

ARTICLE I – Name

Section 1. Name:

The name of this fellowship shall be THE LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Section 1. Purposes:

The purpose of this fellowship shall be to propagate the teachings and doctrines of Buddhism, to minister to the needs of Buddhists living in the Las Vegas area, and, as Buddhists, to assist in to development and advancement of the community.

Section 2. Affiliation:

This fellowship shall be affiliated with the Buddhist Churches of America.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Membership:

Membership in this fellowship shall be open to any person interested and willing to uphold its policies and subscribe to its by-laws.

Section 2. Application

Anyone who pays membership fees as determined at the annual general meeting will be considered a member.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS & DIRECTORS (THE BOARD)

Section 1. THE BOARD

The corporate powers of this fellowship shall be vested in, exercised, and affairs conducted by the Board (the elected officers & directors)

Section 2. Officers.

The officers of the fellowship shall be as follows:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

Section 3. Directors

The total number of directors shall be seven (7); said number may be increased or decreased by appropriate amendment to this section of the by-laws.

Section 4. Duty of Officers

- a. The President shall preside over all meetings of the fellowship. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees of this fellowship except the nominating committee. The president shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to said office, and shall sign and execute all conveyances, encumbrances and all other documents of the fellowship. The signature of the President shall be attested to by the Secretary of this fellowship

- b. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President. In the absence of both, a temporary presiding officer shall be elected from among the board members present.
- c. The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all correspondence of the fellowship and the Board. The Secretary shall keep a journal of all the meetings of the Board. Such journal shall record the place and time of the meeting, the names of all directors and officers present, the business transacted, the resolutions passed, and any other items that may be of permanent interest to the fellowship. The Secretary shall keep a roll of the members of the organization, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office of the Secretary.
- d. The Treasurer shall pay all recurring charges and all other bills as approved by the Board. The Treasurer shall make a monthly report to the Board. The Treasurer shall chair the investment committee if one is established. In the absence of the Treasurer, the power to sign checks may be delegated by the Board to another Board member.

## ARTICLE V. NOMINATIONS & ELECTION

### Section 1. Nominations:

Nominations to the Board will be made by a nomination committee appointed by the President. Nominations may also be made at the general meeting from the floor.

### Section 2. Election:

The officers and directors of this fellowship shall be elected by the general membership at the general meeting. Election will be by majority of votes cast.

### Section 3. Vacancies:

If the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer shall become vacant, a special election of the general membership shall be held to elect a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

## ARTICLE VI. MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The annual General meeting of the fellowship for the election of the Board shall be held in December of each year.

Section 2. Special meeting of the fellowship may be called at any time by the President, or upon request of a majority of the Board, or upon written request of not less than ten members of the fellowship. A ten day notice of any special meeting must be given to the members of the fellowship, and the notice must state the purpose of the meeting. Such notice may be by mail or by publication in the monthly bulletin.

Section 3. Quorum. The quorum necessary to conduct business of this fellowship at any General or special meeting, shall be not less than ten (10) bona fide members in attendance.

## ARTICLE VII. MEETING OF THE BOARD

Section 1. Dates of regular monthly (bi-monthly/quarterly) meetings of the Board shall be published in the monthly bulletin and are open to all members.

Section 2. The President may call a special meeting of the Board at any time and a special meeting may be called upon by the written request of two members of the Board. At

least a one day notice by mail or telephone of such meeting must be given to the members of the Board.

Section 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum at meeting of the Board.

#### ARTICLE VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Section 1. At the annual meeting of the fellowship, the following shall be the order of business

- a. Report by the Secretary of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
- b. Report by the Treasurer
- c. Report by the President.
- d. Report on the election of the new Board.

Section 2. At the meetings of the Board, the following shall be the order of business:

- a. Roll call.
- b. Minutes of preceding meeting and action thereon.
- c. Reports of officers and committees.
- d. Unfinished business.
- e. New business.

#### ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The power to amend these By-Laws is hereby delegated to the Board, provided that no article in these By-Laws shall be amended, except by two-thirds vote. All articles amended shall be reported to the members of the organization in the next bulletin.

Section 2. When any amendment or new By-Law is adopted, it is not effective until 30 days after publication in the bulletin.

#### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we the undersigned, being all the persons duly elected to act a Board of the Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha, do hereby state that we received proper notice, and do furthermore unanimously assent to the adoption of the foregoing By-Laws and adopt the same as the By-Laws of said fellowship, and repeal any and all other By-Laws adopted in the past or heretofore existing which are not contained within the foregoing By-Laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

#### DIRECTORS

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#### THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

That the undersigned as duly elected Secretary of the Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha, and that the above and foregoing By-Laws were adopted as the By-Laws of said fellowship on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008 by persons elected presently as the Directors of said Fellowship.