

Communication Working Group Report

Transformation Status Report

Summary

This is a report on the process of communicating change to all areas of the Shambhala Mandala during the year between the 2004 Shambhala Congress and the 2005 Congress.

The Goals:

Before the Congress, we plan to help Shambhala Centers and Groups have effective meetings to hear developments and share feedback about the proposals from the Mandala Governing Council.

Post-Congress, we plan to help with communication around the implementation of the recommendations of the Mandala Governing Council.

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Membership:

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Objectives and Status Report:

- 1) To communicate with the entire mandala about the change process we involved in over the year. **Status:** Ongoing
- 2) To create a time line and implementation strategy for the information sharing process, including SNS Bulletins and a plan to help centers and groups hold “town meetings.” **Status:** Bulletins in process, conference calls scheduled, plan to be developed at the Dec. meetings.
- 3) Recommendations about communications post-congress. **Status:** Website has been restructured, information is posted in a timely manner, bulletin boards are in place. The group will help communicate around the implementation of the new structures as well as the processes recommended by the four working groups for community development.

December to February Plan:

- 1) Kick-off calls with President Reoch December 8th, 2004
- 2) Schedule three subject specific calls (Governance, Finance and Membership)
- 3) Mandala-wide town meetings to discuss proposals
- 4) Feedback shared and incorporated
- 5) Congress
- 6) Implementation of Post-Congress strategy for community change processes.