

The AABS Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 17.6.06
4.30 – 5.15 pm.
Present: around 30 members

Chair: Mark Allon

Agenda:

1. Treasurer's report
2. Technology Officer's address
3. Vote on amendments to the Constitution
4. Election of the new EC

Notes:

1. Report by Eddie Crangle, Treasurer.

Summary:

Account balance on 1 June (before transactions for the conference started):

\$ 2395.11

Balance after the conference:

\$ 7172.11

Breakdown:

Donations:

Buddhist Education Foundation: \$ 3.000.00

60th Dhammacai Education Foundation: \$ 1.000.00

The rest of the money came from membership and conference registration

Report by Ian McCrabb, Technology Officer, on the development of the website.

Summary: Ian introduced strategies for Website development (loading learning materials, resources and tools) and plans for making the bulletin and news list (which has grown to more than 220 subscribers – from 80 nine months ago) widely distributed and RSS available.

2. Drasko Mitrikeski introduced the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

a.

Constitution, section 14 (2), change: one Ordinary Member to become Liaison Officer. After that the EC will consist of: one President, one Vice-President, one Secretary, one Treasurer, one Student EC Member, one Technology Officer, one Liaison Officer and the specified number of Ordinary EC Members.

The amendment was accepted unanimously.

b.

In section 5. (1): "Ordinary members, who shall comprise such persons as wish to join the AABS and have paid the annual subscription fee fixed by the AABS."

Proposal: addition to the sentence after which it would read: "Ordinary members, who shall comprise such persons who research, teach or possess

a professional interest in academic study of Buddhism as wish to join the AABS and have paid the annual subscription fee fixed by the AABS.”

The amendment was accepted unanimously.

c.

In section 5. (4): “Life members, who shall comprise persons who have provided substantial and ongoing financial support to the AABS as deemed such by the Executive Committee. Life members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership.”

Proposal: addition to the last sentence after which it would read: “Life members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership but shall not be elected to a position of the executive of the AABS.

The amendment was accepted unanimously.

d.

Additional EC members: To expand the EC from 10 members to 12 after which the positions will be: one President, one Vice President, one Secretary, one Treasurer, one Liaison Officer, one Technology Officer, one Student Representative and five Ordinary Members.

The amendment was accepted unanimously.

The Constitution will be reworded accordingly.

3. Elections for the new EC (call for nominations was issued one month prior to the ballot; the nomination period was closed one week prior to the ballot).
Nominated:

President:	Adrian Snodgrass
Vice President:	Mark Allon
Secretary:	Drasko Mitrikeski
Treasurer:	Judith Snodgrass
Liaison Officer:	Peter Friedlander
Student Representative:	Andrew McGarrity
Technology Officer:	Ian McCrabb
Ordinary Members:	Peter Oldmeadow Primoz Pecenko Pankaj Mohan Eddie Crangle John Powers

All nominated were elected unanimously. The elections were declared official.

End of meeting.