



# Minutes of the Meeting of Members

September 8, 2018. Warsaw Zen Center, Poland

## Summary - short version

The Meeting of Members (MOM) was held on September 8, 2018 at the Warsaw Zen Center in Poland. 12 Teachers attended this meeting, representing **12 countries** with 44 Zen Centers and Zen Groups.

- 1. Formal opening of meeting and approving the agenda extensions to the final agenda, if any (decision) and vote**

*The agenda was approved by all present votes (73) with no abstentions and no votes against.*

- 2. Approval for the business and treasury reports 2017**

Robert Baczyk presented the business and treasury reports for 2017 and noted that Tom Vered will replace Koen Vermeulen JDPSN as a Financial Director for 2018.

The final balance for 2017 shows an operating loss of about 4.000 EUR which is mostly due to unforeseen expenses. Reasons for this unforeseen loss are due teachers not paying the usual 10% in 2017 which was waived due to travel cost for the WWSF conference, unforeseen WWFS contribution by KUSZE and unpaid 2016 bills (PP and accountant). A positive result in the previous years helped offset this unforeseen loss. No questions were raised or objections made.

*The business and treasure reports 2017 were approved by all present votes (80, 7 new votes arrived later) with no abstentions and no votes against.*

### 3. Budget 2018

**Expected income:** For 2018 income is expected to be 12.500 EUR as compared to the budgeted 9.500 EUR. Reasons for this increase are increased membership income and a successful Winter Kyol Che.

**Expenses:** The budgeted expense for 2018 was 9.000 EUR but it is expected that more will be spent due to unforeseen expenses. It is suggested to reevaluate a printed version of Primary Point as it is very expensive and is now also online available. An item that is brought up is the number of monastics that will be attending Winter Kyol Che and the related expense and if they are required to have a job. Another item that is brought up is the Online Sangha and if they will contribute a portion of the money for its European members. This discussion is postponed until next ETG Meeting.

***The budget 2018 was approved with 74 votes in favor and 6 abstentions. It was noted that this was the first time that there were abstentions.***

### 4. Formal approval of the Council's and European Office's actions

New teacher Elizabeth Coombs JDPSN and Myong Hae JDPSN from Subong Zen Centre in Hong Kong were welcomed.

The Council and EO actions were highlighted:

- KUSZE supported 10 teachers that went to WWSF and 30 out of 40 teacher met.
- A lot of work has gone in preparation of the MOM and Sangha Convention. Satisfaction was expressed with teachers and students that came to cook and take care of teachers for the ETG teachers meeting in Vienna May 2018. Alma JDPSN is excited and proud that the Europeans have started a Sangha dialogue.
- The current members of the EO are Agata, Gil Jacobson, Gasper Sopi (Design Director), Tom Vered, Boaz Franklin and Martin Regener (Data Protection officer).
- The graphical layouts that EO has produced were presented along with the results of these campaigns (+500% increase in reach on Facebook as compared to the previous period). Regardless of objections this approach seems to be working.
- Current open positions at EO include FB admin, YouTube admin and Communication Director. **Volunteer** at: [comms@kwanumeurope.org](mailto:comms@kwanumeurope.org)!

***The Council and EO's actions were approved with 81 votes (1 vote arrived later) in favor, no votes against and no abstaining votes.***

Other items that were addressed:

- In 2017 the total number of members in Europe increased by 71 new members with 4 more groups. It's the most significant yearly increase since establishing KUSZE.
- The new EU GDPR regulation on data protection and privacy needs to be complied with and implemented. It is suggested that the Krakow representative and Martin Regener get together to discuss this in more detail.

### **5. Endorsement of Council members - Koen Vermeulen JDPSN, Bogusia Malinowska JDPSN, Arne Schaefer JDPSN, Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN**

Alma JDPSN stepped down as a chairman and leaves the Council, Koen Vermeulen JDPSN is to be the new chairman. Arne Schaefer JDPSN and Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN are endorsed as new members of the Council. The council now consists of Koen Vermeulen JDPSN, Bogusia Malinowska JDPSN, Arne Schaefer JDPSN, Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN

***The endorsement of the new Council members was approved with 81 votes in favor, no votes against and no abstaining votes.***

### **6. Closing words**

Last year MoM decided to discuss issues raised by Millennial Report during Sangha Convention, which has become an extremely important event. Also, it was noted that this was the shortest MoM (~1,5 h) ever and we hope to keep it like this.

## **2. Participating Members**

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Zen Centers and Zen Groups</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bon Shim SSN</li><li>2. Ji Kwang SSN</li><li>3. Joeng Hye SSN</li><li>4. Gu Ja SSN</li><li>5. Jo Potter JDPSN</li><li>6. Ja An JDPSN</li><li>7. Igor Piniński JDPSN</li><li>8. Oleg Šuk JDPSN</li><li>9. Jiří (George) Hazlbauer JDPSN</li><li>10. Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN</li><li>11. Elizabeth Coombs JDPSN</li><li>12. Myong Hae JDPSN</li></ol>	<p><b>Austria:</b> Vienna ZC</p> <p><b>Germany:</b> Berlin ZC, Köln ZG, Dresden ZG, Hamburg ZG, Bad Bramstedt ZG</p> <p><b>Czech Republic:</b> Vrážné ZC, Liberec ZG, Brno ZG, Litoměřice ZG, Prague ZG, Olomouc ZG, Zlín ZG, Tabor ZG</p> <p><b>Great Britain:</b> London ZC, The Peak Zen Ku Bong Sa ZC</p> <p><b>Israel:</b> Tel Aviv ZG, Hod Hasharon ZG, Pardes Hanna ZG</p>

	<p><b>Lithuania:</b> Kaunas ZC, Vilnius ZC, Sakiai ZC</p> <p><b>Poland:</b> Warsaw ZC, Gdansk ZC, Kraków ZC, Katowice ZC, Łódź ZC, Rzeszów ZG, Wrocław-Wałbrzych ZG</p> <p><b>Slovakia:</b> Bratislava ZC, Košice ZC, Malacky ZG, Piestany ZG</p> <p><b>France:</b> Paris ZG</p> <p><b>Hungary:</b> Budapest ZG, Szeged ZG</p> <p><b>Spain:</b> Barcelona, Palma</p> <p><b>Russia</b> - 4 centers represented by Oleg Suk JDPSN</p> <p><b>12 countries are present:</b> with 44 Zen Centers and Zen Groups</p>
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