

**European Buddhist Union INPA
Annual General Meeting - 16 November 2024
Online meeting on Zoom**

Minutes AGM

Members present	Attending	
AHB	Stefano Bettera (proxy)	1
Arya Maitreya Mandala	Gabor Hargitai	2
BDD	Widukind Baier; Thomas Stempel	3
BUN	Michael Ritman	4
Centro Zen Firenze	Margherita Kyūshin Alletto	5
Centro Zen L'Arco	Annalisa Migliorini	6
Dharmaloka Chan	Tatjana Mesar	7
Dharma Gate	Gabor Karsai	8
Fondazione Maitreya	Maria Angela Falà	9
German Buddhist Union	Gabriela Frey	10
Kunpen Lama Gangchen	Carlotta Segre	11
Lankaramaya	Stefano Bettera (proxy)	12
Mandala Centro Milano	Franco Quarzati	13
Mandala Samten Ling	Franco Quarzati	14
OBC	Ute Heim	15
ÖBR	Michael Ritman (proxy)	16
Le Bouddhisme de l'Amitié Spirituelle	Isabelle Huet, Patrick Dehoux	17
Rigpa	David Rycroft	18
Sakyadhita France	Gabriela Frey	19
Sangha Activa	Lama Dondrub	20
SBU Finland	Irma Rinne	21
SBU/USB	Luc Feldmann	22
Triratna	Munisha	23
UBB	Carlo Luyckx	24
UBI	Stefano (proxy)	25
WCF	Jake Lyne	26
Yun Hwa Sangha	Juan Antonio Moral	27

Members absent with apologies received:

Benchen	Lama Rinczen
Polish Buddhist Union	Lama Rinczen
Mandala Samten Ling	Elisabetta Mirra
Fo Guang Shan	Roxanna Pang

Also present:

Ron Eichhorn;

Council: Stefano Bettera, Munisha, Carlotta Segre, Carlo Luyckx, Jake Lyne, Michael Ritman
Absent: Roxanna Pang

Protocol committee: Jake Lyne, Michael Ritman, Stefano Bettera

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- 1. Welcoming of delegates**

Stefano Bettera welcomed all delegates.
- 2. Apologies for absence**

Some apologies for absence were received. It was established that according to the new 2023 constitution of EBU INPA, voting can be done by proxy.
- 3. Quorum and clarification about which delegates can vote**

With 27 members represented by delegates at the beginning of the meeting, and 27 members present at the end of the meeting, it was established that the quorum (1/3 of the membership) was reached. It was clarified which delegates could vote and which proxies had been submitted.
- 4. Protocol committee**

Jake Lyne, Michael Ritman and Stefano Bettera agreed to form the Protocol Committee for approval of the Minutes of the AGM.
- 5. Approval of Agenda**

With only one item 'Finance' to be discussed, the agenda was approved by consensus.
- 6. The 2023 Annual Accounts**

The 2023 annual accounts are the same as shared and discussed during the AGM in April of this year. They were not discussed again in this AGM.
- 7. Auditor's Report on the 2023 Annual Accounts**

The external auditor held back his report earlier this year. The reason for this was that the accounts were available only in Excel, without the system checks that are built into professional accounting software. Our new accountant in Belgium transferred the accounts to his software, but only last week. The external auditor will be able to do his final check only next week. To avoid further delay it was proposed to approve the annual accounts subject to the external auditor's report coming in. The 2023 annual accounts including the auditor's report will be sent to the members together with the minutes of this AGM. This proposal was agreed to by consensus.
- 8. EBU Financial Budget 2025**

The EBU Financial Budget 2025 was discussed and approved by consensus.
- 9. EBU Team Council of Europe**

The EBU EU Team has received a voluntary contribution from most of the National Buddhist Unions. Together with them it will be discussed how to allocate these funds to the expenses that have and will be incurred by them. By this the work of the EBU Team in the Council of Europe is supported.

10. Date and place of the AGM 2025

The date of the next AGM will be 26 April 2026 in the Fo Guang Shan Temple in Vienna. Together with the AGM an event will be organised to celebrate the 50 years Jubilee of EBU. This event will take place from 24 to 27 April. The event will be supported by the Austrian Buddhist Union and the Italian Buddhist Union.

11. Closing of the AGM

Attachments to the minutes:

1. EBU 2023 Financial Report, including external auditor's report
2. EBU 2025 Financial Budget