



MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Members: Any person may become a member. Membership is granted after completion and receipt of a membership application and payment of annual dues. To ensure broad access to membership, requests for work exchange scholarships will be considered by the Board.

Section 2 – Annual dues: The amount required for annual dues shall be determined by the Board and made publicly available. The amount required by annual dues shall be by level as defined below. The Board may determine new levels of membership as needed in the future. Continued membership is contingent upon being up-to-date on membership dues.

Student: This class of membership is for those individuals who have a general interest in the sangha and are currently registered students. Annual membership is a minimum of \$50; this amount will be reviewed regularly by the Board.

Member: This class of membership is for individuals who are not students and have a general interest in the sangha. Annual membership is a minimum of \$150; this amount will be reviewed regularly by the Board.

Section 3 – Responsibilities and privileges: It is the responsibility of all members to support Cold Mountain Zen with annual membership. In addition, members are responsible to perform duties as necessary and desirable which support the sangha, help everyone to practice, and deepen one's own spiritual practice. All members shall be welcome to participate in training and shall have priority for access to the Teacher. Members may attend sangha events, receive mailings, and be considered for financial scholarships as needed to eliminate barriers to attending retreats. Additional benefits may be created by the Board.

Section 4 – Voting eligibility: Any member in good standing for two consecutive years, shall be eligible to vote at meetings of the general membership. At the time of incorporation, those individuals who have been associated with Cold Mountain Zen for 2 years will be grandfathered in as full voting members, contingent upon receipt of the annual dues.

Section 5 – Resignation and termination: Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary. A member can have their membership terminated by a vote of the Board or Board appointed committee.

Section 6 – Non-voting membership: Members within their first two years are non-voting members. The Board shall have the authority to establish and define additional non-voting categories of membership.



MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1 – Annual Meeting: An annual meeting of the members shall be held each year on a date to be set each year by the Board of Directors. The specific time and location of the meeting will be designated by the President in the notice of the meeting. At the annual meeting the members shall elect directors and officers, receive reports on the activities of the association, and determine the direction of the association for the coming year. The Board will ensure membership input through systems which are publicly announced to the membership.

Section 2 – Special meetings: Special meetings may be called by the president, the Executive Committee, or a simple majority of the Board of Directors. A petition signed by five percent (5%) of voting members may also call a special meeting.

Section 3 – Notice of meetings: Notice of each meeting shall be given to each voting member, by mail or e-mail, not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 4 – Quorum: The members present at any properly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5 – Voting: All issues to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority at the meeting in which the vote takes place. The Board may authorize voting members who are not able to be present at a meeting, to vote by electronic submission.