* Attendees: Lori Leff, Nary Mitchell, Harold Graves, John LaFrance, Al Daggett, Vern Harrington, Joe Zurylo, John Foster, Jacqueline Gens, Robyn Kinsey, Kathy McGrane, Efrem Marder, David Hayes

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* John LaFrance appointed Moderator
* Minutes TBD Approval via Email
* Next Gakyil meeting October 14, Sunday, 12:30 PM

**Staff Updates (3 minutes)**

* Secretary:
  + Membership Report: # of Memberships 451. Discussion of Vacation Time. Secretary to leave for vacation next weekss
    - Total Members Processed to date: 366; of these, 5 are Meritorious, 38 are Sustaining,   
      174 are Ordinary, 149 are Reduced. 85 New and Renewing Members remain to be processed.
    - Secretary has assigned Membership #’s to all the New Members and requested Web Access for each one from the Webcast Team. s
* Geko:

(via telephone conference call):

* + David is settled in, working on wood stove @ Thogal Cabin. Bret’s user agreement discussed briefly. Fire Inspection: we need to get schoolhouse inspected ASAP. Conway CPA: $22,000 to help repair the schoolhouse; CPA wants us to Beef Up our proposal for more money. Marylin to attend a Gakyil Meeting to consolidate a proposal for CPA.

**Whole Gakyil (minutes)**

1. Lori & Vern report on their visit to Italy, SSI. Establishing International Dzogchen Community.
   1. Legal Status: International Statutes, International Database. Ennrico is spearheading the International Effort. Creation of a “Template”. Discussion of “International Membership Dues”: how does the money flow? How is the International Gakyil to be structured?
   2. Lori presents an outline of the International DCA.
   3. What do we need to do now?
      1. We could begin by analyzing what we already do. Coordinate with colors: DCA <> SSI
      2. Land has been found in Tenerife for €1 million.
         1. Discussion of the property and the issues involved with setting up International Gars.
         2. Tenerife is the 2nd Largest Volcano in the world.
   4. Issues with Sulphur Gas at Merigar West.
2. Khandroling Development Meeting
   1. Yuchen wants to collect info from various members on their level of commitment.
   2. Road Discussion
   3. What does Upper Khandroling need to develop into a habitable retreat center?
      1. Water System
      2. Road
      3. Transportation/ATV
      4. Land Geko
         1. Need a Geko who is qualified. Budget for Land Maintenance. Job Description for Land Geko.
         2. Red to follow up.

**Whole Gakyil Continued**

1. Retreat Venue & Planning
   1. June 6th thru 13th
   2. List of Possible Venues
   3. Almost all schools are out.
   4. Tenting 400 people? Where do they park?
   5. Can we do it at the Vajra Hall?
   6. Staffing discussion
   7. Begin planning 2014 NOW
   8. Electricity, heat, Audio / Visual
   9. The Road was one of Rinpoche’s “5 Points” for developing the Land.
   10. Retreat Venues should be no further than 15 minutes drive for Rinpoche.
   11. A conference call in 2 weeks to follow up.
   12. Retreat Coordinator needs to be found. Gakyil to Send out a request.
2. NewComers Discussion:
   1. Web Page TBD for New Members
   2. Monthly Practice Session on Sundays for new people, practices designed for people who are interested.
3. Discussion of Acommodaitons/Dorm Policy
   1. Where does SSI’s contribution come into the Accommodations Discussion?
4. Nary’s Letter of Domicile discussion.
5. New Geko Discussion:
   1. Chrisitana de Falco is interested
   2. Tom Burton
   3. Gakyil needs to send out the ad again and continue looking.
6. New Gakyil Members’ Recruitment
   1. Marylin, Nancy, Kathy for Blue?
   2. SSI: Gerry, Efrem, Al, Stephanie, Leela WH, Mira & Anna Sue are potential SSI Gakyil members
   3. Draft new Notice for Gakyil Recruitment.
7. Post-retreat Thank Yous discussion
   1. Asruh’s acknowledgement: Gift certificate and a letter

# Blue Gakyil (minutes)

1. SMS 1: Jim Valby won’t work with Skype/Internet. Webex/Skype is cancelled for SMS 1
   1. Blue Asking SSI Web Team about secure web casting for SMS
   2. Reviewing / Updating local community/Yahoo Groups
   3. Jacqueline & Robyn are moderators now
   4. Administration of TsegNet goes to Secretary [How much time is involved with Admin for TsegNet?]
2. Planning Upcoming Retreats / Advertising
   1. Blue needs to meet and Follow UP.
3. SMS / YY / Vajra Dance : a few small local events planned, nothing until February.
   1. Blue to Follow up
4. TE Practices discussion
   1. 9:30 Schoolhouse

# Red Gakyil (minutes)

1. Farmhouse Status:
   1. Need to get someone to stay the winter as a caretaker
   2. Funding New Pool
   3. Excavation: $7,000
2. Road Clearing $14,000 [LaNoue]
   1. We can do clearing for half.
   2. Total: $21,000 for a new road projected.
3. Swimming Pool
   1. Sam will close it down for the winter
4. ATV
   1. John Deere gives a discount to non-profits
   2. 2-seater ATV is $8k Retail
5. Forestry: Clear Cutting
   1. The Forester thinks we have enough money to pay for clear cut. We can cut to the amount of money that we have. Saw logs to be marked out