

MINUTES OF TSEGYALGAR EAST COMMUNITY MEETING MARCH 20, 2022

Background - On March 20, 2022 the Tsegyalgar East Gakyil hosted a Zoom meeting open to all members of the community. The meeting was attended by 25-30 members and was facilitated by Mark Alston-Follensbee. Prior to the meeting a comprehensive report was distributed to members who were requested to review the materials beforehand in order to allow for more open-ended discussions during the meeting. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

Official Actions - In the report sent prior to the meeting there were two items which required voting by the membership, the proposed 2022 budget and changes to the Corporate Officers required by the Massachusetts non-profit law. After both issues were raised, motions offered and seconded and received unanimous approval by members.

Request for Additional Help for Blue Gakyil Activities - Prior to the meeting both members of the Blue Gakyil announced their resignation leaving a large void in the work of the Gakyil. The Gakyil asked members for suggestions on how to maintain the vital work of programming for the community. Among the suggestions were:

- Having an online space for program proposals from members
- Having more in-person events as well as virtual events
- Having some kind of distinct program at least every other month
- Hiring a secretary to assist the Gakyil
- Reaching out to former members who have received transmission and encouraging them to become more involved.

Organizing Support for Ukrainian Members During War Crisis - Naomi Zeitz, a member of the Blue Gakyil of Dzamlingar joined the discussion to ask for assistance for members of the International Dzogchen Community from Ukraine. After hearing about the issues and the efforts to address them, a group of attendees formed an informal task force to work on the issues of immigration and fundraising.

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