Buddhist Dhamma Society (BDS)

Constitution

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Section 1: Name:
The official name of the organization shall be Buddhist Dhamma Society, hereafter referred to as BDS.

Section 2 - Purpose:
The purpose of this organization is: Buddha Dhamma study, practice, and distribution.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:
This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Voting membership should be limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but as non-voting associate or honorary members.

Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.

The officers shall consist of an elected president, a vice-president, and a treasurer. The president shall preside the organization meetings, determination of organization goals, and program organizations. The vice president shall assist the president and assume president’s duty and responsibilities upon the absence of the president. The treasurer is responsible for the financial budgets and maintaining records.

Article IV – Method of Removing Officers and Members.

General members and elected or appointed leaders should be expected to meet certain standards and conduct themselves in a way that reflects well on the organization. In the event that a member or leader does not meet those expectations, BDS should have authorities for objectively considering the member’s or leader’s probationary membership status or removal from the organization by voting (over 50% is effective). The process described in the constitution should specify which body conducts this review and ultimately makes the decision. It should be noted that the organization’s non-discrimination policy should protect members from removal based on those listed statuses.

Article V – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

Advisors of student organizations must be members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff.

Article VI – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.
An effective meeting is required twice a year (the end of June and the end of Dec.). An effective meeting indicates the meeting with more than 50% members’ attendance.

Article VII – Officer Elections Process

Officer elections will be held in the end of June every year. Effective elections require more than 70% members’ attendance. The nominations of elections should involve all the attended members. Election is conducted through an anonymous process. The president and another officer will be responsible for counting the votes. The officers for the next academic year will be the ones with the most votes.

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