

At the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco's Annual Meeting in 2016, Co-Treasurer Kathy Henschel volunteered to get in touch with Cambridge to obtain San Francisco Bay Area contact information for a broad membership recruitment mailing for the first time in a number of years. In her investigation, she found that RCSF was not listed on the official Harvard Alumni Association website, nor were we included in HAA's electronic map where you can "click here to find the club nearest you." She also found that we are the last free-standing Radcliffe Club, not merged with a Harvard Club.

Conversations with HAA representatives about RCSF gaining access to alumnae/i contact information and being officially listed on the HAA website, plus review of the existing (1979) RCSF Constitution & Bylaws, made it clear that we needed to do a few things on our end.

1. Review and agree to comply with the Harvard Club Compliance and Trademark License Agreement, which controls how the Harvard/Radcliffe trademarks may be used by alumnae/i clubs;
2. Review and agree to comply with the Harvard Club Operating Guidelines, which guide how alumnae/i clubs operate; and
3. Review and update our Constitution & Bylaws.

The RCSF Steering Committee delegated these tasks to Co-Presidents Alison Boeckmann and Janet Taber-Coppola, Secretary Mary Claugus, and Co-Treasurer Kathy Henschel.

They reviewed the HAA documents for items 1 and 2 above, obtained agreement from the other members of the Steering Committee, and signed and delivered them to HAA as of 12-31-16. This was sufficient for HAA to officially list us and add us to the "click here" map.

Our Constitution & Bylaws had not been touched since 1979. RCSF has changed a lot since then, and a major rewrite was necessary. For the new version, we have followed the format of sample bylaws provided by HAA, and brought the Constitution & Bylaws into alignment with the way we operate today at RCSF, preserving plenty of flexibility for ourselves.

The FINAL DRAFT (as of 01-31-17) will be considered for adoption at the Annual Meeting on April 29, 2017.