

TSEGYALGAR EAST COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

Dear Members of Tsegyalgar East.

A Community Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 1pm. Please try to attend. Your participation is important.

1. The first agenda item is to elect a new Gakyil. Mark and John will depart after three years, while Al and Marsha are staying and will be joined by two new members, Ellen Halbert and Martha Tack. Both Ellen and Martha are long term members of Tsegyalgar East and have served the community in various positions in the past.
Brief background information for Ellen and Martha: [View Here>>](#)
We will need your approval of the new Gakyil.
2. Secondly, we will review the latest financial statement from the 3rd quarter of 2023.
[See link here>>](#)
3. The Gakyil would like you to consider several topics for discussion during the Meeting:
A) Are there other organizational structures that might promote more participation in the Community?
B) What can we do to sustain the Community?
C) How do we protect Khandroling forever?
4. Finally, the Gakyil is offering the following Reflections at the end of the current Gakyil's term:

Reflections at the End of the Gakyil's Term

January 2024 marks the end of term for three of the current Gakyil members. Two members, Mark and John, will be departing, while Al will remain along with Marsha who joined one year ago. At this time of the "changing of the guard", we thought it might be useful to offer our reflections on our Gakyil experience and thoughts about the future.

On Being on the Gakyil - During the past three years the process of being on the Gakyil during the pandemic was very different from the past. Rather than infrequent, long, in-person meetings at the schoolhouse, we were able to meet weekly or bi-weekly on Zoom. Whatever issues we dealt with, whether it was planning retreats, resolving banking issues, dealing with property emergencies, or myriad other issues, this Gakyil never needed to take a vote on what action to take. Each Color took the lead for their issues, consulted and coordinated with the other Colors and Friends and made decisions collectively. The quality of discussion and collaboration was uniformly excellent and respectful. In short, it has been a wonderful experience. We love each other! (BTW, there are still openings on the Gakyil.)

On the Community's Energy - Rinpoche's wisdom and energy are still very much alive in the community. Whenever a practice needs a leader or a project needs work, or a problem needs solving or information needs to be shared, some member of our community steps up to share their knowledge, skills and energy. This is Rinpoche's legacy. We have so much to be grateful for.

On Sustainability - Some facts are hard to ignore. Our community is getting older, some old friends are no longer with us, our membership is shrinking and we have a lot of properties to maintain. Finding the right pathway to maintaining the Community will require a lot of communication, collaboration and attention.

On Preserving Khandroling and the Vajra Hall - While there are many property maintenance priorities, the preservation of the site of the Vajra Dance terma should take precedence. Given its importance, perhaps the worldwide community needs to be more actively involved in securing its future.

On the Importance of Staying Connected - Our Vajra relationships are precious. It's up to each of us to stay connected.