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Preamble
The name of this organization shall be the Buddhist Study Association at Indiana University. The purpose of the association is to promote the understanding of Buddhism among students, faculty, staff, and any other members of the community. The association aims to provide a forum for a dialog among various traditions of Buddhist teaching without privileging any particular tradition. The association emphasizes to foster the understanding of Buddhist wisdom and helps students apply Buddhist principles to better their daily lives.

Article I – Membership
All students who are interested in learning more about Buddhism shall be eligible for Full Membership of the Buddhist Study Association at Indiana University on payment of the membership fee.

No applicants shall be excluded from the association by arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

All past students and current employees of the University shall be eligible for Associate Membership of the Association on payment of the membership fee.

Buddhist masters, if they wish to join the association, shall be treated as honorary members.

Honorary Life Membership of the Association shall be conferred on such a person as the Association shall elect in a mass meeting.

All members of the Association shall enjoy the rights to use all facilities provided by the Association and attend mass meetings and functions arranged by the Association. All Full Members of the Association may participate and vote at mass meetings. The duty of all members of the association is compliance with the Constitution and regulations of the Association.

Article II – University Compliance
This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article III – Executive Officers
The association shall have three elected officers: a president, a secretary, and a treasurer. Officers are chosen by majority vote. The usual term for elected officers is one academic year, starting in May and ending a year from the starting date.

The duties of the president are to preside over regular meetings and to represent the association in contacting with other organizations. The duties of the secretary are to organize and publicize regular meetings, to plan and organize any other organizational activities, and to catalog materials in the organization’s library. The duty of the treasurer is to maintain the finance of the organization, including distribution and collection of funds, bookkeeping, and generation of annual financial report.

Article IV – Executive Committee
The executive committee shall consist of the president, treasurer, and secretary. Officers shall be
elected at the annual mass meeting.

**Article V – Meetings**

The association shall hold regular meetings at a date and time of the executive committee's choice. The agenda of the meetings should be discussed and set by committee and regular members.

**Article VI–Elections**

An annual mass meeting shall be held to elect officers. The president and the executive committee shall have the authority to call a mass meeting.

The usual term for elected officers is one academic year, starting in May and ending a year from the starting date. A quorum shall be composed of one third of the members. Officers can hold for more than one office if re-elected. The president shall designate any member to assume the duties of the secretary or treasurer if there is any mid-term vacancy. Election is needed for any mid-term vacancy of the president. All of the BSA officers and a majority of its members must be currently enrolled at Indiana University.

**Article VII: Non-Hazing**

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

**Article VIII: Dues & Budgets**

The treasurer is responsible for maintaining the finance of the organization, including distribution and collection of funds, bookkeeping, and generation of annual financial report. Membership fees will be collected when needed.

**Article IX: Finances**

The treasure is in charge of financial affairs. The association will maintain a Student Organization Account.

**Article X: Personal Gain Clause**

This organization shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to the organization, not individual members.

**Article XI: Amendment**

Any proposal for amendment and the date and time of a mass meeting for that purpose shall be announced to all members at least two weeks prior to the vote. A two-thirds affirmative vote of those present is required for the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of the association.