



Buddhas' Practice Incorporated

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2022 – 2023 Special General Meeting

Minutes of Buddhas' Practice Incorporated (BPI)

Meeting No:	001
Date:	4/1/2023
Time:	8.00pm-8.50pm (Darwin Time)
Place:	Level 2 Board Room, 12 Salonika Street, Parap, 0820, NT & Video Conference (Electronic means) <u><i>Channel -- Zoom.us</i></u> Meeting ID: 76831043517 Password: 631017 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/76831043517?pwd=ZEd0aFhDMVNTZjMlUk9iRHAyMkpvOT09
Meeting Host:	Yuping HE
Chairperson:	Yuping HE
Participants:	Please refer to 1.2 Attendees below
Minute Secretary:	Yuping HE
Time Keeper:	Yuping HE

Agenda item 1: Welcome, membership attendance and report

1.1 Chair

Chairperson: Yuping HE



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1.2 Attendees

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No.	Name	Position	Attendance
1	Lixin HE	Preacher	P
2	Huaigu WANG	Director of BTRC/Preacher	P
3	Chengli LI	Preacher	P
4	Shan YAN	Preacher/Member	P
5	Meiling CHEN	Preacher/Member	P
6	Xiaaju LUO	Member	P
7	Li HUANG	Member	P
8	Bennie Spirit	General-Consultant	P
9	Dawn Spirit	International business development (USA Branch)	P
10	Fei QIAN	Treasurer/Public Officer	P
11	Meizhen SHEN	Member	P
12	Yuping HE	Chairperson/ Website Management/ Secretary	P
13	Chaoqun CAI	Member	P
14	Yuhua HU	Member	P
15	Qihong CHEN	Member	P
16	Aidi SHEN	Member	P
17	Ailing SUN	Member	P
18	Thikimhieu NGUYEN	Member	L
19	Qiang CAO	Member	P
20	Huijuan LUO	Member	P
21	Ximing ZHAO	Member	P
22	Zhifang LIU	Preacher/Member	P
23	Jianxin ZHOU	Member	P
24	Li HUANG	Member	P
25	Yinfeng WANG	Member	P
26	Thimytrang LE	Preacher/Member	P
27	Guiling SUN	Preacher/Member	P
28	Jun XU	Member	P

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No.	Name	Position	Attendance
29	Zhixia LIU	Member	P
30	Yongwen LYU	Member	P
31	Wenhua DU	Member	P
32	Wenjie GUO	Member	P
33	Yinchun GAN	Member	P
34	Aifang MEI	Member	P
35	Beiyan YU	Member	P
36	Yunyun DENG	Member	P
37	Kangkang ZHANG	Member	P
38	Juan ZHAO	Member	P
39	Cong TAN	Member	P
40	Chengying YAO	Member	Abs
41	Wei ZHANG	Member	P
42	Dandan WANG	Member	P
43	Yongnan LYU	Member	P
44	Tinghui YU	Member	P
45	Canrong ZHOU	Member	P
46	Jing DONG	Vice-Chairperson	P
47	Jinlian FANG	Member	P
48	Thingoclanh NGUYEN	Member	P
49	Jianlong SUN	Member	P
50	Changhao GENG	Member	P
51	Zhanhua SHI	Member	Abs
52	Qian LU	Member	Abs
53	Jing WU	Member	P
54	Jingqiong YAN	Member	Abs
55	Yuan LYU	Member	Abs
56	Guodong YANG	Member	P
57	TRUONG ANH TAI	Member	Abs



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No.	Name	Position	Attendance
58	Liqin HUANG	Member	P
59	Xiangxin MAO	Member	P
60	Wenqi HUANG	Member	P
61	Rencui CHEN	Member	P
62	Zhaohe YANG	Member	P
63	Qiuying ZENG	Member	P
64	Meitao WU	Member	P
65	Renqin YAN	Member	Abs
66	Yuanyuan NING	Member	P

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No.	Name	Position	Attendance
67	Youyang TAN	Member	Abs
68	Peiqi ZHANG	Member	P
69	Liyong LIAO	Member	P
70	Limin CHENG	Member	Abs
71	Hong WANG	Member	P
72	Zeguo Yang	Member	Abs
73	Sha ZHU	Member	Abs
74	Xiaotian YAN	Member	P
75	Xueming WANG	Member	Abs

62/75 attended the SGM meeting



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1.3 Attendance Report

Attendance	Situation	Proxy	Total
Members Present	P		62
Members Apology	A		0
Members Absent/Silent	Abs		12
Members Leave of Absence	L		1
Visitors			0
Total			<u>75</u>

1.4 Meeting open

Yuping HE (Chairperson) declared the meeting open at 8:00 pm, Darwin Time Zone and welcomed all attendances.

Agenda item 2: Handovers and BTRC business

2.1 Chairperson and Secretary's handover – Yuping HE

Yuping HE displayed the handover from the previous Chairperson and Secretary to all members. As well as the handover of BPI's Common Seal from the previous General Secretary to the Secretary.

The specific Lists of Handover are in attachments.

2.2 Director of BTRC's handover and BTRC business – Huaigu WANG

Huaigu WANG is the new Director of BTRC.

He introduced himself to all members and spoke the three main points on the agenda:

- 1 The handover of the Buddhist Teaching Research Centre (Handover List has been attached);
- 2 A report on recent work;
- 3 Outlooks and plans for future work.



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The details are as follows:

1. The status of the handover of the Buddhist Teaching Research Centre.
This handover includes both printed and electronic copies of all documents.
The specific handover is in attachment.
2. Recent work report.
First of all, it is a more comprehensive clarifying and understanding of the scope of his work and responsibilities.
Secondly, the 11th thesis submission and defence work has started and is in progress.
At present, he has already defended the thesis with two Dharma preachers and has the corresponding evaluation and suggestions, and has also done the relevant records and archiving work.
3. The outlooks and plans for future work.
In the coming year of his term, he planned to do three important things:
 - 1) Quarterly thesis seminars. Specifically, it is to do a good job of opening report of a certain point or a comprehensive point of the next thesis writing, to guide the thesis writing of the Dharma Preachers well, and to try to pave the way for the thesis writing of the Dharma Preachers later.
 - 2) Quarterly submission and defence of the thesis of the Dharma Preachers. he will do a good job of reviewing, defending and evaluating the theses of the Dharma Preachers, and provide a more reasonable evaluation and recommendation for each thesis.
 - 3) Ensure that each Dharma Preacher must maintain the original teachings and meanings of the Buddhas' sutras. This is done by doing a good job of making occasional visits to the Dharma preachers' teachings, and keeping relevant records and appropriate and necessary reminders to ensure that all Dharma Preachers' teachings are in accordance with the original flavour of the Buddhas' sutras and to benefit all sentient beings to the greatest extent possible.

In the end, he summarized the three main points again:

- 1 The handover of the Research Centre;
- 2 The report on our recent work;
- 3 The outlooks and plans for future work.

He thanked all and turned the mike over to the Chairperson.

Agenda item 3: Financial Reports of Recent Transactions – Fei (Bonnie) Qian

Bonnie reported the accounts of the association for the 6 months ended 31 December 2022 and provided an overview of the accounts in below 4 aspects:

1. Cash in Income



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For the 6 months ended 31 December 2022.

Donations (**\$66,490.62**), membership income (**\$7884**) and other Revenue (**\$3000**) constituted the total income and the amount was **\$77,374.62**.

2. Cash out Expenses

The total expense of the association was **\$26,060.53**.

3. Net cash income

The Net cash income of the association was **\$51,314.09**.

4. Cash on hand

The cash on hand was **\$688.97**.

Bonnie also reminded the rule of GST registration for not for profits:

*Generally, you must register for GST within 21 days if either GST turnover or exceeds the GST turnover threshold of **\$150,000**.*

At present, the Association still got in-kind donations from members.

At the Association's AGM, for the in-kind donations, the association will reveal the depreciated cost based on the latest depreciating requirements of the external accounting and auditing parties under the Australian accounting and auditing laws.

Please be kindly noted do not make in-kind donations to the Association in the future.

According to the above rule, the Association must register for GST once its annual turnover reaches \$150,000. (Including cash and in-kind donations)

In-kind donations fall within the scope of personal purchases, as per Australia's laws, the consumer has to pay excise.

In order not to bring unexpected troubles to the Association, please try your best not to make in-kind donations in the future.

Agenda item 4: Stop using domain www.buddhaspracticeinc.org.au– Yuping HE

Yuping HE informed all members below information:

The domain name of buddhaspracticeinc.org.au will expire on 12 Feb 2023 and the Association will not renew it.

Please be noted that the old email address of all members will not be in use soon.



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Meanwhile, the Association has registered a new Domain Name of bpi2019.org.au on 13 October 2022 and the term is 2 years.

Agenda item 5: No compulsion to write self-reflection against the preachers' papers– Yuping HE

Yuping HE informed all members that there is no need to write self-reflection towards the preachers' papers anymore in the future.

Agenda item 6: The membership fees or donations in China to be waived– Yuping HE

Yuping HE informed all members that the membership fees or donations from China to be waived due to some restrictions and policies in China.

Agenda item 7: Financial Statement of 2021-2022 assessed as compliant with the Associations Act 2003– Yuping HE

Yuping HE displayed the email from the government indicating the Financial Statement of 2021-2022 has been assessed as compliant with the Associations Act 2003.

Agenda item 8: Altering the Constitution by Special Resolution– Yuping HE

Yuping HE outlined the amendments in the Constitution and the details are in below:

Clause Removed:

Clause 11(2)(a): a pro rata annual fee based on the remaining part of the financial year; or;
Clause 31(a)(iv): ceases to be a resident of the Territory;

Clause Added:

Clause 12(4): In order not to create a greater workload for the audit and the government, and in order not to give people the opportunity to break the law, the membership fee from China is to be waived outright (with its membership fee waived in exceptional cases) and the balance of the total membership fee will be raised by Bennie from companies.



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Clause 41(4): The Management Committee may hold their meetings by using any technology (such as video or teleconferencing) that is agreed to by all of the management committee members.

Clause 41(5): The Management Committee member agreement may be a standing (ongoing) one.

Clause 41(6): A Management Committee members may only withdraw their consent within a reasonable period before the meeting.

Clause 45(4): The association may hold a general meeting at two or more venues using any technology that gives the members as a whole a reasonable opportunity to participate, including to hear and be heard.

Clause 45(5): Anyone using this technology is taken to be present in person at the meeting.

Clause Amended:

Clause 38(3): The Director must take the lead in firmly observing the original teachings of the Buddha.

Clause 41: Voting and decision making and using technology to conduct a meeting.

Clause 55(3): All transactions (electronic funds transfer, cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes) and other negotiable instruments must be signed or approved by 2 committee members.

The way of voting as per usual:

If you second, just keep silent;

If you disagree, please let us know with reasons.

Voting for the altering the constitution

Result: Agreed:62/62

Decision: Approved

Agenda item 9: Confirmation of the 2021-2022 AGM Minutes– Yuping HE

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 26, November, 2022, were reviewed and approved.



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Agenda item 10: Dharma Talk from The Advisor– Bennie Spirit

The Very Path to Spiritual Strength and Superpower

If we penetrate the Cause and Effect, we can be aware that: the precepts can guarantee us liberation, peace and being at ease; Meanwhile, the evil deeds created by us due to following the afflictions, are bound to suffer bond, grief and have no alternative. Those living beings will gradually drift away from the Buddha, and there will be as many preachers of deviant views propounding their methods as grains of sand in the Ganges.

“Enabling those beings to collect their thoughts and enter samadhi, how can we cause them to establish themselves peacefully, far from the attractions of demons, and be irreversible in their resolve for Bodhi?” Those who seek the Bodhisattva Way must keep these four precepts extremely purely -not to kill, not steal, not to commit sexual misconduct and not to tell lies. In that way, after being removed the false views, there would be no false actions. Then the three evils of the mind and the four of the mouth will have no cause to come forth. “Ananda, if one does not neglect these four matters, naturally one will not go to pursue forms, fragrances, tastes, or touch, then how can any demon deeds arise? This is the very path to Spiritual Strength and superpower. Holding a hoe with an empty hand, the arrogant one, thinking it crazy, just laughs at it! The honest man naturally accepts it, enjoys it, and is bound to be successful. The disciple who is qualified to Complete Enlightenment treats it as rare, rejoices, and makes every precise effort to achieve it swiftly! It refers to the saying in *The Shurangama Sutra*: The spirit without any false thinking is Nirvana. After getting to know that, you can comprehend the cases of Chinese Zen. For instance: The self who seats himself on the buffalo is walking;

Walking on the bridge, the bridge flows, but the water does not...

Master Dharma shaved his disciples' heads and asked who let them become a monk. A disciple was hit with the answer of “master” and he was hit with the response of "myself" as well. He was beaten to no thoughts arising in his mind, but he is clear. If we stop thinking, we can abide in the Self-nature. The specific cultivation is: to see the unseen(self-nature), to hear the unheard (self-nature). Is it better to learn the Great Compassion Mantra of Contemplator of the World's Sounds? Actually not. Because when you are cultivating the meditation, all arising are the demons, even though the appearing of Contemplator of the World's Sounds. After you surpass the state of Five Aggregates, you could recognize any demon.



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Agenda item 11: Meeting close

The Chairperson thanked those in attendance, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm, Darwin Time.

Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed by:

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(signature)

HE, YUPING

.....
(name)

06/01/2023

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(date)