

Charter of the “Vietnamese Buddhist Community Nalanda e.V.”

1. Name, Registered Office, Financial Year

- 1.1. The association is called “Vietnamese Buddhist Community Nalanda e.V.”. The name in Vietnamese is “Cộng đồng Phật giáo Nalanda”.
- 1.2. The association is based in Heidelberg.
- 1.3. The association should be entered in the association register at the Heidelberg district court.
- 1.4. The fiscal year is the calendar year.

2. Purpose Of The Association

- 2.1. The purpose of the association is to promote religion, promote the idea of international understanding, promote science and research, and promote charitable causes.
- 2.2. This statutory purpose is achieved by
 - Organizing and/or offering of study programs, seminars, instructions, meditations, retreats in the various traditions of Buddhism for groups of people with different requirements, on site and/or online, led by spiritual teachers from home and abroad
 - Cultivation of one's own culture and Vietnamese Buddhist traditions in connection with cultural exchange in Germany, for example through conferences, teaching and cultural events
 - Study and research into aspects of Buddhism that are traditionally viewed as scientific, such as Buddhist psychology, philosophy, astrology, medicine with the aim of dialogue and comparison with

- modern sciences, in particular to examine their transferability to and, if necessary, collaboration with today's non-Asian area
- Writing, translating and publishing classical and modern works of Buddhism
 - Support for people in need of help within the meaning of Section 53 AO (humanitarian aid such as child care, school education, school construction, medical care, feeding of people in need) primarily in Vietnam
 - Support for other bodies at home and abroad within the meaning of Section 58 No. 1 AO, whose purpose also serves to spread Vietnamese Buddhist culture and/or promote religion

3. Non-Profit Status

- 3.1. The association pursues exclusively and directly non-profit and charitable purposes within the meaning of the “Tax-privileged purposes” section of the tax code.
- 3.2. The association works selflessly; it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.
- 3.3. The association's funds may only be used for statutory purposes. The members do not receive any profit shares or other benefits from the association's funds.
- 3.4. Furthermore, no person may benefit from expenses that are outside the purpose of the association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

4. Organs Of The Association

Organs of the association are

- a. The Board
- b. The General Meeting

5. The Board

5.1. The board is composed as follows:

- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson
- Treasurer

5.2. Responsibilities and tasks of the board

The board is responsible for all affairs of the association. It has the following tasks in particular:

- Preparing and summoning the general meeting, as well as preparing the program for the day
- Execution of the resolutions of the general meeting
- Conclusion and termination of contracts
- Decision-making regarding admission, cancellation and exclusion of members
- Budgeting
- Accounting
- Preparing the annual report

5.3. Office terms of the board

The board is elected by the general meeting for a period of four years. However, he will remain in office until the new board is elected. The re-election of board members is possible. The following applies to elections: If no candidate has achieved an absolute majority of the valid votes cast in the first round, a runoff election will take place between the two candidates who have achieved the highest number of votes.

5.4. Decision process of the board

Decisions are made in board meetings called by the chairman or deputy chairman. The board has a quorum when all three board members are present. The board makes its decisions with a simple majority. In urgent cases, resolutions of the board can also be made in writing or by telephone if all board members declare their consent to this procedure in writing or by telephone. Board resolutions made in writing or by telephone must be recorded in writing and signed. Minutes must be taken of board meetings.

5.5. Termination of board office

If a board member leaves early, the board can elect a successor for the remaining term of office. In the event of a tie, an extraordinary general meeting must be called to elect the new board member for the remaining term of office. If more than one member of the board leaves during the term of office, the remaining board member must call an extraordinary general meeting to elect the new board members for the remaining term of office. A member of the board can be excluded from the board by resolution of the general meeting if he or she is grossly negligent in breaching his or her duty or is incapable of proper management.

6. Power Of Representation Of The Board

- 6.1. The association is represented in and out of court by the chairman or his/her deputy. Each of them has sole power of representation.
- 6.2. The board can grant another person power of attorney to represent the association to third parties for certain tasks.

7. The General Meeting

- 7.1. The general meeting consists of the members of the association and has the following tasks:
- Electing the board
 - Receiving the annual report
 - Approval of the board's actions
 - Deciding the amount of the membership fee
 - Change of statutes and dissolution of the association
- 7.2. The ordinary general meeting takes place at least once a year.
- 7.3. The extraordinary general meeting: The board can call an extraordinary general meeting at any time if the interests of the association require it or if a third of all members request the call with written reasons.
- 7.4. Every general meeting is called by the board with one month's notice by letter or email, stating the agenda.
- 7.5. Each general meeting is chaired by a board member who is appointed at the beginning of the meeting. Minutes must be drawn up about the course of the meeting, in particular about the resolutions passed, which must be signed by the chair of the meeting and the person taking the minutes.

8. Decision Process Of The General Meeting

Every general meeting called in accordance with the statutes is recognized as having a quorum regardless of the number of club members present. Each member has one vote. The general meeting generally makes resolutions with a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Abstentions are therefore not taken into account. However, to change the statutes or to dissolve the association, a majority of two thirds of the valid votes cast is required.

9. Membership Acquisition

- 9.1. Any fully legally competent natural or legal person with the same objectives of the association can become a member. An application must be filled out before joining. The board decides whether to accept the application.
- 9.2. The member is charged a membership fee, the amount of which is determined by the general meeting.

10. Membership Termination

- 10.1. Voluntary resignation can only be made through a written declaration to the board. It is only permitted subject to a notice period of 3 months.
- 10.2. If a member has grossly negligently violated the association's interests, they can be excluded from the association by decision of the board.
- 10.3. A member can be removed from the membership list by decision of the board if he or she has not paid his or her membership fee for two years.

11. Dissolution Of The Association Or Loss Of Tax-Privileged Purposes

If the corporation is dissolved or abolished or if tax-privileged purposes no longer apply, the assets will go to the Buddhist Retreat Center AMITAYUS (German: *Verein Buddhistisches Klausurzentrum AMITAYUS e.V., (BKZ)*), with its registered office at Schoenfeld 104, 01744 Dippoldiswalde, that must use it directly and exclusively for charitable and charitable purposes.

If this is not possible, the association's assets go to the German Buddhist Union (German: *Deutsche Buddhistische Union e.V. – Buddhistische Religionsgemeinschaft (DBU)*), that must use them directly and exclusively for non-profit and charitable purposes.

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