

Article 11 of the Articles of Association:

Admission in the Federation may be as a member or as an associate.

1. All Buddhist entities wishing to be admitted as members of the Federation must apply for membership in writing and be approved by the Board of the Federation. The following requirements must be fulfilled at the time of application.

A.- To be registered as a religious entity in the Registry of Religious Entities of the Ministry of Justice.

B.- To provide proof of continuous existence as a religious Buddhist organization for a minimum period of three years previous to the date of application.

C.- To provide adequate proof of its religious character and Buddhist identity. With this aim, traditional Buddhist communities and Modern Buddhist communities shall be identified as such. The Federation, fulfilling its informative function toward citizens and the public administration shall distinguish between the two different categories. The distinction shall not result in any difference of rights and obligations of any community as a member of the Federation.

C.1.-Traditional Buddhist Communities.- All communities with adequate proof of a lineage of practice and teaching emanating from the Sakyamuni Buddha shall be considered Traditional Buddhist Communities. To this aim, the applying entity shall provide the Board of the Federation with the adequate documents issued by the highest valid authority of the school it belongs to.

Applying entities of the Vajrayana tradition may not maintain positions contrary to the supreme authority of Tibetan Buddhism.

C.2.-Modern Buddhist Communities.-All communities founded by a duly authorized practitioner, as such considered by the Federation, that maintain a historical link with a traditional school, although they may practice new forms of Buddhism adjusted to a western context or that contribute to the implantation of Buddhism in the Spanish society shall be considered Modern Buddhist Communities.

D.- To provide all documentation and data required by the Federation to this end according to these articles and other regulations as well as to clarify or complete whatever information is deemed necessary or pertaining to this aim.

The Board of the Federation shall examine all documents and data provided and will submit the application to the consideration and voting of its members as regulated in these articles and the Federation regulations. To this aim the Board of the Federation may appoint an ad-hoc committee to evaluate the applications. The committee shall be formed by at least three members of the Board, appointed according to the regulations of the Federation and will have a minimum period of three months in order to submit a study of the application to the consideration of the Board.

2.-Physical or legal entities developing any activity useful for the aims or activities of the Federation or the members of the federated communities may be associated to the Federation according to these articles and the internal regulations. Associates may be invited to attend Board Meetings and allowed to speak without voting capacity and to participate in Federation activities. They shall contribute the dues decided by the Board.

3. Membership in the Federation will be cancelled by the following causes:

A.- Failure to comply with the aims of the Federation or violation of these Articles of Association.

B.- Failure to comply with any of the requirements stated in Section 1 of the present Article.