

**European Buddhist Union INPA  
Annual General Meeting  
9 May 2026  
Hôtel de Ville de Saint-Gilles  
Brussels**

**Minutes AGM**

**Members**

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**Attending**

Ricardo Guerrero  
Iven Junge  
Gunaketu  
Eric Leenderts  
Ven. Anna Maria Shinnyo Marradi  
Ven. Dario Girolami  
Ven. Pasura Dantamano  
Gabor Karsai  
Tatjana Mesar  
Ven. Nengxin Shi  
Ven. Tsunma Jinpa  
Carlotta Segre  
Stefano Bettera  
Lia Folcia  
Lia Folcia  
Jamie Cresswell  
Ute Heim  
Erika Erber  
Gabriela Frey  
Trudy Fredriksson  
Tatu Kuivalahti  
Joëlle Troeder  
Munisha  
Carlo Luyckx  
Antony Boussemart  
Filippo Scianna  
Jake Lyne  
Kurt Matyas

**Members absent with apologies received:****Also present:**

Koen Vermeulen, Annalisa Migliorini, Andrea Kaishin Gazzoni, Ven. Youwang Shih

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

**Protocol committee:** Jake Lyne, Stefano Bettera, Michael Ritman

# Minutes AGM

1. **Welcoming of delegates**  
Stefano Bettera welcomed all delegates.
2. **Apologies for absence**  
No apologies for absence were received.
3. **Quorum and clarification about which delegates can vote**  
With 28 members represented by delegates at the beginning of the meeting, it was established that the quorum (1/3 of the membership) was reached. It was clarified which delegates could vote.
4. **Protocol committee**  
Jake Lyne, Stefano Bettera and Michael Ritman agreed to form the Protocol Committee for approval of the Minutes of the AGM.
5. **Approval of Agenda**  
The 2026 Agenda of the AGM was approved by consensus.
6. **The 2025 Annual Activity Report**  
The Annual Activity report from the Council and the project groups, was submitted before the meeting. It was approved by consensus. The EBU action plan for 2026 was approved by consensus.
7. **Auditor's report**  
The auditor's report for the 2024 Annual Accounts has been provided. The 2024 Annual Accounts received a final approval by consensus. The 2025 Annual Accounts were shared for information purposes only, pending confirmation by an external auditor later this year. A new external auditor is being sought. Everybody's support in this process is very welcome.
8. **The 2026 Financial Budget**  
The 2026 Financial Budget was discussed and approved by consensus.
9. **The 2025 Annual Accounts**  
The auditor's report for 2025 will be provided later this year. Other than this the 2025 Annual Accounts report is complete. Pending the external auditor's report the 2025 Annual Accounts received a preliminary approval by consensus. The members will be given the opportunity to give their final approval to the 2025 annual accounts, including the auditor's report, together with the 2027 Financial Budget at the next general assembly.
10. **Attracting new members from the pool of members of the National Unions**  
The proposal is to increase the membership of EBU by asking the National Buddhist Unions to actively approach their members to find out if they would be motivated to also become a member of EBU. Already, members of EBU can

be National Buddhist Unions, International Buddhist organisations and local Buddhist groups. Already, if a local group applies for membership of EBU, the Council will contact the relevant National Buddhist Union, if it exists in the country where the local group is based, to find out their views on this membership application.

This proposal was approved by consensus.

**11. Double majority vote**

If we are successful in attracting many more members, the dynamics between the members within EBU will change. This is why we need to reconsider our decision-making process.

The constitution and standing orders provide for a decision-making system by reaching consensus before a decision is made. Alternatively, if no consensus is reached, there is a backup procedure of a majority vote. This backup procedure will be replaced by a majority vote of the members, and a majority of the national Buddhist unions (double majority).

See the proposal 'Double Majority' attached to these minutes. The changes to the constitution will need to be reconfirmed at the next AGM.

After two members stepped back for consensus to be reached, this proposal was approved by consensus.

**12. Membership**

The following Buddhist group applied for membership:

**Tovana Insight Meditation**, established in Israel. Since they are not actually based in Europe, they can only apply for associated membership.

Based on the Council recommendation this application was approved by consensus.

**13. Various**

As the Council recommendation for the membership application was not sent to the members beforehand, the meeting recommended that the Council should try to send documents for the AGM earlier, so members can prepare themselves properly before the AGM. The Council will endeavour to do this.

**14. Date and place of the AGM 2027**

The next AGM will be in May 2027. Exact timing and location will be confirmed later.

**15. Closing of the AGM**

Attachments to the minutes:

1. Auditor's report on the 2024 Financial Accounts
2. EBU 2025 Financial Report, including 2026 budget
3. EBU 2025 Annual Accounts
4. Proposal 'Double Majority'
5. Council Recommendation Tovana