

## Bodhimarga Annual Meeting 2/4/2018

Bodhimarga held its annual telephonic membership meeting on February 4, 2018, beginning at 6:05 PM MT. Attendees included: Davide Zaccagnini (MA) Steve Ring (CO) Deb Rosenberg (CO) Pilar Baca (CO) Susan Mackin Dolan (CO) Linda Krause (MA) Jenny Davis (CO) Shane Hoffman (NY) Chuck Wagner (AZ) Nancy Boyce (MA) Sue Irwin (CA) Ben Gaylord (CO) Deb Whitman (CO) Karen Young (CO) Mark (CO)

Davide welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Agenda was briefly explained.

Linda went over the current LT slate. Susan Mackin Dolan and Sue Irwin have been appointed by the LT and VTP to fill remaining year slots left by the resignations of Ali Selby and Ben Gaylord. A vote is needed on Chuck Wagner, who has been nominated for a 3 yr term and Shane Hoffman who was nominated for a 2nd 3 yr term.

Linda read the mission of Bodhimarga: *Bodhimarga is a non-sectarian (rimed) and non-denominational community dedicated to the study of Buddhadharma. We provide a platform for the transmission of authentic Buddhist teachings by organizing retreats throughout the United States under the guidance of our spiritual director, The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi.*

Jenny motioned to call for a vote. Steve asks why the membership is presented with LT nominations instead of being part of the process to pick them. Jenny explained that she just learned of the resignations a few days before. Deb Rosenberg asks why are we just finding out? Davide explains that the changes have just happened in past week. Pilar comments that she doesn't know what the LT is doing.

Shane clarified that by-laws out line the process of LT selection and it has been difficult to find people to rotate onto the LT. By-laws state that 5-7 people can be on the LT. Even if we vote today on Chuck and Shane other nominations may potentially be submitted for consideration before the 30 day window when the by-law changes will be voted on. Davide commented that perhaps we can design a better process to find LT members.

Sue Irwin asks for clarification on her & Susan MD's appointment. Jenny states that according to the by-laws, the LT can vote on replacement appointments when there are resignations. Those two appointments are to fill spots that expire at the end of 2018.

There was discussion about changes in the by-laws related to membership qualifications. Davide - reason for possibly adding a fee based membership is to allow other opportunities to qualify for membership. Membership shouldn't be limited to only those who attend cyber or other Study Circles or attend retreats regularly. Shane - Fee proposal also allows for 3 year planning and creates more opportunity to raise funds and provide budgetary clarity. Steve states his opposition to this. Davide - the work being done by LT members should also be considered as criteria for membership. Current by-laws do not account for that.

Jenny - we need to revise by-laws to reflect these new ideas. Shane motions to table votes for tonight and schedule a second meeting when revisions are complete. Deb Rosenberg seconds.

Shane - full Finance report will also be available then.  
Currently there is \$21,000+ in reserve.

Linda - presents overview of impact/accomplishments in 2017:

Implementation of student/community led Study Circles  
Retreats in Edwards (46 folks) Santa Barbara ( 42) Carbondale ( 75) Bali (26)  
Q & A online with VTP attended by 20-30  
Cyber Study - on average 13 weekly attending  
Prison Project - on average 13 - weekly served  
Prayer Circle list - 20 folks currently on list  
5 - 1/2 day mini retreats in Buena Vista  
MIT & Praj - weekly and bi-weekly study groups and quarterly retreats

2018 - Retreats Scheduled for Santa Barbara CA and Edwards & Buena Vista, CO

Susan explains that committees generally need more help, but especially in tech, communications & retreat coordination. Each community that hosts VTP needs to create it's own local volunteer retreat organizers. Davide suggest sending a note to communities asking for specific needs.

Shane thanks everyone for attending and leads closing prayers.

Deb R. motions to close meeting. Mark seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm ET.