

White Plum Asanga
Rules for Processing Membership Applications.
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Pursuant to section 3 of the Bylaws of the White Plum Asanga, the Board proposes the following Rules for Processing Membership Applications.

1. Upon the transmission teacher announcing Dharma transmission to the WPA internet list, the announcement is treated by the WPA as a nomination of that successor to membership in the WPA.
2. Upon receipt of a nomination, the nominee will be sent information about the WPA, an application form, and asked to confirm that they would like to become a member.
3. The nominee is to return the application form and request to become a member.
4. An announcement that the nominee seeks consideration for membership is sent to the WPA list with the nominee's picture and biographical information from the application. A three-week comment period will commence with the sending of the announcement. During that period, any member may suggest confidentially to the President a reason why the nominee should not become a member.
 - 4.1 If no comments are received by the President during the comment period, the nominee's name shall be promptly submitted to the membership for a vote.
 - 4.2 If comments are received during the comment period, the President will investigate and report to the Board. The comments shall be evaluated by the Board in light of the standards expressed in the WPA Code of Ethics.
 - 4.2.1 If judged in light of those standards, the Board concludes that no reasonable person could find the nominee unfit for membership, it shall submit the nominee to the membership for a vote with a statement of the circumstances as it finds them and a statement of its conclusion.
 - 4.2.2 If judged in light of those standards, the Board concludes that a reasonable person could find the nominee unfit for membership, and the nominee when so informed continues to wish to have their application considered, the Board shall submit the nominee to the membership for a vote with a statement of the circumstances as it finds them and a statement of its conclusion.
5. Once a nomination is submitted to the membership for a vote, voting will remain open for three weeks. Unless there is a negative vote by 10% of the entire membership, the nominee is elected to membership.

