

Minutes of the Meeting of Members
Kwan Um School of Zen / Europe
April 9, 2017. Warsaw Zen Center, Poland

A. Participated Members

- **Teachers:**

- i. Bon Shim SSN
- ii. Ji Kwang SSN
- iii. Joeng Hye SSN
- iv. Gu Ja SSN
- v. Jo Potter JDPSN
- vi. Ja An (Bogumila Malinowska) JDPSN
- vii. Oleg Šuk JDPSN
- viii. Koen Vermeulen JDPSN
- ix. Igor Piniński JDPSN
- x. Jiří Hazlbauer JDPSN
- xi. Juval Gill JDPSN
- xii. Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN

12 teachers are present: 4 Soen Sa Nims and 8 Ji Do Poep Sa Nims

- **Zen Centers and Zen Groups:**

- i. **Austria:** Vienna ZC
- ii. **Belgium:** Brussels ZC
- iii. **Germany:** Berlin ZC, Hamburg ZG and Bad Bramsted ZG
- iv. **Czech Republic:** Prague ZC, Vrážné ZC, Brno ZG, Sam Bo Sa (Liberec) ZC, Zlin ZG and Olomouc ZG.
- v. **Great Britain:** London ZC, The Peak Zen Ku Bong Sa ZC
- vi. **Poland:** Warsaw ZC, Łódź ZC, Kraków ZC, Katowice ZC, Toruń ZG, Płock ZG, Wrocław ZG, Wałbrzych ZG, Rzeszów ZG
- vii. **Spain:** Palma ZC
- viii. **Slovakia:** Bratislava ZC, Košice ZC

8 countries are present: with 16 Zen Centers and 5 Zen Groups

Agenda

1. Formal opening of meeting and approving the agenda extensions to the final agenda, if any (decision) and vote
2. Approval for the business and treasury reports of the Council and the European Office – vote
3. Budget 2017
4. Formal approval of the Council's and European Office's actions – vote
5. Whole World is a Single Flower Conference in Providence
6. Scholarship Summer Retreat Program – discussion
7. Millennials Report on problems of KUSZ younger generation – discussion

Ad 1.

Agata Sobiecka, head of the European Office (EO) welcomes everyone, presents the agenda. There is no request for additional topics.

The agenda is approved by 62 votes, with no abstentions and no votes against.

Ad 2.

Koen Vermeulen PSN presents the "*Financial Overview 2016*" document (containing the business and treasury reports of 2016).

[At this moment a representative from Cracow joins the Meeting of Members and the number of votes increases now to a total of 64 voting cards]

Koen Vermeulen PSN explains the plans for the Budget 2017.

Robert Baczyk explains the Scholarship program to help people wanting to do long retreats.

The Financial Overview 2016 is approved by 64 votes, no abstentions, no votes againsts.

Ad 3.

[As the Budget 2017 has been already explained the MoM proceeds to the next point of the Agenda]

Ad 4.

Lubor Kosut explains the contents of the document "*Overview of the Council's and EO's actions*"

Agata Sobiecka presents the "*EO is looking for you!*" program. She explains that we need a new Communications Director and if anyone is interested please come in.

The Council's and European Office's actions are approved by 64 votes, no abstentions, no votes againsts.

Ad 5

Jan Sendzimir: explains the origins and purpose of the Whole World is a Single Flower conference (WWSF) initiated by Zen Master Seung Sahn 30 years ago. He explains the topic of the WWSF 2017 and encourages anyone interested to register as soon as possible.

Jo Potter PSN explains that, for the WWSF 2017, 18 scholarships have been approved.

Ad 6.

Robert Baczyk: encourages the members to discuss about the Scholarship for the Summer Retreat Program (SRP) and says the budget is not very big and we can support between 5 to 7 people.

Ad 7.

Agata Sobiecka explains that the Millennial report was published in the USA by younger members and that it contains guidelines for future developments of School but also the informs on needs,

limitations and concerns of young people within KUSZ. The survey to prepare this report was widely answered.

Jo Potter PSN announces a Sangha Convention to be convened in September 2018, an event in which students can focus on crucial topics to help the KUSZE. The Sangha Convention can include the millennial report as a topic in 2018.

Bon Shim SSN: expresses gratitude to the work of the European Office and the European KUSZ Council as well as to all who participated in the this meeting.

Agata Sobiecka closes the Meeting of the Members 2017.

-----**Meeting is finished**-----

Minutes: Eduardo del Valle

Moderator: Agata Sobiecka

Abbreviations used in the document:

- EO: European Office of the Kwan Um School of Zen in Europe
- JDPSN: Ji Do Poep Sa Nim (Korean, meaning Venerable Dharma Master)
- KUSZ: Kwan Um School of Zen
- KUSZE: Kwan Um School of Zen in Europe
- MoM: Meeting of Members
- PSN: Poep Sa Nim (an abbreviation of Ji Do Poep Sa Nim)
- SRP: Summer Retreat Programm
- SSN: Soen Sa Nim (Korean, meaning Venerable Zen Master)
- WWSF: The Whole World is a Single Flower Conference
- ZC: Zen Center
- ZG: Zen Group