



Kwan Um School of Zen / Europe

European Teachers Group (ETG) / Board of Trustees Meeting 2017

Date: 8./9. April 2017

Place: Warsaw, Wu Bong Sa

Attending: Zen Master Bon Shim, Zen Master Ji Kwang, Zen Master Joeng Hye, Zen Master Gu Ja, Jo Potter JDPSN, Bogumila Malinowska JDPSN, Koen Vermeulen JDPSN, Igor Piniński JDPSN, Jiri Hazlbauer JDPSN, Yuval Gill JDPSN, Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN

Absent: Arne Schaefer JDPSN, Oleg Suk JPDSN

Moderator: Igor

Recorder: Knud

Minutes

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Sangha Convention	Council recommends the calling of a Sangha convention in 2018 See Appendix A	<i>Sangha convention (meets all 3-5 years) – The convention would be prepared by a core group of people to address points in the millennial report as well as other points pertinent to the operation of the E.KUSZ. The outcome is not binding. Preparation period for the Sangha convention ~ 1 year. Decision: In Spring 2018 after Winter Kyol Che there will be the kick-off meeting with the committee. The actual Sangha convention will be held at the weekend after Summer Kyol Che in September 2018 together with MoM 2018.</i>
Kyol Che Report	Attending participants. Stipends.	<i>Student applications for stipends (incl. monks and nuns) should go to the guiding teacher first and after GT's approval to the Kyol Che Zen Master.</i>

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Sangha Reports	New Guiding teachers	<p><i>Decision:</i></p> <p><i>New guiding teacher for Vrazne and for Liberec by September 2017: Jiri Hazlbauer JDPSN</i></p> <p><i>Co-guiding teacher for Vienna (next to Jo Potter JDPSN) by September 2017: Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN</i></p> <p><i>New guiding teacher for Hod Hasharon ZC by September 2017: Yuval Gill JDPSN</i></p> <p><i>New guiding teacher for Elizabeth Coombs, York (UK): Zen Master Ji Kwang</i></p>
EO Changes	<p>EO Changes: EO Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN departing / Agata Sobiecka entering as EO Director. Plus, new people in the EO: Gill Jacobson and Tom Vered.</p> <p>See Appendix B</p>	<p><i>ETG wants to be informed more about what's going out to the Sangha (i.e. Congratulation cards)</i></p>
“Safety and Health”	<p>Bogumila Malinowska JDPSN leads this discussion on Safety and Health</p>	<p><i>Topic with many implications (i.e. parts of it should to be included in the Dharma teacher training program)</i></p>
Dharma Teacher-Training	<p>Document in the present state will be presented for your information. We request that Council working with Zen Master Bon Shim will finalize the document. When finished, teachers will receive the final draft and give comments and then finally a vote of approval per email.</p> <p>Appendix C</p>	<p><i>The ETG gives a mandate to a Dharma Teacher Training committee (Zen Master Bon Shim, Jiri Hazlbauer JDPSN and Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN) to create a proposal to report back to the ETG for decision.</i></p>
Sarira Paris	<p>Transfer of Stupa and Sarira from former Paris ZC</p>	<p><i>The Stupa and the Sarira from Paris will go to Vrazne Zen center. The Buddha will stay in Brussels Zen center for the time being.</i></p>

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European Council News: -Invitation of EO and other teacher representatives	Council will regularly invite the director of the EO to give reports first hand to Council. Council will invite teachers to participate in the meetings as needed.	<i>Council will invite EO members to take part in council meetings to discuss EO matters. The participation time of members of the EO will be only for EO matters.</i>
Council will work on adjusting Agenda to one day of meeting only.	Decreasing ETG meeting length. Limit ETG meetings to strategic organizational issues and to teaching. Non -strategic issues should be taken by the Council, if needed based on email response from the teacher group.	<i>Separate teachers meeting from big events; In 2018 we planned to meet for an entire weekend (from Friday evening until Sunday lunch). Next ETG meeting will be either in Vienna or in Berlin. Council will inform ETG.</i>
International Council Robes	IC: 09.09 2016 minutes from IC meeting: Forms Suggestion from IC for wearing bowing robes for sitting time during YMJJ and wearing long robes for chanting & ceremonies - ZM Soeng Hyang writes: “The four of us all agreed that using the short robes during sitting rather than the long robes during sitting is a good idea.” This needs to be discussed and decided in each of the three regional teacher groups.	<i>You may use short robes, in the same style as we use in Kyol Che, for sitting during daily practice, Zen days, short and long retreats. When it’s very hot in the Dharma room you may also use short robe or no robe.</i>
Summer Retreat Program (SRP)	Summer Retreat Program Organization	Zen Master Bon Shim <i>is the SRP Zen Master for 2017.</i> <i>Procedure: Abbots bring the Sangha's wish for the particular teacher request to the guiding teacher; the guiding teacher checks with SRP coordinator and Council. After that he/she approves or declines the request of the abbots/Sangha. It could go back another round from the abbot to SRP coordinator and Council. The final decision will be made by the Council.</i>

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Ceremonies	Decision process concerning KUSZ/EU ceremonies (i.e. for officiates)	<i>Decision: Council and leading Zen-Master should work together. Council suggests officiate and the leading Zen Master has the final decision.</i>
WWSF 2017	Update of the progress of WWSF European participants: teachers and students Scholarships Program for European Sangha Dharma teacher's presentation	<i>Zen Master Ji Kwang and Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN will work on a 35 minutes presentation about KUSZ/EU</i> <i>Igor Piniński JDPSN and his Lodz team will work on an evening program</i>
Online Sangha	Online Sangha	<i>Besides concerns the ETG wants to support it.</i>

Chairman: Igor Piniński JDPSN

Note taker: Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN

Approved by Head of Council: Jo Potter JDPSN