

Application for Membership – European Buddhist Union



EBU's constitutional requirements for membership

- (a) Full membership of the Association shall be open to all such bona-fide Buddhist organizations:
- (1) Which have a constitution or statutes that include items (2) and (3) below,
 - (2) For whom the cause of Buddhism is their main purpose,
 - (3) Whose prime function is to undertake Buddhist activities,
 - (4) Whose membership is predominantly Buddhist,
 - (5) Whose Council or Board is under the control of professed Buddhists,
 - (6) Whose membership is of reasonable size,
 - (7) Who carry out Buddhist activities in Europe,
 - (8) Who are willing to support the objects of the Association,
 - (9) Which have been in existence as an organization for at least one year,
 - (10) Which have paid the annual subscription as it is fixed each year by the Association.
 - (11) Which respect and are willing to work in harmony with other Buddhists.

We would like to know that your organisation meets these criteria, and we ask you to enclose a copy of your constitution, and any other information you think is pertinent.

- (b) All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Administrative Council which shall make adequate enquiries as to whether the applicant fulfils the criteria for membership and shall circulate to the members at least one month before the date of the next General Meeting a recommendation with reasons to approve or reject the application.

Annual General Meeting being held in September, please send your constitution and other information before June 30th; at the latest by July 31st.

- (c) Approval or rejection of applications for membership shall be decided at General Meetings of the Association.

Organisations applying to join are asked to send a representative to the meeting at which their application is to be considered in order to put forward their case for membership.

- (d) Each member organization shall appoint one individual person, who shall be a professed Buddhist, to represent it and vote on its behalf at General Meetings of the Association. In the event of such an individual person resigning or otherwise leaving the organization, he or she shall forthwith cease to be a representative thereof.

In the interests of continuity, we recommend that delegates be changed as infrequently as possible and certainly should stay in office for at least three years at a time (Minutes AGM 2005).

- (e) Each member organization may nominate:
- (1) A deputy, who shall be a professed Buddhist, to replace its appointed representative to vote at a General Meeting of the Association if the latter is unable to attend any particular meeting of the Association,
 - (2) Observers who may be invited by the President to attend any such meeting, but who shall not be entitled to vote.

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