

Proposal for Organizational Membership in New Jersey Breastfeeding Coalition

Current NJBC bylaws provide that the coalition can have individual and organizational memberships. (Bylaws, Article III, Section 1). The bylaws are silent about these membership categories having different benefits or rights. The primary benefit of membership is a voting privilege.

I propose that we establish a simple structure for organizational memberships at this time which distinguishes among individuals, nonprofit organizations/government agencies and for-profit corporations. At this time, the benefits of membership would be the same for all categories. I am not certain under our bylaws if we could give more than one vote to a nonprofit organization or for-profit corporation. I believe we could allow these other memberships to have one or more designated representatives to the NJBC, but I believe they should still have only one vote.

I would propose the following structure:

Membership in NJBC

--Individual Membership--\$30 per year

--Nonprofit Organization/Government Agency Membership--\$50 per year

--Corporate/Business Membership --\$100 per year