Bylaws Committee Charter
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Purpose of Bylaws Committee:

The Bylaws Committee (Committee) is a standing committee of Beit Am. Its primary purpose is to identify, evaluate, and propose changes to the Beit Am Bylaws. It is also charged with periodically reviewing Beit Am's key policies to ensure alignment with the Bylaws and evolving organizational needs. Proposals for changes may originate from the membership, the Committee itself, or the Beit Am Board. The Committee's goal is to recommend changes that will strengthen governance by improving clarity, efficiency, and alignment with Beit Am's evolving needs. The Committee shall operate in an open and transparent manner, informing and involving members of the Beit Am community.

Appointments to Bylaws Committee:

The President of the Beit Am Board will appoint a Chair or co-Chairs (the Chair(s)). The Chair(s), in consultation with other members of the Committee, shall appoint additional members to the Committee as they deem necessary. The Committee shall have a minimum of 4 members, including the Chair(s). Appointments are intended to be ongoing to ensure continuity, institutional knowledge, and thoughtful stewardship of the Bylaws in support of Beit Am's evolving needs.

Guidelines for Bylaws Committee:

1. The Committee shall meet as needed to consider changes to the Beit Am Bylaws.
2. Meetings may be initiated by the Committee, requested by the Board or its members, or prompted by suggestions from individual Beit Am members.
3. The Committee shall periodically review Beit Am policies to ensure consistency with the Bylaws and recommend updates to the Board as needed.
4. In addition to meeting as described in paragraph 1, the Committee shall conduct a periodic and substantive review of the Bylaws at least once every five years to ensure they remain aligned with Beit Am's governance needs.
5. The Chair(s), or a designated Committee member, shall provide periodic progress updates to the Board upon request.
6. Following Board review and feedback, the Committee shall submit a report to the Board detailing its work and any proposed changes for consideration by the membership.
7. Proposed Bylaws amendments shall be submitted to the membership for a vote in accordance with procedures outlined in the current Bylaws.

8. The Committee shall maintain open communication with the Beit Am membership regarding its activities. Outreach may include membership forums, articles in the Kol Ha'am newsletter, website updates, and member-wide emails.
9. The Committee is authorized to spend up to $100 per fiscal year to support its work. Expenditures beyond this amount require prior Board approval.
10. Any proposed revisions to be presented for a membership vote shall be shared with the Board at least 60 days prior to the special or general membership meeting at which they will be considered.
11. The existence of this Committee does not preclude individual Beit Am members from proposing Bylaws amendments independently, in accordance with procedures outlined in the current Bylaws.