

The World Alliance of Buddhist (WAB)

Constitution



World Alliance of Buddhists

Article 1 – Name, Establishment, Registration, Headquarter, Website & Official Email of the Organization

- i. The Organization shall be named the “**World Alliance of Buddhists**” with its abbreviation as **WAB**.
- ii. The World Alliance of Buddhists “Headquarter” (herewith abbreviated as WAB HQ) shall be situated in any country that is endorsed by the Executive Council at its annual Global Buddhists Congregation. The Secretariat & Liaison offices, where necessary, can be located in any country.
- iii. The current address of the World Alliance of Buddhists Headquarter (WAB HQ) is: 186/9. M.9, Pattaya City, Chonburi, 20150 Thailand.
- iv. The Official website of the Organization: <http://www.wabhq.org>
- v. The Official Email Address of the Organization: wabhq1@gmail.com

Article 2 - Aims and Objectives

The Aims and Objectives World Alliance of Buddhists (WAB) are:

1. To be an international inter-sectarian platform for global Buddhist Organizations, Buddhist Leaders, Buddhist Scholars, Sangha institutions and communities.
2. To foster collaboration, unity and solidarity among all Buddhists, Buddhist Organizations, and Sangha monks worldwide.
3. To propagate, protect and promote Buddhism and the Buddha Dharma globally.
4. To guide, train, educate and empower the Buddhist youth and new Buddhist converts for greater Buddhist leadership and development.
5. Protection, promotion and preservation of ancient Buddhist Heritage and archeological sites and monuments globally.
6. To coordinate, enhance friendship, knowledge sharing and exploration of Buddhist doctrines, among all the major Buddhist traditions around the World.
7. To plan, organize and carry out necessary activities and services (which shall include social and humanitarian) in all walks of life based on the key tenets of the Buddha Dharma for the wellbeing and benefit of humanity.
8. To do all things necessary and suitable, or for the attainment, of any and all of the primary purposes herein enumerated or incidental to the powers herein named, or which shall at any time appear conducive or expedient for the protection or benefits of the organization and its members.

Article 3- Official Logo

The Dharma Wheel with the “triangle” in the center symbolizes “the Triple Gems” and Buddhism, flank by the letter W (World) and B (Buddhist). The three bases of the Lotus representing precepts (“sila”), meditation (“bhavana”) & wisdom (“panna”) which forms the foundation of Buddhism. The six (6) colors (Blue, Red, Orange, Yellow, White and Iridescence), represent the aura emanating from the Buddha’s body when he attained enlightenment, which is also the colors of the international Buddhist Flag. The round shape signifies the readiness of the wheel to propagate the Buddha’s teachings to any region of the world.



Article 4- Membership

4.1 Categories of Membership:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:-

- i. **Organization Member (Regional Center):** Buddhist-Temples, Organizations, Societies, Clubs, and Educational Institutions.
- ii. **Individual Member:** Accomplished Buddhist Leaders, Sangha members or Scholars actively involves in Buddhist work.
- iii. **Advisory Board:** Recognized experts in the field of Buddhism- Buddhist Philosophy, Law, Buddhist Doctrines, Buddhist youth developments, Professionals, may be appointed by the President subject to the Executive Council’s approval.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:-

- iv. **Honorary President:** Former Presidents, distinguished Buddhist-Leaders, Head of States, Temple Chief Abbot, Chief Priest, Political Leaders, Entrepreneur, who provides financial and/or meritorious and beneficial support to the Organization, may be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board to be an Honorary President subject to the Terms and condition of Article 5 (5.1) of this Constitution.
- v. **Grand Patron:** May be bestowed by the President on an individual as an award in recognition of his/her financial support and merits to the Organization pursuant to the Terms and conditions laid down in Article 5 (5.2) of this Constitution.

4.2 Criteria for the acceptance & approval of Organization membership:

- i. Registered BUDDHIST Organizations, Societies, Clubs, temples, associations that is actively involves in the propagation, promotions and protection of Buddhism, locally and of globally.
- ii. Registered Buddhist Educational Institutions- Universities, schools, and Clubs.
- iii. Buddhist Meditation Centers actively involves in the promotions, education of Buddhist Meditation techniques and other relevant meritorious activities.
- iv. Buddhist Organizations that organize regular activities that engages participants in doing wholesome deeds, youth development, moral and cultural programs.
- v. Upon membership approval, the Organization member shall be recognized as an approved “WAB Regional Center”.

4.3 Criteria for the acceptance & approval of Individual membership:

Must be Buddhist or a Buddhist Sangha member (monk or bhikkhuni), actively involves in Buddhist activities and having one or a combination of the following criteria;

- i. A scholar with academic achievements in Pali, University Degree, Master degree or PhD in Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist related field of studies.
- ii. A pioneer in promoting Buddhism, introducing and/or establishing Buddhist institution in a country where the Buddhist population is a minority.
- iii. Founding or co-founding member of a Buddhist temple, association, Center or organization.
- iv. Regular organizer of significant Buddhist function, activities or events.
- v. Buddhist activist in the field of promotion, propagation and protection of Buddhism, Buddhist heritage and ancient archeological sites.
- vi. Either a Patron, honorary member, financial donors or supporter of Buddhist temples, Buddhist organization, center, or educational institution.
- vii. Person engaging in Buddhist publication, media and information technology.

4.4 Membership & Registration fees:

4.4.1 Organization Membership (Regional Center)- Upon initial registration, a once-off registration fee of USD100 and an annual subscription membership fee of USD100 has to be paid to the Treasurer General.

4.4.2 Individual Membership- Upon initial registration, a once-off registration fee of USD100 and an annual subscription membership fee of USD50 has to be paid to the Treasurer General.

4.4.3 Advisory Board- There shall be no payment of registration and annual membership subscription fees.

4.4.4 Honorary President & Patron- There shall be no payment of registration and annual membership subscription fees.

4.4.5 Payment of annual membership fee is due on January first of each year not later than sixty days thereafter for dues.

4.5 Processing of membership application

4.5.1 All completed application forms must be submitted to the Secretariat by one of the following methods;

- i. The WAB Membership Application Form together with its attached Instructions are readily available by email request from the Secretariat or may be downloaded from the official WAB Website.
- ii. Completed application form and supporting documents are to be emailed to wabhq1@gmail.com , posted to the WAB Headquarters or hand delivered through any WAB Executive Council member to the President or the Secretary General.
- iii. Applicants are advised to attach some related documents and photographic evidence of activities to support their application. All Applicants MUST be Buddhist.
- iv. All Applications received shall be tabled for approval by the WAB Executive Council at its subsequent meeting, and the results shall be notified to the applicant by email or telephone.
- v. Upon notification of approval, the applicant shall only be officially accepted as the new WAB Regional Center (for Organization) or Member (individual), once the registration and annual membership fees has been paid in full to the Treasurer General. (Registration and annual membership fees are subject to change and the Treasurer General reserves the rights to charge the correct amount in accordance with the WAB Constitution, meeting and conferences in accordance with Article 6 of this Constitution.

4.6 Privileges & Rights of Members

4.6.1 Privileges & Rights of Organization Membership (Regional Center):

4.6.1.1 Delegates nominated by the Regional Center may participate in the activities of the WAB, or any such activities and program that is

sponsored, supported or affiliated to or with the World Alliance of Buddhists.

- 4.6.1.2 Delegates may be nominated by the respective Regional Center to stand for election for positions in the Executive Council or Office Bearers during the WAB World Alliance of Buddhist Convention.
- 4.6.1.3 Delegates representing their Regional Center may be appointed by the President, subject to the Executive Council's approval, to serve in the appropriate positions in the Central Executive Committee (CEC), or the Standing Committee subjected to the Terms and Conditions in Article 7.1 and 7.2 of this Constitution.
- 4.6.1.4 Each Regional Center in good standing may nominate up to 2 delegates and 2 Observers to attend the WAB Global Buddhist Congregation and the World Alliance of Buddhist Convention.
- 4.6.1.5 Rights to Vote: Each WAB Regional Center in good standing shall nominate a Chief Delegate to attend the World Alliance of Buddhists Convention (WABC). Subjected to the Terms and Conditions in Article 7.1 and 7.2 of this Constitution, the nominated Chief Delegate shall has the "Rights to vote" during the WABC.

4.6.2 Privileges & Rights of Individual Membership:

- 4.6.2.1 Individual Member may participate in the activities of the WAB, or any such activities and program that is sponsored, supported or affiliated to/with The World Alliance of Buddhists.
- 4.6.2.2 Has the rights to attend the WAB Global Buddhists Congregation (GBC) and its World Alliance of Buddhists Convention (WABC).
- 4.6.2.3 Individual Members has the rights to be nominated by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Council as a General Executive member in the Executive Council, and/or be appointed by the President, subject to the Executive Council's approval, to be Secretary or member of the Standing Committee.
- 4.6.2.4 May be appointed by the President to represent the World Alliance of Buddhists (WAB) in events, program, any functions, or specific transaction for WAB, in a Country without an Approved WAB Regional Center.

Article 5- The WAB Organizational Structure

5.0 The WAB Office Bearers: For the purpose of interpretation, the Office Bearers in this Constitution shall means a person or persons holding position of authority and responsibility in this Organization and shall include all positions within the Central Executive Committee (CEC).

Terms of Reference

5.1 The Central Executive Committee (CEC)

- i. The Central Executive Committee shall comprise of the following Board;
 - a. **The Executive Council**, comprises of a 27 members Board.
 - b. **The Advisory Board**, (no limit to the number of Advisors)
 - c. **Honorary Membership Board**- Honorary Presidents & Grand Patrons.
- ii. The **Executive Council** is the management, regulatory and main administrative body of the Organization.
- iii. **The Executive Council** shall consist of a 27 member's board, with the position of President, Deputy President and Vice President being elected by the eligible Delegates, and the Secretary General, Joint Secretary Generals, Treasurer, Joint Treasurer and General Executive members being appointed by the President subject to the Executive Council's approval.
 - a. President (1 person, by election)
 - b. Deputy President (1 person, by election)
 - c. Vice President (12 persons, by election)
 - d. Secretary General (1 person, to be appointed by the President and endorsed by the EXCO during WABC)
 - e. Joint Secretary General (3 persons, by appointment)
 - f. Treasurer General (1 person, by appointment)
 - g. Joint Treasurer (1 person, by appointment)

- h. General Executive Members (7 persons, to be appointed by the President and endorsed by the EXCO during WABC)

iv. The Advisory Board;

- a. The Advisory Board shall have 10 members or more as required and approved by the Executive Council to meet the WAB development requirements and needs.
- b. Recognized experts in the field of Buddhism- Buddhist Philosophy, Law, Buddhist Doctrines, Buddhist youth developments, Professionals, and philanthropists shall be invited to assist the WAB as advisors to the Executive Council.
- c. The Advisory Board shall be entitled to attend the Executive Council Meetings and General Conferences in accordance with Article 6 of this Constitution, but shall not have the rights to vote.
- d. Must be Buddhist, a reputable person and of good public standing in Society.

v. The Honorary Board: Honorary Presidents

- a. Accomplished & distinguished Buddhist-Leaders, Head of State, Temple Chief Abbot, Chief Priest, Political Leaders, Entrepreneur, who provides financial and/or meritorious and beneficial support to the Organization, may be appointed by the President subject to the approval by the Executive Council, to be Honorary Presidents.
- b. Former Presidents of the WAB who have served and completed at least one full term may be appointed as Honorary Presidents subject to the approval by the EXCO. Article 5 (5.1) (v)(c) notwithstanding, former President shall be lifelong Honorary President of WAB.
- c. Upon appointment, the term of the Honorary President shall be for a period of 3 years, subject to renewal or

extension by the President and Executive Council's approval.

- d. Honorary President must have a life-long achievement in Buddhism, has a good reputation, in good standing with the Government and Societies and committed to supporting the World Alliance of Buddhists and global Buddhism.
- e. Honorary Presidents may be invited to attend Executive Council Meeting, WAB Global Buddhists Congregation and World Alliance of Buddhists Convention, but shall not be entitled to any privileges of active membership.
- f. There is no limits to the number of Honorary President that the Presidency may bestowed upon an individual.

vi. The Honorary Board: Grand Patron

- a. May be bestowed by the President, subject to the Executive Council's approval, on person who has made "distinctive contributions" either financially or otherwise that benefits the Organization.
- b. Grand patron is a prominent figure of the public who has contributed to the well-being of the Buddhist community and specifically the World Alliance of Buddhists (WAB).
- c. Grand Patron must have a life-long achievement in Buddhism, has a good reputation, in good standing with the Government and Societies and committed to supporting the World Alliance of Buddhists and global Buddhism.
- d. Upon appointment, the term of the Grand Patron shall be for a period of 3 years, subject to renewal or extension by the President and Executive Board approval.
- e. Grand Patrons may be invited to attend Executive Council Meetings, WAB Global Buddhists Congregation

and World Alliance of Buddhists Convention, but shall not be entitled to any privileges of active membership.

5.2 Roles, Duties and Responsibilities

I. President

- a. To presides and be the chairman of all meetings of the Executive Council (EXCO Meeting), WAB Global Buddhists Congregation (GBC) and the World Alliance of Buddhists Convention (WABC) and all other meetings in accordance with Article 6 of this Constitution.
- b. To manage and supervise the business affairs of the organization.
- c. To implement the administrative and operational policies of the organization as resolved by the Executive Council.
- d. Represents the Organization and its members to other Organizations, government and private agencies, the media, and the public sectors.
- e. Engages and maintain good relationship with other prominent world Buddhist Leaders, world Senior Sangha Leaders, other Buddhist temples and Organizations worldwide.
- f. Formulate future plans, events and objectives in conjunction with members of the CEC.
- g. Ensure decisions are made in a timely manner and then translated into meaningful actions holding appropriate parties accountable for success.
- h. Formulate agendas and planning for up-coming meetings in-conjunction with the Secretary General.
- i. Nominate and appoint persons to the respective appropriate Executive Council positions, Office Bearers, Advisory Board, Honorary Members &

Patrons based on their individual qualifications and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Organization's Constitution.

- j. Supervises and encourages good working relationship in the CEC and Office Bearers.
- k. The position of President is elected during the WABC-World Alliance of Buddhists Convention and shall serves a Term of 3 years.

II. Deputy President

- a. Full authority to act on behalf of the President in his/her absence or being incapacitated.
- b. Provide assistance and support to the President
- c. To preside and chair all meetings of the Organization in the absence of the President.
- d. Working in conjunction with the President to ensure the smooth operation of the Organization and to formulate plans to meet the Organization's aims and objectives.
- e. Supervises and encourages good working relationship in the CEC and Office Bearers.
- f. The position of the Deputy President is elected during the WABC-World Alliance of Buddhists Convention and shall serves a Term of 3 years.

III. Vice President

- a. Formulate plans, strategies and decisions in conjunction with the President and the Executive Council to meet the Organization's aims and objectives.
- b. Attend all meetings of the Executive Council and CEC where possible for the smooth running of the Organization.
- c. When delegated by the President, to represent the Organization and its members to other Organizations, government and private agencies.

- d. May be nominated as Chairman of a Standing Committee.
- e. The position of Vice President is elected during the WABC-World Alliance of Buddhists Convention and shall serves a Term of 3 years.

IV. Secretary General

- a. Heads the Organization's Secretariat and coordinates the Organization's activities, membership, administration, and is responsible for the overall management of its resources.
- b. Organizes the agenda in conjunction with the President, for relevant meetings and circulate it to the appropriate members and ensure that all decisions are properly understood and recorded in the Meeting Minutes.
- c. Provide support to the Chair in ensuring the smooth functioning of all meetings of the Executive Council, during Conferences and Conventions.
- d. To coordinate with the President and contribute to the objectives of the Organization.
- e. To facilitate effective internal administration of the Organization.
- f. To record the minutes and resolutions in all the organization's meetings and maintain corporate books in such form and manner required by law.
- g. Responsible for the Organization's documentation, membership records, data and all communications within the Organization's membership and external Media, government and private agencies.
- h. May be delegated by the President to represent the Organization at functions, events or external government and private Agencies.

- i. The Secretary General position shall be appointed by the President and serves a Term of 3 years, but may be extended at the discretion of the President.

V. Joint Secretary General

- a. Provide assistance and support to the Secretary General for the smooth operation of the Organization's administration.
- b. To perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President and/or the Secretary General.
- c. Assume the duty of the Secretary General in his/her absence.
- d. Responsible for the recording all Meeting's proceedings and drafting of meeting minutes for submission to the Secretary General for approval.
- e. Responsible for publicity relating to the Organization, such as newsletters, posters, leaflets, Internet, social media and other mediums used to promote the Organization's activities. The Joint Secretary General should produce these in consultation with the President and the Secretary General.
- f. The Joint Secretary General position shall be appointed by the President and serves a Term of 3 years, but may be extended at the discretion of the President.

VI. Treasurer General

- a. To keep full and accurate accounts of the funds, receipts and disbursements in the books of the Organization. Responsible for the Organization's accounts and finances, maintain effective records of all financial transactions.

- b. Issuing statements of accounts for auditing, meetings and Annual Financial Report for the CEC.
- c. Presentation of the current financial accounts during Executive Council Meeting (EXCO Meeting) and WAB conferences.
- d. Responsible for the collection of membership fees, Registration fees and all dues to the Organization. Provides regularly updated Membership fees payment status to the Secretary General and during ECM.
- e. Issuing of Receipts and acknowledgement for all financial transaction.
- f. Responsible for the Organization Fund Raising activities and related events.
- g. Ensuring that all monies raised by or on behalf of the Organization are applied to finance the Organization's activities and expenses and for no other purposes, unless approved by the President and the CEC.
- h. To render an annual statements showing the financial condition of the organization and other financial reports to the President and the CEC as well as, appropriate government agencies.
- i. The position of the Treasurer General shall be appointed by the President and serves a Term of 3 years, but may be extended at the discretion of the President.

VII. Joint Treasurer General

- a. Provide assistance and support to the Treasurer General in all matters relating to the Organization's Accounts and finances.
- b. Authorized to act in the Role of the Treasurer General during his/her absence or being incapacitated.

- c. Assisting the Treasurer General in producing Statements of accounts, self-auditing and other financial documentation.
- d. Assisting the Treasurer General in formulating fund raising planning, and organizing of fund raising events.
- e. To perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned to him/her by the President and/or the Treasurer General.
- f. The position of the Joint Treasurer General shall be appointed by the President and serves a Term of 3 years, but may be extended at the discretion of the President.

VIII. General Executive Members

- a. Assisting the Vice Presidents in formulating future plans, events, and decisions implementations to meet the Organization's Objectives.
- b. May be delegated by the President to organize specific events, handling and implementation of specific projects or missions.
- c. May be nominated to serves in any of the Standing Committee either as Co-chair, Secretary or member.
- d. May be delegated to represents the Organization and its members to other Organizations, governmental and public agencies, events and functions, in a Country without any WAB Regional Center.
- e. To perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned to him/her either by the President and/or the Secretary General.
- f. The position of General Executive Members shall be nominated by the President, subject to the Executive Council's approval and serves a Term of

3 years. Individual Memberships are eligible to be nominated in this position.

5.3 Payment of Compensation & Allowance: Pro bono

- a) All Members shall undertake to serve in the various position of the Central Executive Committee (CEC), either elected or by appointment, voluntarily and without payment or on a Pro Bono basis.
- b) Members of the CEC or Office Bearers traveling from their respective countries of residence to a meeting of the Board or on any other Organizational business, shall meet their own travel and living costs, if such funds are not available from the WAB.

5.3 Auditor

An independent Auditor shall be appointed by the President who shall audit the books of the organization and prepare the annual Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss Statements. The Auditor shall submit his/her Audit Report in time for the Annual Global Buddhist Congregation.

5.4 WAB HQ Office staff

The President and the Secretariat may at their discretion appoint a WAB HQ Administrator, and any number of staff to assist in the smooth operation of the Organization.

5.5 Standing Committee

In order to achieve and efficiently meet its Aims and Objectives, the Organization shall have the following ten (10) Standing Committees. Each of the Standing Committee shall be headed by a Chairman, a Co-Chairman, a Secretary and at least two members;

- i. Buddhism Propagation & Development
- ii. Promotion of Buddhist Education, Art and Cultural affairs
- iii. Social, Humanitarian & Environment
- iv. Communication, Media & Publication

- v. Interfaith and World Peace
- vi. Buddhist Women & women Affairs
- vii. Buddhist Youth
- viii. Buddhist Fund
- ix. Regulatory, Legislation and Administration
- x. Protection & Preservation of Buddhist Heritage Site & Monuments

Article 6- WAB Meetings & Conferences

6.1 Executive Council Meeting (EXCO Meeting)

- a) Executive Council Meeting (EXCO Meeting) must be convene at least once in 6 months.
- b) The President may at his discretion convene an Executive Council Meeting as he sees fit.
- c) Executive Council Meeting (EXCO Meeting), may be held in any countries and at any such venue that is agreed upon by the Executive Council during its previous Meeting, or at the discretion of the President.
- d) All Executive Council members shall participate & attend the EXCO Meeting except with a valid prior written excuse and apologies to the President or the Secretariat.
- e) Advisory Board, Honorary Presidents and Patrons may be invited by the President to attend the EXCO Meeting.
- f) Notification of the EXCO Meeting shall be given by the Secretariat not less than 21 days in advance of the actual date of meeting.
- g) The quorum for the EXCO Meeting shall be at least 50% of the total number of Executive Council members.

6.2 GBC- the annual Global Buddhist Congregation

- a) GBC or the annual Global Buddhists Congregation shall be held once a year.

- b) GBC or the annual Global Buddhists Congregation may be held in any Countries and at any such venue that is agreed upon by the Executive Council during its previous Meeting, or at the discretion of the President.
- c) All WAB official Regional Centers may sent a maximum of Two (2) Delegates and Two (2) Observers to participate in this Convention.
- d) All CEC Members shall participate & attend the Annual Convention except with valid prior written excuse and apologies to the President or the Secretariat.
- e) Advisory Board, Honorary Presidents and Patrons may be invited by the President to attend the Annual Convention but shall has no Voting rights.
- f) Although Local transportation, Accommodation and food are usually arranged by the Host at no cost to participants, all decisions pertaining to Flight tickets, Registration fees for Delegates and Observers shall be at the discretion of the Host.
- g) Notification of the Annual Convention shall be given by the Secretariat not less than 30 days in advance of the actual date of the Convention.
- h) Any amendment to this Constitution may be propose and agreed upon by a TWO THIRD majority vote of all eligible Delegates present during this Conference.
- i) The quorum for the Annual Global Buddhists Congregation shall be at least 50 % of the total number of eligible Regional Center's Delegates present.

6.3 WABC- The World Alliance of Buddhists Convention

- a) WABC- the World Alliance of Buddhists Convention shall be convene at least once in a Three (3) years period.
- b) Election and appointments of members to the Executive Council, the Advisory Board, Grand Patron and Honorary Presidents are held during this Convention.

- c) WABC- the World Alliance of Buddhists Convention may be held in any Countries and at any such venue that is agreed upon by the Executive Council during its previous Meeting, or at the discretion of the President.
- d) Each Regional Center, in good standing with the WAB shall be entitled to send a maximum of Two (2) Delegates and Two (2) Observers to participate in this Convention.
- e) During the Conference, in each and every matter which requires voting, voting shall be based on a “One Organization, One Vote” basis. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- f) All Office Bearers shall participate & attend the Global Buddhists Congregation except with valid prior written excuse and apologies to the President or the Secretariat.
- g) Advisory Board, Honorary Presidents and Patrons may be invited by the President to attend the Annual Convention but shall has no Voting rights.
- h) Although Local transportation, Accommodation and food are usually arranged by the Host at no cost to participants, all decisions pertaining to Flight tickets, Registration fees for Delegates and Observers shall be at the discretion of the Host.
- i) Notification of the Annual Convention shall be given by the Secretariat not less than 30 days in advance of the actual date of the Convention.
- j) Any amendment to this Constitution may be propose and agreed upon by a TWO THIRD majority vote of all eligible Delegates present during this Conference.
- k) The quorum for the World Alliance of Buddhists Convention shall be at least 50 % of the total number of eligible Regional Center’s Delegates present.

6.4 Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

- a) EGM may be convene at any time by the President or Deputy President, in case of urgency or global calamity that affects the members, Regional Center, Organization or Buddhism.

- b) The quorum for the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be at least 50 % of the total number of Executive Council members.

Article 7- Qualification, Disqualification & Vacancies of Office Bearers

7.1 Qualification

- a) No member shall be eligible for election or appointment to the Central Executive Committee (CEC) unless he is of a member of good standing and has not committed any offenses mentioned in Article 7 Para. 7.2, of this Constitution.
- b) No member shall be eligible for election or appointment to the Central Executive Committee (CEC) unless he is of legal age of 25 years and above, of good physical and mental health. There shall be no maximum age limitation for member's eligibility to hold position in the Executive Council.
- c) No member shall be eligible for election to the Executive Council unless he can confirmed or attested that his/her Religion is Buddhist.

7.2 Disqualification

- a) Each Regional Center that has defaulted in their Annual Membership fees payment and was three (3) years or more in arrears on their payment shall be disqualified to stand for election or be appointed as Office Bearer in the CEC.
- b) No candidate can be nominated for election to positions in the Executive Council, unless he is an active member of the WAB or an officially nominated delegate and an active member of the respective WAB Regional Center.

7.3 Vacancies

1. Vacancies in the Executive Council caused death, resignation or for any other reason, except by removal or expiration of term, may be filled by appointment from the President, with the approval of the Executive Council, subject to the conditions laid down in Article 7.1 & 7.2 of this Constitution. The Appointee shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term and until the next election.
2. Any vacancy in the Executive Council caused death, resignation or for any other reason, except by removal or expiration of term, must be filled within six (6) months from the date of notification of declaration of the vacancy.

Article 8- Finance & Funding

1. The funds of the Organization shall derived from;
 - a. Registration and Membership fees
 - b. Financial support and donations from Regional Centers, Buddhist organizations and philanthropists
 - c. Collections from fund-raising activities and programs.
 - d. Sponsorship from individuals and Companies.
 - e. Financial support and donations from Honorary Presidents and Grand Patrons.
 - f. Payment for Advertisements in the Organization's Newsletter and Conventions publications and Souvenir Program.
2. Disbursements
 - a. Withdrawals from the Accounts of the Organization, whether by cheque or any other instrument shall be signed by the Treasurer General and countersigned by the President.

3. Fiscal or Financial Year
 - a. The Fiscal (Financial) year of the Organization shall be from 1st January to 31st December of each year.

Article 9- ELECTION of the Board of Executive Council & Office Bearers

1. Election of the Board of Executive Council is to be held once in every three years coinciding with the WABC- the World Alliance of Buddhists Convention.
2. An independent "Election Commission" shall be formed in advance of the date of election, by the President, through appointments of members from the Advisory Board, Patrons and/or Honorary Presidents. For impartiality none of the Organization's Executive Council, Delegates or Regional Center's agents or representatives shall be appointed to the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall consist of a Chairman and three Election Officers to assist in the election process.
3. After successful formation of the Election Commission, the Chairman shall convene a meeting with his/her members to draft the "Election Schedule" which consisted of the Election Rules and Procedures, Nomination Forms, Balloting Forms, until the announcements of the final election results.
4. Subject to the conditions in Article 7 (7.1) and (7.2) of this Constitution, each Regional Center may nominate a candidate for any one of the positions listed in the Nomination Form. Voting shall be based on a "One Organization, One Vote" basis. There shall be no voting by proxy.
5. For nomination to be valid, every proposer, a seconder and the candidate must be an official delegate/office bearer and an active member of WAB.
6. The Election Commission will process all the nominations, (after the prescribed date and time notified) and the list of candidates will be displayed.

7. During balloting, the official representative (Chief Delegate) from each Regional Center will be given a ballot paper for each position.
8. While voting, the official representative (Chief Delegate) can only mark "X" to show their choices.
9. Votes counting shall be made in front of all delegates and observers for transparency.
10. All decisions made by the Election Commission shall be deemed as final and no appeal will be entertained.

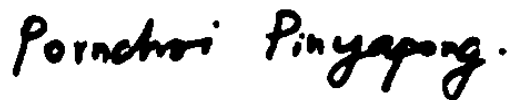
Article 10- Amendment to the Constitution

- a) Proposal for amendments to the Constitution may be submitted in writing by each Regional Center to the Secretariat at least 30 days in advance of the date of the next GBC-Global Buddhists Congregation or WABC- the World Alliance of Buddhists Convention.
- b) All proposal for amendments to this Constitution shall be tabled for approvals during the GBC- Global Buddhists Congregation or WABC- the World Alliance of Buddhists Convention.
- c) Any amendments to this Constitution shall be successfully adopted by voting with an agreement by a TWO THIRD majority vote of all eligible Delegates present during the Conference.

DECLARATION STATEMENT

In Witness whereof, we, the undersigned, representing the Office Bearers of the Central Executive Committee of the World Alliance of Buddhists (WAB) and a majority of the members of WAB, have adopted this Constitution and here unto affixed our signatures

this 21st day of July year 2017 at the Dharma Buddhist University, Malaysia.



Dr. Pornchai Pinyapong
President



Dr. Lye Ket Yong
Secretary General