

## European Buddhist Union

### Membership Information

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 which the cause of Buddhism is their main purpose,
3. For which the practice and study of the Buddha-Dharma is their main activity.
4. Which carry out their activities in Europe,
5. Whose membership is predominantly Buddhist,
6. Whose Council or Board is composed mainly of professed Buddhists,
7. Whose membership is of considerable size,
8. Which are willing to support the objectives of EBU,
9. Which have been in existence as an organisation for at least three years,
10. Which have committed to paying the annual membership dues as fixed each year by EBU,
11. Which respect other Buddhists and are willing to work in harmony with them,
12. Which abide by the Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Ethics of EBU and do not engage in conduct that is offensive or detrimental to EBU;
13. Which have committed to contributing to one of the areas of activity of EBU,
14. Which have committed to developing, implementing and publishing their own code of ethics, or which have committed to doing this within two years.

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

All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Administrative Council by May 1st of the year of application. The council shall make adequate enquiries as to whether the applicant fulfils the criteria for membership and shall circulate to the members by the end of June with a recommendation with reasons to approve or reject the application.

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.

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.

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.

If the applying group is accepted to membership, they will have the status of 'affiliate members' of the EBU for 2 years following the submission and acceptance of their application. This will be a non-voting status.

If after this period the AGM is content then they may become full members.

During the affiliate period the group would pay 1/3 of the membership fee.



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### Application for Membership

Name of the organisation: The Amida Order Association

Spiritual head of the organisation: Susthama Kim

Representative/delegate to the EBU: Vajra Moerman

Name and e-mail: [lut.moerman1@gmail.com](mailto:lut.moerman1@gmail.com)

Representative: Vajra Moerman

Deputy: Susthama Kim

Date and place: 16 April 2023 Watford, Uk

Signature: *Susthama Kim*

Please send the signed application, together with the constitution of your organization - preferably in English language - to [info@europeanbuddhism.org](mailto:info@europeanbuddhism.org)