

Sept. 8, 2013 Community Meeting

- Attendees - Mary, Pat, Terry, Ann, Susan, David, Marta, Phil
- By-laws discussion as follows:
- There will be a slight name change of the sangha to "Insight Meditation Ann Arbor." Pat will submit the revision to the state.
- There was a lot of discussion as to how much needs to be IN the bylaws, versus in the culture of the community. The Bylaws committee had discussed this and had decided to keep the bylaws as simple and minimal as possible, others disagreed. Specifically, should a mission and values statement be part of the bylaws? Or are these things created as the function of the community and in the culture?
- There is a gap between what the government needs from a corporation in terms of legal accountability, and how our sangha has chosen to be community led without defined membership. The sentiment of the group is that the board will be present in an administrative function, not an executive function. This means that the board is there to carry forward the wishes of the community, but the community remains the decision making body. The board 's function is to ensure papers are filed and the business end of the sangha is functioning properly.
- How does the first board become elected? Does this need to be written in the bylaws also, or do we select the first board at a monthly meeting and then move forward?