

The following is a list of suggestions for the Structure and Systems Team and the Communications Team that were made by family members during the 2024-25 survey project – the lists have been combined in case the teams decide to join up to form one team but can be separated if needed.

All family members are invited to review the list and send your input to the Structure and Systems Team and the Communications Team by 9/15/25 at strsys@googlegroups.com and may-comms@googlegroups.com plus suzymaywest@yahoo.com or, if you prefer, to each member of those teams at their own email. Feel free to cc the FC if you want to. There will be a family zoom meeting in October 2025 to follow up on this topic and wrap up the surveys project – details to follow via email/CBRenovation.

Suggestions for the Communications Team and the Structure and Systems team

If approved by the Structure and Systems Team and the Communications Team, those two teams would consider the following suggestions made by family members:

1. Discuss the possibility of joining the two teams together to form a new team, the purpose of which would be to create and maintain systems of communication and organization for the teams and the family. The new team could write a new mission and goals statement if they want to. (Please let the Family Council know what you decide.)
2. If the teams decide to join together, the new team would consider the following suggestions raised by family members:
 - Maintain the family website
 - Decide whether to upgrade the website and if so, talk with the FC about options for funding it.
 - Maintain an updated list of current contact info of family members who consent to be included on the list.
 - Explore a variety of strategies to communicate family messages and news with family members who don't check CBRenovations.
 - Consider adding a "front porch" page to the family website, where people can post lost and found items, upcycled items, cute grandkid stories, etc.,
 - Add a calendar feature to the website, where individuals or teams could post meetings, events, etc.,
 - Create and maintain a list of skills and interests of family members if that suggestion is approved by family members (to whom it has been suggested separately.)
3. Have a team discussion that may lead to a plan and a timeline for current team leaders to step down and new leaders to step up, as well as cycling in new members of the team and cycling out current members who are ready to pass on the torch. The purpose of this would be to keep ideas and motivation fresh, invite participation from all generations and relations, and prepare next generations to carry on long-term family goals and projects.