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ATTENTION!

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PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE!

Spring Mountain Sangha's 2005 Sangha Wide Meeting

The Sangha's annual meeting will be community night, following one period of sitting at 7:00 pm, downstairs room at Shove, Monday September 12th with tea, cookies, good company and great community.

We want to celebrate our community and its members. Also, we must formally ratify the bylaws and approve the current slate of Steering Committee members. We welcome any further discussion about sharing the work.

The current Steering Committee is comprised of: William Jeavons (Chair), Sarah Bender, Nard Claar, Robert King, Elizabeth King, Judith Lee, Kathryn McWilliams, Andrew Palmer, Wendy Palmer, and Clay Taylor.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Rather than offering a synopsis of the minutes this month, I'd like to ramble a little about the cusp on which I see the sangha balanced. We've grown and deepened remarkably in the last several years, and this growth presents us with opportunities to further offer practice to the beings of the world.

From my perspective as chair, the main issue here is the energy available and thus the possibility of organizing various sangha activities. Initially, the group of meditators who formed the Sangha got together just to sit. They borrowed space and lived simply (we still borrow space). They were doing something which they had missed and that they enjoyed, and there was a simple energy to this.

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When I ran across this group they had become a little more organized; had had a couple of retreats and were just forming a steering committee to deal with business. At that time the Sangha hosted the Monday sit in Shove and occasional retreats. We had yet to formalize our relationship with Joan. We spent a lot of time deciding on a name. And we settled on a formula for Sangha activity: We would support basic practice opportunities as a group, i.e.: weekly sits and, at first, 2 retreats per year, these being our major productions. Beyond this, any member was welcome to promote / host other sits, study groups, social events as they chose. They could request support thru the Steering Committee, or go it alone, but the impetus was on the member. If someone thought we should do something new, it was up to him or her to get it rolling. Folks contributed as they were inspired and it appeared that things just happened. We've essentially done business this way ever since. But big things are happening for us, and they mark a passage from this sort of informal, mutual interest society to what is rapidly becoming an institution.

We are now a 501(c)(3) corporation in the State of Colorado! We have official numbers and folks can give us donations in a tax deductible way. (Many thanks to David Cockrell who began this push and did a lot of work, and to Nard Claar who took over and finished it up!)

And a huge change is Joan's ongoing support and her investment of massive amounts of time and energy in our practice here. Her residencies, along with our traditional schedule of retreats, have moved our community practice to a different level. A good example is that we now actually support Sarah as our Meditation Instructor (charging a reasonable fee for the classes and paying Sarah). Sarah was one of the founding members and has served as chief cook and bottle washer for many years. Several years back Joan "gave" her to us as our Meditation Instructor, but we weren't able to relieve her of other chores. One of the glaring issues apparent this past spring was that we would simply have to cover the administrative and gofer duties that she continued to carry if she was to fully inhabit her practice role. We have decided, for instance, to offer a monthly Intro to Meditation rather than trying to do this on the fly just before sits.

This involves some serious supporting work like reservations, set up work, lunch, hauling cushions and bells, etc. All too often Sarah has to do this legwork at the expense of the preparatory work she'd like to be doing to teach the class. This is classically where our "it'll just get done" model falls down.

The last, rather amazing occurrence is that we've had an offer of land on which to build a meditation hall. Another of David Cockrell's dreams, shared by many, is that we might have our own dedicated space. This appears to be entirely within our reach if we want it.

One might make the analogy of our moving from forest dwellers to householders: at least a few more of us are going to have to hold steady jobs, metaphorically speaking. If we want to have our own, dedicated meditation hall, we'll need to get more organized and do some work as a group. This may be a blessing in itself; Work-practice is a traditional and powerful way of bringing cohesion to a community. We all help build our real, solid practice space and it encourages our shared practice.

The steering committee has been wrestling with these issues of growth since Joan's residency last April. I've talked about the Meditation Instructor's support, but the serious work involved in the many events of that month further highlighted the flaws in our habitual working model. To make matters worse, we found ourselves short-handed. We weren't organized to spread the work out, couldn't even tell those volunteering just what needed to be done. As a result we decided to document the work involved so we wouldn't have to figure out how to do it again next time. And as an offshoot, a number of people have requested that we take a look behind the curtain at the real work that supports seemingly simple gatherings.

Our basic Monday evening sit illustrates the day-to-day chores: before we even arrive,

- ❖ there is the job of liaison to CC;
- ❖ someone serves as contact and arranges alternate events/gives notice when we are bumped from Shove.

Another, on-going chore is

- ❖ maintaining the kits of supplies in the Shove closet;
- ❖ replenishing candles,
- ❖ cleaning clothes,
- ❖ cleaning out the boxes from time to time.

Again, per our old ways, someone usually, and Kathryn just now, has taken on the chore of

- ❖ arriving early each Monday to unlock the closet
- ❖ begin hauling cushions and supplies up to the

chapel.

Then the evening's leader

- ❖ arrives about half an hour early to set up the altar,
- ❖ pick a leader for the walking meditation, and
- ❖ coordinates the schedule.

Someone has to

- ❖ set up the signs about "quiet please meditation in progress."

Donella used to

- ❖ welcome folks, and
- ❖ also kept track of newcomers who'd phoned and so would expect and greet them.

She took it upon herself to also ask

- ❖ people to bring flowers or
- ❖ tea and cookies on community night,

so as to include more people in the activities. It is truly amazing all that happens behind the scenes.

We've come to a point where it would be wonderful if not

actually necessary to organize and fill these tasks on a steady, probably rotating basis. I still like the idea of people filling roles to which they're called, though there is a good argument for the growth potential of doing something that's difficult. In any case, our inspired volunteer model is staggering and taking it's toll, and I'm curious if we have the energy, time, and commitment to get ourselves better organized now? I warmly invite your feedback on these issues.

We'll be having a Sangha-wide meeting at the community night in September (second Monday evening). We need to ratify our bylaws for the incorporation project, and approve the steering committee roster. It would also be a chance to talk about growth; please come if you can!

Incorporation as a not-for profit organization with a set of by-laws was an important step in that direction. Creating a permanent meeting place of our own would seem to be the next logical step.

Robert

What do I cherish about SMS History – evolving/changing sutras keeping a touch of the Japanese and Pali languages folded in with English. Also, sesshins and more than weekly sangha zazen.

What do I hope for SMS' future – a place of our own. Another--more active participation from a larger number of people in the sangha.

Donella

CHERISHED HISTORY / FUTURE HOPES

In complement William's letter to us all, the dharma rag editor solicited some responses to the following questions:

- 1) what element of SMS do you really cherish about its history?**
- 2) what element about SMS do you really hope for in our future?**

Here is what we got:

Dear Judith,

1) Although SMS started with a very small group of people, it continues to grow steadily. To me, this speaks of the friendliness, warmth, and welcome we offer to new people. Robert and I noticed this the first time we sat with SMS and it helped us make our decision. Also, there is an increasing interest in Zen among people of this city and in the Western world everywhere. In fact, our sesshins also bring people from neighboring cities, such as Denver and Pueblo, and as far away as Santa Fe, Phoenix, and California.

2) Though we usually meet on the campus of Colorado College (a special gift to us), It would be a great asset to have a place of our own. It would suggest stability and continuity, even in this world of impermanence.

Elizabeth

Judith,

1) I share Elizabeth's appreciation for the sangha's warm and welcoming attitude towards newcomers. I would add that I also value its seriousness of purpose and commitment to disciplined meditation practice. That impressed me the first time we attended a sesshin with the sangha and the feeling has been confirmed with each successive retreat.

2) I am encouraged by the movement towards a more established institutional structure for the sangha.

Good morning Judith,

1) The first time I came to sit with SMS was the first Monday after 9/11. The thing I cherished about the Sangha then, I cherish each time I go to sit now, as well as each time I DON'T go to sit; It's there. I know that it's there for me, it's there for it's other members and it's there for the local community and the rest of the world. Yet, it's not static. People come and go, get older, events happen. Just as I hear of the early days of SMS, I know that I cannot experience those days. Just as I cannot re-experience my past. But I can experience my present and my practice helps me to see what's happening now, although influenced by my past. As to the future of SMS? I guess I'll just have to show up and see, perhaps to see how my being a member will influence it's future.

2) I hope that SMS continues to offer people ways to begin their practice by making SMS better known in the community and by providing beginners support.

The biggest thing I hope for is that SMS continues to offer this practice to more people in Colorado Springs. What a problem to have, if we out-grow our current facilities. What a problem to have if we need to offer more classes. What a problem to have if we "have to" find a full-time location to offer our practice.

Frank

Hi Judith,

I feel a connection to the Sangha because of the people, they are kind and friendly and serious about their actions and practice. I have enjoyed the connection and support of CC with Shove Chapel and many others hands that CC has offered and provided. We could not function without CC and their help.

In growth we change and expand. It would be nice to have a place to call our own. This will change the group and require a lot of work and funds to have our own place. Even if we do someday have our own place I would still like to see a strong connection to CC to keep the communication and the warm feelings and support.

Nard

LETTER FROM THE MEDITATION INSTRUCTOR

Dear Springs Mountain Sangha members and friends,

Change is in the nature of life's play always, but sometimes it wears more outrageous costumes or is lit by brighter lighting. As William has written, the SMS steering committee has been noticing, to our delight as well as some dismay, that our group has gotten larger, our practice more mature, and our dreams more ambitious! With Joan Sutherland's brilliant teaching and leadership, we are able to offer more---and more varied---practice opportunities. This is dreaming come true for me, and gives encouragement to imagine more possibilities. Sometimes we seem to lurch along the path, finding out what we can accomplish and finding the limits of our time and energies along the way. Other times we seem to sail along. Right now seems to be a good time to stick our heads up and look around. What is shining right here and now? What is beckoning out towards the horizon?

I am moved and humbled by the steering committee's decision to offer monetary support for my work as your meditation instructor. This will make it possible for me to offer more consistent and deeper encouragement for practice for all of us, I hope. This prospect is both exciting and scary!

One of the traits of our group that has always been extremely important to me is our character of shared leadership. It makes us strong and interesting as a group and seems best to challenge us each to offer our own gifts. Our practice is alive and full of heart---so beautiful! It took me a while to realize that what I wish to offer, within this context, is a deeper study of the Dharma. As I've turned my attention more and more to this focus, sangha members have stepped right up and offered more and more practical help to free my time for it. A huge thank you to all of you for this.

The direction we take from here depends on what shines for you. The nonviolent communication work of this summer was possible because a few people were excited enough about it to make it happen. What's next? Is it the quest for a physical home for the sangha? Is it more study offerings? Is it service

to the community? Is it a better connection with young people? Music? Poetry? Movement? Art? A lay community has this gorgeous opportunity to make it real. To realize.

Sarah

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- ❖ **Monday** evenings starting at 6:10 p.m. at Shove Chapel: 1010 North Nevada on the campus of Colorado College.
 - ✓ *First Monday* of the month: 30-minute sutra Service, brief walking meditation, two 25-minute periods of sitting
 - ✓ *Second Monday*: two 25-minute sitting periods, including walking meditation, followed by a social gathering
 - ✓ *Third Monday*: two 25-minute sitting periods, including walking meditation, followed by a talk or reading
 - ✓ *Fourth Monday*: One 25-minute sitting period and community member shares personal Zen Practice experience: "Way Speaking Mind." If you'd like/willing to take a turn, please call Sarah Bender
 - ❖ **Wednesday** Mornings from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. at Shove Chapel.
 - ❖ **Saturday** Mornings from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (note change). also at Shove Chapel. After the sitting many of us usually walk to a nearby coffee shop for breakfast.
- Sunday** we often have steering committee meetings or discussion groups or workshops

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Please see our upcoming events in September and don't forget the Sangha Wide Meeting on Monday, September 12th @ 7:00pm at Shove. Thank you!



[INTRO WORKSHOP]
**Clear Mind, Open Heart:
 The Way of Zen Meditation
 Introductory Retreat**

Saturday, September 24 — 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 The Woman's Club at Colorado College
 20 Mesa Rd (just west of Cascade at Monument St)

Meditation is an enlivening way of curiosity, insight, and kindness. This one-day program is for those interested in learning about Zen and those who wish to deepen an existing meditation practice. Led by senior teacher Joan Sutherland and meditation instructor Sarah Bender, the day includes an introduction to meditation, a taste of koan work, and time to move, ask questions, and enjoy the stillness. All are welcome; no experience is necessary. Contact: Sarah (sbender@corb.com) @ 594-0724, fee is 60\$, scholarship help available



[6-DAY RETREAT]
Bright Harvest

Autumn Meditation Retreat

*A little too abstract, a little too wise,
 It is time for us to kiss the earth again.
 It is time to let the leaves rain from the skies,
 Let the rich life run to the roots again.*

Robinson Jeffers

Monday, September 26 — Sunday, October 2
 Benet Pines Retreat Center, The Black Forest

This residential Zen retreat is a time we deepen and refresh ourselves through intensive spiritual practice. A retreat includes sitting, walking, and moving meditation; chanting; private meetings with the teacher; daily talks and a koan seminar; work practice to maintain the retreat; and vegetarian meals. All are welcome to attend the talks on Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm. Contact: Robert (kingrh53@earthlink.net), fee is \$450 full time, prorated part time, scholarship help available

[BIO]

Joan Sutherland

Joan Sutherland is a senior teacher of Zen Buddhism and the holding teacher for Springs Mountain Sangha in Colorado Springs. She is deeply interested in what becomes possible when ways of meditation and inquiry developed over thousands of years are brought into contemporary American lives. She lives in Sonoma County, Northern California and is the founder of The Open Source Project, a network of communities and individuals in the western United States. For more information, please see www.joansutherland.net.



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SPRINGS MOUNTAIN SANGHA BYLAWS

1. **Article 1: Name**
 - a. This organization is **Springs Mountain Sangha**, referred to in this document as "Sangha."
2. **Article 2: Objectives**
 - a. The objective of the Sangha is to support Zen practice in the Pikes Peak region and express the compassion arising through practice in service to our broader community to include:
 1. meditation sittings
 2. discussion groups
 3. dharma classes
 4. residencies from teachers affiliated with the Sangha.
 - b. Raise funds in pursuit of the above objective, whether by way of fund-raising activities, donations, or grants and manage assets for the promotion of the objectives of the Sangha.
3. **Article 3: Non-Profit Clause**
 - a. The income and the property of the Sangha shall be applied solely toward the promotion of the objectives of the Sangha and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to the members of the Sangha.
 - b. This shall not prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any member of the Sangha in return for reasonable and proper expenses and for services rendered to the Sangha as approved by the Steering Committee.

4. Article 4: Membership**a. Section 1: Eligibility**

- i. The Sangha welcomes all those interested in Zen Buddhism for membership. Membership will not be restricted based upon race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, physical or mental disability.

b. Section 2: Application for Membership

- i. An application for membership of the Sangha shall be made in writing on the Sangha membership form.
- ii. Upon submission of the application, the Secretary of the Sangha Steering Committee shall enter the new member's name in the register of members.

c. Section 3: Terms of Membership

- i. Membership is valid until terminated by the member or the Sangha .
- ii. While anyone may attend a general meeting, only members are entitled to vote at general meetings.
- iii. The Secretary will keep a register of members showing each members name, address, email address and telephone number.
- iv. Membership may be terminated by the Sangha steering committee, in consultation with the teachers and the Sangha Community Concerns Committee. Such a decision would be predicated on unacceptable behavior or the inappropriateness of practice for personal well-being.

d. Section 5: Member's Liabilities

- i. Members of the Sangha shall not be liable to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Sangha or the costs, charges and expenses of the dissolution of the Sangha.

5. Article 6: Steering Committee (also known as the Board of Directors)

The Steering Committee shall consist of a minimum of five people, including the Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Meditation Instructor (ex officio), and any number of Members-at-Large as the Sangha may determine appropriate and shall serve as the Board of Directors. The newsletter editor and the webmaster are encouraged to become members at large.

- a. Members of the Steering Committee shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting. Any regular member in good standing shall be eligible for election.
- b. The officers of the Steering Committee shall be chosen by consensus by the members of the Steering Committee.
- c. A retiring officer of the Steering Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
- d. The officers of the Steering Committee shall receive no remuneration for their services.
- e. The Steering Committee shall administer the general affairs of the Sangha. Matters of major financial commitment, selection and termination of a teacher, removal of steering committee members, or changes in the by laws shall be referred to the Sangha as a whole. Additional issues may be referred by the steering committee to the Sangha as a whole.
- f. Meetings of the Steering Committee shall be held at least once every 3 months.
- g. A Special Meeting of the Steering Committee may be requested by any 2 members to the Chairperson with the agenda items for the meeting.
- h. Where a meeting cannot conveniently be convened, the Chairperson may canvass members of the Steering Committee by telephone or email as to any matter connected with the business of the Sangha and may obtain the approval of the Steering Committee to a particular course of action. Such approval shall be recorded in writing by the Chairperson and shall be a valid resolution of the Steering Committee for all purposes. Any business transacted by this means shall be ratified at the next meeting of the steering committee.
- i. Any officer of the Steering Committee who dies, becomes incapacitated, resigns his/her office, or without reasonable explanation absents himself or herself from three meetings consecutively shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Steering Committee, and a successor may be appointed by the Steering Committee to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
- j. Section 1: Chairperson**
 - i. The Chairperson shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Sangha and the Steering Committee.
 - ii. The Chairperson shall also oversee the affairs and operations of the Sangha.
- k. Section 2: Treasurer**
 - i. The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid to the Sangha, such monies to be promptly turned over for deposit in an account established by the Steering Committee.

- ii. The Treasurer shall properly account for the funds of the Sangha and keep such books as may be directed.
- iii. He or she shall present a full detailed account of receipts and disbursements to the Steering Committee whenever requested and shall prepare for submission to the Annual Meeting a statement duly audited as hereinafter set forth of the financial position of the Sangha and submit a copy of same to the Secretary for the records of the Sangha.

I. Section 3: Secretary

- i. The Secretary shall have charge of all the correspondence of the Sangha and be under the direction of the Chairperson and the Steering Committee in this charge.
- ii. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend meetings of the Sangha and of the Steering Committee, and to keep accurate minutes of the same in books kept for that purpose.
- iii. The Secretary shall also keep a record of all the members of the Sangha and their addresses.
- iv. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Secretary shall chair meetings of the Steering Committee.
- v. In case of the absence of the Secretary, his or her duties shall be discharged by such officer as may be appointed by the Steering Committee.

m. Section 4: Meditation Instructor

The Meditation Instructor is designated by the Sangha's teacher or teachers, approved by the Sangha at large and serves on the Steering Committee ex officio. The meditation instructor is the Sangha's leader in all matters of instruction and retreat leadership instruction.

6. Article 7: General Meetings of the Sangha

a. Section 1: Notice of Meetings

- i. A General Meeting of the Sangha may be called at any time by the Secretary upon the instructions of the Chairperson or of the Steering Committee by notice in writing to the last known address of each member, delivered via communication channels (mail, e mail, fax, telephone) 14 days prior to the date of such meeting.
- ii. Notices of General Meetings shall include the day, hour, place and a full agenda listing all matters to be discussed, and copies of the Minutes of the previous general meeting.
- iii. A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Chairperson or Secretary upon receipt by him or her of a petition signed by one-third of the members in good standing, setting forth the reasons for calling such meeting, which shall be by letter to the last known address of each member, delivered via communication channels (mail, e mail, fax, telephone) 14 days prior to the date of such meeting.
- iv. The proceedings of a General Meeting shall not be invalidated by the non-receipt by one or more members of notification.

b. Section 2: Annual General Meeting

- i. An Annual General Meeting shall be held on or before January 30 each year on a date selected by the Steering Committee. Notice of the meeting date shall be sent by the Secretary in writing to the last known address of each member, delivered via communication channels (mail, e mail, fax, telephone) 14 days prior to the date of such meeting.

7. Article 7: General Meetings

a. Section 3: Quorum

- i. No item of business shall be transacted at a General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- ii. Ten percent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any General Meeting.
- iii. In the event of there being no quorum at the commencement of a General Meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time and place determined by the Chairperson.

b. Section 4: Voting

- i. Each member in good standing present and voting at a General Meeting of the Sangha shall have one vote..
- ii. If a secret ballot is duly demanded by at least three persons present it shall be taken at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the Chairperson directs and the result of the ballot shall be the resolution of the General Meeting at which the ballot was demanded.

c. Section 5: Minutes

- i. The Steering Committee shall cause minutes to be made:
 - 1. Of all appointments of officers of the Steering Committee.
 - 2. Of the names of officers of the Steering Committee present at all meetings of the Sangha and the Steering Committee.

3. Of all proceedings at all meetings of the Sangha and of the Steering Committee.
 - ii. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings of all meetings as a written record of the organization.

8. Article 8: Funds

- a. All monies received by the Sangha shall be deposited intact at the earliest possible date to the credit of an account operated by the Treasurer in the name of the Sangha at such financial institution as the Steering Committee shall decide.
- b. The Treasurer will provide quarterly reports to the Steering Committee on the Sangha's financial status.
- c. The Sangha's audited annual accounts will be presented by the auditors to all members of the Sangha at the General Meeting.

9. Article 10: Custody of Books

- a. Except as otherwise provided by these Rules, the Treasurer shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the Sangha financial transactions.

10. Article 11: Inspection of Books

- a. The records, books and other documents of the Sangha shall be open to inspection by any member of the Sangha at the Annual General Meeting or at any time upon giving reasonable notice and arranging a time and place satisfactory to the officer or officers having charge of the same.
- b. Each member of the Steering Committee shall at all times have access to such books and records.

11. Article 12: Financial Year

- a. The financial year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

12. Article 13: Audit

- a. The books, accounts, and records of the Sangha shall be audited at least once each year by a duly qualified accountant or by two members of the Sangha elected for that purpose at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. An auditor shall not be a member or closely related to a member of the Steering Committee.
- c. Auditors will be required to examine all accounts, vouchers, receipts, books, etc. and furnish a complete and proper statement of the standing of the books to the Annual General Meeting.

13. Article 14: Bylaws Amendments

- a. Any member in good standing of the Sangha can propose amendments to the Bylaws. A written request for an amendment shall be delivered to the Secretary no fewer than 30 days prior to a General Meeting.
- b. The Bylaws may be rescinded, altered, or added to by a Special Resolution. A Special Resolution means a resolution passed at a General Meeting of which not less than 21 days notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution has been duly given, and by the vote of not less than 60% of those members who vote in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present.
- c. All amendments, additions or deletions, shall be announced during the Annual General Meeting.

14. Article 15: Borrowing Powers

- a. For the purpose of carrying out its objective, the Sangha may borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as it thinks fit, but this power shall be exercised only under the authority of the Sangha and in no case shall debt be incurred without the sanction of a special resolution of the Sangha.

15. Article 16: Dissolution

- a. If the Steering Committee by a simple majority decides at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Sangha, it shall call a Special Meeting of all the members of the Sangha who have the power to vote.
- b. No less than 21 days' notice shall be given of a meeting of dissolution being called. The notice shall state the terms of the dissolution resolution to be proposed.
- c. The Sangha shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of at least 60% of the total voting members of the Sangha at a Special Meeting convened for the purpose.
- d. A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within thirty days of the dissolution to the Internal Revenue Service and Colorado Department of Revenue.
- e. In the event of the Sangha being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Sangha shall be fully discharged.
- f. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of proper debts and liabilities shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Sangha, but shall be given or transferred to other charitable organizations promoting Buddhist teachings.

DATED this 1 day of March, 2005.

Dana for Springs Mountain Sangha

Springs Mountain Sangha engages in three weekly sittings, study groups, retreats, residencies for our holding teachers, the *dharma rag*, website, and other communication media. Contributions from members and friends are the Sangha's sole financial resource. Let's share the dharma assets!

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Contribution Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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