

**Buddhist Meditation Society of Northern BC**  
**AGM Minutes April 28, 2009**

Attendees: John DeGrace, John Neumann, Barbara Robertson, Chris Trumpowski, Ken Bilski

The AGM minutes of May 1, 2008 were read and accepted.

Treasurer report:

At end-of-fiscal-year 2008 (March 31) BMSNBC had a net balance of \$2037 in our account at Spruce Credit Union. This year the closing March statement showed \$1915. For the last several years, we were losing \$200-\$300 per year, so this year's drop of \$122 is minimal, and our finances are basically healthy. Primary income source for this year (as for the last several) was the winter retreat. We had a separate line item on our monthly statement of just over \$50 (gift of J. Johnson), but those funds have now been folded in to our regular account by SCU.

Report From John DeGrace:

Monday night sits range in attendance from two to eight – the higher figures coming during the UNBC comparative religions class when students come for a couple of Mondays. The annual winter retreat went very well, lead by Linda Cowan who has had training with John Cabot Zinn. Adrienne Ross who has lead several recent retreats was not available this year. This was the second retreat held at the Northern Family Health building on Queensway. It is an excellent venue with good parking, large rooms, a kitchen and lots of window space. We paid NFH \$250 for use of their building.

John D. was the Buddhist participant in this year's UNBC World Religions Day conference.

Report from John Neumann and Barbara Robertson:

Tuesday night sits have between two and ten attendees. A good number of the group members have gone to one or two of Eshin's retreats this year. The Vancouver Zen Ctr has upgraded to a larger building and holds the week-long retreats there instead of the previous venue on Galiano Island.

Eshin had considered coming up to Prince George for a weekend retreat in the spring, but that did not work out – possibility remains for a fall 2009 retreat in PG.

Sunday morning meditation sessions were held about once every three months.

Motion: to send a \$200 honorarium to Tawnya Walker for providing web services as was done last year – passed.

Discussion: we have only two sets of keys to the building/room – calls to landlord have not been returned – Ken will investigate further (addendum: other building residents just duplicate the keys they have...)

Election of officers: President: John Neumann, Vice-president: John DeGrace, Treasurer: Ken Bilski, Board Members-at-Large: Larry Steele and Barbara Roberson.