defining election procedures, powers & duties, filling vacancies, and removal. The Chairman serves as the Board's presiding officer, primary liaison to church administration and the elders, and steward of the Board's annual agenda.
2. **Director Term Limits** (Section 4.3) - Directors are now limited to two consecutive three-year terms, for a maximum of six consecutive years of service, followed by a mandatory one-year break before re-eligibility. This change promotes board renewal while preserving continuity through staggered terms.
3. **Board Quorum Floor** (Section 5.6) - A minimum quorum floor of four directors is established to protect against the risk of consequential decisions being made by an unusually small group during any transitional period when vacancies exist.
4. **Written Consent Procedures** (Section 5.9) - Board action by written consent is now subject to a response window of ten business-days, Clerk confirmation of receipt, and documentation in the next meeting's minutes. This clarifies how the board can approve written resolutions more effectively, especially when using email.
5. **Officer Election Continuity** (Section 6.2) - Officers now continue to serve until successors are duly elected, preventing any unintended lapse of officer authority if an annual election is delayed.
6. **Committee and Task Force Structure** (Sections 7.1 & 7.2) - The committee framework is reorganized to distinguish between Standing Committees, which are permanent bodies with written charters, and Special Committees, which are temporary. Task Forces are clarified as time-limited bodies that, unlike committees, may be led and staffed by non-directors.
7. **Conflicts of Interest** (Section 3.6) - Language requiring the board to "adopt" a conflicts of interest policy is replaced with present-tense language indicating that the policy now exists. Annual review and signed disclosure by all covered individuals is now explicitly required, with executed forms retained by the Clerk.
8. **Corporate Records** (Section 9.1) - Record-keeping responsibilities are significantly strengthened, including formal assignment of custodial responsibility to the Clerk, defined retention schedules for permanent, long-term, and short-term records, a litigation hold provision, and explicit standards for electronic record storage and security."