

**DZOGCHEN COMMUNITY WEST COAST**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Dondrub Ling  
2748 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703  
01/20/2013

Minutes

**Call to Order:** Lee Weiss called the monthly meeting of the Dzogchen Community West Coast to order at 4 p.m..

**Board Members Present:** Lee Weiss, Richard Bermack, Monica Hernandez, Dawa (Gail) Lorien, Gene Kim, Laurel Bellon

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Community Members Present:** Scott Rome

**Next Gakyil Meeting:** the next regular Board meeting is 02/10/2013 @ 4 p.m.

**Minutes:** for the Board meeting of 12/30/2012 were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** To be e-mailed Monday 02/21

**Agenda Items:**

1. Election of officers results – Dawa (Gail) Lorien President, Richard Bermack Vice President, Laurel Bellon Secretary, Lee Weiss Treasurer

Gakyil members: Blue—Gene and Dawa, Yellow—Lee and Laurel, Red, Richard and Monica  
Dawa will email Rinpoche for approval, Laurel will register new officers with the state.

2. L.A. Retreat: Scott will contact Craig & Marta about helping with the retreat. Dawa will help Luke with the bookstore. We need to know what to order as soon as possible.
3. Baja Retreat: Dawa will contact the Baja gakyil (Carol, Margaret, Giorgio) to ask if they need any help.
4. Dance retreat w. Carisa March 15-17<sup>th</sup>: We need a plan for the course (cost analysis and logistics), and to follow guidelines for teachers, now that Carisa is an official Dance teacher. Dawa will discuss with Carisa whether we should go forward with the open six spaces course or three vajras-which would be a closed course, since six spaces was offered recently. Dawa is contact on website. Laurel will post on Facebook.
5. Coordinating w. Tsultrim's group for her bay area events —non-starter, they never reponded to email. Should we advertise her events on our schedule? Consensus is yes, with the emphasis not to call us for information—refer to ODD or Tara Mandala

6. Michael Katz retreat: Julia and Laurel will contact Michael. He has requested a house where he can stay with his wife and child. Heather and Earle and Carol Fields are the only immediate options we could think of. Timeframe, August.
7. Rentals/Fundraising: Scott will contact Craig to discuss.
8. Opening up the Ling: Should we open the center to other groups with an alternate payment structure? There are many factors involved. In a way there is no difference than the rental agreement we already have. There are contracts and insurance waivers that must be signed. Rentals are one of the few ways we have of making money. If we arrange lower payments for some, we will have less income, also not fair to those paying more. Our rental fee is already one of the lowest in comparison with other organizations. If an alternative rental arrangement is to be discussed, there must be a plan to review (who will create?).

Should we advertise the events of the rental groups? Possibilities are creating a separate space on the weekly schedule/website/calendar for non-sponsored events at the Ling. The information would need to be provided to those performing that work.

In the same line, a discussion as to sponsoring teachers at the Ling from other communities- this has always been a sensitive issue-Rinpoche must be asked-usually this has been done on individual basis, if the teacher is not from a direct transmission of Rinpoche's. We were running out of time so these discussions were tabled.

9. Co-tenant for the Ling? We would need to research the legality- also might have to make changes to the center according to the needs of the co-tenant- would we want to do this? Tabled for future discussion.
10. Carolina—will she be here in the spring? Possible YY course? Laurel will contact.
11. Richard Bermack will lead one dharma support group Thursday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 p.m. . Depending on the attendance, will discuss whether to go any further with it.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

#### BOARD CERTIFICATION

I, Laurel Bellon, Secretary of the Dzogchen Community West Coast do hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on 01/20/2013 as approved by the board members in attendance at the meeting.

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Signature

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Date