

# RING OF BONE MEMBERSHIP OR NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

## ROBZ MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Ring of Bone Zendo (ROBZ) is based upon participation in ROBZ activities. Our membership categories reflect different levels of participation.

### NEW MEMBERS

If you would like to become a ROBZ member, please get actively involved in ROBZ activities, and after participating for a year you may apply for membership.

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

*Associate Members* maintain an infrequent but ongoing pattern of participation in ROBZ activities for at least one year, or are former "core" members. They may or may not consider ROBZ their home zendo.

*Sustaining Members* consider ROBZ their home zendo and participate regularly in various ROBZ activities (not just sesshin) but not at the "core" level.

*Core Members* consider ROBZ their home zendo and participate at the qualifying level in at least four of the five activities listed below.

## GUIDELINES

The guidelines below are not hard requirements, but can help you determine the membership category appropriate for you.

If you are a currently a member in good standing, use these guidelines *prospectively* — to indicate your intended level of participation for the coming year.

If you are applying for membership (1) for the first time, (2) after a lapse of more than a year, or (3) as a first time core member, use the guidelines *retrospectively* — to reflect your level of ROBZ participation during the past year.

PLEASE DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY BEST DESCRIBES YOUR INVOLVEMENT

| FORM OF PARTICIPATION   | EXAMPLES  | SUGGESTED CORE INVOLVEMENT  |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Weekly Zazen at ROBZ | Monday evenings, except for the day after Sunday Zazen held the first Sunday of the month.  | Twice a month.  |
| 2. Work                 | Serving on the Board and/or committees, keeping records, preparing the newsletter, planning M&R sesshin, planning sesshin meals and purchasing sesshin food, attending workdays, doing special projects | Three days a year (approximately 24 hours) including at least one workday.    |
| 3. Sesshin Attendance   | Great Cold Sesshin, Weekend Sesshin, Mts. & Rivers Sesshin, Seven Day Sesshin, Five Day Sesshin, Rohatsu.   | Three to four times a year (at least one being a regular sesshin in the Dojo. |
| 4. General Meetings     | March and October General Meetings.   | Twice a year.   |
| 5. Other                | Sangha Circles, Dharma Workshops, Buddha's Birthday, Founder's Day, Sangha Campout, Potlucks.   | Three to four times a year.   |

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following:

- Associate Member (\$30/year)
- Sustaining Member (\$30/year)
- Core Member (\$30/year) - Are you now a ROBZ Core member?  Yes  No  
(If not, please submit a letter describing your participation in ROBZ activities, especially during the past year.)
- Newsletter Subscription (\$15 year) Note: Members receive newsletter subscriptions as a benefit of membership.
- Please remove me from your mailing list.

Mail this completed form, together with a check payable to "Ring of Bone Zendo" to:  
ROBZ Membership Secretary, P.O. Box 510, North San Juan, CA 95960

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