**AAR-WR Unit Chairs**
Unit Chairs Meeting

UWest

March 18, 2017

1:00–2:00 p.m. Unit Chairs Meeting and Lunch, Ken Locke Hall

Presiding: Jonathan Lee

Agenda
1. Special acknowledgment to our generous host, UWest!
2. Unit chairs introduction
3. Discussion of international participants. VP highlighted policy that Board decided on recently.
Policy posted on the AARWR web page.
**Visas for International Participants**
From time to time international participants contact the AARWR and request a personal invitation to attend the conference, which they present as a necessary step in order to obtain a visa. In March 2015 the Board decided that we do not have the resources to support requests that involve visas, and so we adopted a formal policy that we do not get involved in visa issues.
Note, our policy at the regional level differs from the national policy and so such inquirers are encouraged to investigate possibilities for attending the national conference and are referred to the AAR national website [http://www.aarweb.org/.](http://www.aarweb.org/)
4. Discussion of Hawaii as possible site for AARWR conference.
5. Open discussion Q & A
6. Why UWest? VP explained the circumstances of why we had to change the venue of the conference last minute.
7. Next AARWR will be March 23-25, 2018 at Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, CA. Save the date!