

**European Buddhist Union INPA
Annual General Meeting
26 April 2025
Fo Guang Shan Temple
Minutes**

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Members

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Attending

Ricardo Guerrero
 Gabor Hargitai
 Thomas Stempel
 Lama Rinczen
 Gunaketu
 Gabor Hargitai
 Michael Ritman
 Ven. Shinnyo Marradi
 Annalisa Migliorini
 Tatjana Mesar
 Roxanna Pang
 Gabriela Frey
 Carlotta Segre
 Stefano Bettera
 Lia Folcia
 Lia Folcia
 Ute Heim
 Martin Schaurhofer
 Lama Rinczen
 Hugo Pardal
 Isabelle Huet
 David Rycroft
 Thea Mohr
 Trudy Fredriksson
 Tatu Kuivalahti
 Luc Feldmann
 Munisha
 Carlo Luyckx
 Ven. Ane Sonam Palmo
 Filippo Scianna
 Heide Seppele

Members absent with apologies received:

Dharma Nikethanaya Milano, SGI Europe, Western Chan Fellowship

Also present:

Ron Eichhorn, Moritz Richartz, Patrick Duhoux, Lucia Gómez, Benke Boldizsár Hargitai, Eric Leenderts, Andrea Gazzoni, Elena Viviani, Giovanna Giorgetti, Vajramala, Isabel Esono, Lucía Gómez, Mathilde Chambon

Council: Stefano Bettera, Munisha, Carlo Luyckx, Roxana Pang, Carlotta Segre, Michael Ritman, (Jake Lyne apologized)

Protocol committee: Munisha, Stefano Bettera, Michael Ritman

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1. **Welcoming of delegates**
Stefano Bettera welcomed all delegates.
2. **Apologies for absence**
Three apologies for absence were received without a proxy being given.
3. **Quorum and clarification about which delegates can vote**
With 31 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**
Munisha, Stefano Bettera and Michael Ritman agreed to form the Protocol Committee for approval of the Minutes of the AGM.
5. **Approval of Agenda**
The 2025 Agenda of the AGM was approved by consensus.
6. **The 2024 Annual Activity Report**
The Annual Activity report from the council and the project groups was approved by consensus. The EBU action plan for 2025 was approved by consensus.
7. **The 2024 Annual Accounts**
The 2024 annual accounts were shared for information purposes only, pending confirmation by the external auditor later this year.
8. **Auditor's Report on the 2024 Annual Accounts**
The auditor's report will be provided later this year. Other than this the financial report is complete. The members will be given the opportunity to approve the 2024 annual accounts, including the auditor's report, together with the 2026 Financial Budget, somewhere in the second half of the present year. The date for an online general assembly later this year will be communicated to the members.
9. **Voting for new AGM cycle**
At the AGM in September of 2023 a proposal by the previous council was made to change the format and the timing of the AGM. Consensus was reached to organise a one-day (or half-day) meeting on Zoom once every two years and a big event with live attendance every other year. The new council was asked to prepare a proposal before the 2024 AGM.
For practical reasons it was also proposed to change the council election cycle from three to four years, so the election cycle will always coincide with an AGM with live attendance.
To change the election cycle, we need to amend the Constitution of 16 March

2022, when EBU INPA was established. We only need to change a single sentence:

Article 9 - Board, Council and Officers of the Constitution currently reads:

“All officers are elected at an AGM. Each officer shall be elected for a term of 3 years.”

Our proposal is to change the second sentence to:

“Each officer shall be elected for a term of 4 years.”

This decision was approved by consensus by the AGM in 2024.

This decision was reconfirmed by consensus at this AGM (2025).

The council will take care of executing the formal change in the Constitution.

This means that we plan to have council elections again in the year 2027.

The proposal was made to stick to a live AGM every year, preferably combined with an EBU Conference on a specific issue. This does not interfere with the change of the election cycle.

The council was asked to come up with a long-term strategy for EBU, including a plan specifying the resources we need to realise our ambitions.

10. Membership

a. The following Buddhist group applied for **full membership**:

Dhammakaya Europe International, established in the United Kingdom.
Based on the council recommendation this application was approved by consensus.

b. The following Buddhist organisation applied for **full membership**:

Rangjung Yeshe Gomde, established in Austria.
Based on the council recommendation this application was approved by consensus.

c. The following Buddhist organisation applied for **full membership**:

Dzokden Kalapa, established in Austria.
Based on the council recommendation this application was approved by consensus.

11. Date and place of the AGM 2025

The next AGM will be in April 2026. Because of the 40th Anniversary of the French Buddhist Union / Union Bouddhiste de France in 2026, they offered to host the AGM and Conference in France next year. Exact timing and location will be confirmed later.

12. Closing of the AGM

Attachments to the minutes:

1. EBU 2024 Financial Report, including 2025 budget
2. Proposal for the Council mandate - reconfirmation