



## BLIA World Headquarters December 2018 ~ January 2019 Bulletin

### Work Report

#### 【I】 Veggie Plan A

Results so far: up till November 28, 2018, a total of 86 countries and regions with 50,150 people responding to the petition. Below is the top ten country/region with the most registrants:

	Country/Region	No. of Registrants		Country/Region	No. of Registrants
1	Taiwan	16,974	6	New Zealand	2,513
2	Hong Kong	13,783	7	Malaysia	1,152
3	Brazil	5,411	8	China	810
4	Canada	3,478	9	Australia	625
5	U.S.A.	2,713	10	South Africa	364

- By September 1, 17,184 people responded and by November 28, 50,150 people signed up, with a **291.84%** growth rate. Chapters are to continue in their efforts to promote the petition for practicing vegetarianism.

### Motion Discussion

#### 【Motion 1】

Proposal: To encourage BLIA chapters worldwide establish subchapters.

Description: 1. In accordance with BLIA “Chapter Organization Guideline” the Article III on Membership, the 7<sup>th</sup> Clause, “Members of the Association are divided into the following two categories:

1. Group Members, 2. Subchapter Member.”
2. In order to strengthen chapter organization, BLIA chapters worldwide that have not yet established subchapters should do so for developing talents and actualizing the ideal of “where there is sunshine, there is Buddha’s Light.”

Procedure: 1. Please refer to Appx. 1 for procedure to establish subchapters.  
2. When subchapter preparatory committees have matured, after evaluation and further approval, they can be certificated during the continent’s fellowship meeting or the chapter’s general meeting.  
3. Tokens of trust for newly established as well as existing subchapters, flag and president sash should be applied from BLIA by the chapter (Appx. 2).

Resolution:

## 【Motion 2】

Proposal: To conduct “BLIA Three Acts of Goodness Micromovie Contest.”

Description: In order to enhance the influence of Humanistic Buddhism, chapter are to promote a “Three Acts of Goodness” micromovie contest in different regions for presenting the truth, kindness, and beauty in the world with “do good deeds, speak good words, and think good thoughts,” produced in micromovie format for enhancing social harmony and world peace.

Procedure: 1. Themes of production: environmental preservation, three acts of goodness, Buddhist stories

2. Online submission: February 1~May 31, 2019

Voting Period: June 3-17, 2019

3. To participate: check for information on January 1, 2019 at

[www.blia.org](http://www.blia.org)

Resolution:

## 【Motion 3】

Proposal: To promote the new Buddhism Exam “Buddhist Wisdom GO” APP

Description: 1. In order to motivate people worldwide to learn and understand the meaning, sutras, treatises, history, schools, sects, and culture of Buddhism through online gaming in the format of a Buddhism exam, enhancing their competency in Buddhism.

2. Coordinated by Chinese Humanistic Buddhism Federation, “Buddhist

Wisdom GO” APP  佛學智慧GO is developed by the renowned Chinese gaming developer NetDragon Websoft.

Procedure: 1. Chapters and subchapters are welcome to promote the APP, inviting members and people interested in learning Buddhism to download the APP, spending just 10 minutes a day for improving their knowledge of Buddhism through gaming.

2. Go to the APP store with cell phone and search for “Buddhist Wisdom GO” for downloading and registration. Those with Facebook or WeChat accounts can log in when they are online.

3. Temples are to hold contests with a “diligence chart” listing subchapters or individuals as entrants for regular recognitions to encourage everyone to learn diligently.

Resolution:

## **BLIA Affairs**

### **I. 【New Members Seminar】**

After conducting Triple Gem Refuge ceremonies, the participants will become BLIA “preparatory members.” Branch temples can hold new members seminars to introduce BLIA principles and its organization, inviting them to join BLIA.

### **II. 【Name List of All New Executives】**

- 1) All chapters and elder advisor committees which had conducted re-elections in 2018 should submit name lists of their new executives to World Headquarters Secretarial Office within 15 days after re-election for record keeping and the processing of appointment certificates.
- 2) Please refer to the June-July 2018 Bulletin for the relevant forms (Appx. 3).
- 3) Appointment certificates of subchapter new executives are to be issued by the relevant chapters. Blank certificates and subchapter elder advisor badges can be applied from the continent’s vice secretary general. (These were provided to the various continents at the 2017 Board of Directors Meeting)

### **III. 【Former Chapter/Subchapter President Self-Assessment Form】**

- 1) All chapter/subchapter presidents completing their terms of service on December 31, 2018 are to complete the “Former President Self-Assessment Form” (Appx. 3). Chapter/subchapter presidents re-elected for a second term need not complete the form.
- 2) The completed “Former President Self-Assessment Form” should be submitted by Monastic Advisors to the World Headquarters before January 31, 2019. Subchapter presidents should submit the completed forms to their relevant chapters for record.
- 3) Chapters holding re-elections in 2018 are as follows:

<b>Continent</b>	<b>Name of Chapter</b>
Northeast Asia	Guam
Southeast Asia	Bangkok, Thailand; Sabah, Malaysia
America West	Kansas, Colorado, San Diego
America East	Toronto, Canada; Boston and Miami, U.S.A.
South America	Brazil, Argentinian, Chile
Europe	Switzerland; Geneva; Porto, Portugal; Frankfurt and Berlin, Germany
Africa	Blufontaine
Taiwan	BLIA Chunghua



#### IV. 【UN News Reader】

To promote the downloading of “UN News Reader” APP for daily updates of news in the world and the UN, knowing the latest in international situations.

### **BLIA Membership**

#### I. 【Replacement of Old Membership Card with New Card】

In order to encourage all members to replace their old membership cards, if the old cards are replaced with new ones **before June 30, 2019**, there will be no production fees charged. Chapters are requested to promote full replacements. After the deadline, there will be a production fee of US\$5.00 each.

<b>New Card (with barcode)</b>	<b>Old Card (no barcode)</b>
 A new BLIA membership card with a gold background. It features the BLIA logo and text: "Buddha's Light International Association" and "國際佛光會 ORLANDO, FL. USA". A photo of a woman is on the right. A barcode is at the bottom, highlighted with a red box. A membership number is partially visible: "D004000000000004".	 An old BLIA membership card with a gold background. It features the BLIA logo and text: "Buddha's Light International Association" and "國際佛光會 中華總會". A photo of a woman is on the right. The name field is labeled "Name:" and contains "姓名: 鍾品霖". A membership number is partially visible: "0101 000701 04407". The date "2005/12" is at the bottom right.

#### II. 【Membership General Survey】

- 1) World Headquarters Membership Unit will be mailing out to all chapters on January 1, 2019 with an attachment of the chapter's "Membership List" for ease of conducting a general survey. Due to the personal information involved, please safeguard the document, which should not be used for any other purpose. On the handing-over of the position of chapter president, the membership list should be regarded as material for handing over to the next president.
- 2) Chapters are requested to continue in membership survey and to report to World Headquarters Membership Unit any changes to the chapter's membership (such as: having passed away, changed to casual membership, moved to a new location and another chapter or changed telephone number etc.) before April 30 each year for updating the information.
- 3) World Headquarters will base on the changes reported on April 30, 2019 to update the number of members, which will be used as the basis for calculating membership dues to be submitted to the World Headquarters for 2019.

## **Financial Affairs**

### **I. 【Membership Fees and Annual Dues】**

In order to standardize the entry fees for BLIA members worldwide and the annual dues, adjustments are made as follows:

- 1) Member entry fees (production cost): US\$20, which includes
  - A. BLIA uniform and clasps (1 set)
  - B. Membership card is at US\$5, to be applied collectively by chapters from the World Headquarters for production by the Secretarial Office Membership Unit.
  - C. Member Handbooks are at US\$2 a copy. Currently, Chinese and English editions are completed (Simplified Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, and Japanese editions are being translated).
- 2) Chapter annual dues:
  - A. In view of the various standards of chapter dues in different regions, and dues being the source of financial support for BLIA activities, it is proposed that adjustments should be made in accordance with local living standards. Application can only be made upon the passing of such proposal at chapter annual general meetings.
  - B. Review the attached “World Scout Jamboree Fees Standard” for reference (Appx. 4), which is based on the standards established by the World Bank: four categories of fee charges according to national average income

## **Calendar of Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Place</b>
1/1	2019 “A Hundred Years of Harmony” Buddhist Wedding & Bodhi Couple Blessing Ceremony	Fo Guang Shan Monastery
2/9	South Africa Buddha’s Light Three Acts of Goodness Family Certification Ceremony	Nan Hua Temple, South Africa
3/24-31	2019 Nan Tien Temple Water and Land Dharma Function	Nan Tien Temple, Australia
4/06-07	2019 BLIA South Africa Fellowship Meeting	Nan Hua Temple, South Africa
6/13-16	2019 BLIA North America Fellowship Meeting	Montreal, Canada
6/14-16	2019 BLIA Europe Fellowship Meeting	Portal, Portugal
6/28-30	2019 BLIA Asia Fellowship Meeting	Thai Hua Temple, Thailand
10/02-05	2019 BLIA 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Seventh Board of Directors	Paris, France