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Corporations Section

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
NATIONAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COALITION

A TEXAS NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned natural person, of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as an incorporator of a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE ONE
NAME

The name of the corporation is National Freedom of Information Coalition.

ARTICLE TWO
NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The corporation is a nonprofit corporation, organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, Article 1396--1.01, et. seq., of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes, as amended.

ARTICLE THREE
DURATION

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE FOUR
PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

A. The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized shall be as follows:

(1) To encourage, sponsor and facilitate the cultivation and diffusion of knowledge and understanding of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and various civil liberties and laws of the United States or of any state or which are established by American traditions that relate to freedom of the press, through the giving of lectures and the publication of addresses, essays, treatises, reports and other literary and research works in the field of press freedoms and First Amendment protections;

(2) To make inquiry into the extent and adequacy of the protection of press freedoms in the United States and in any state, and to publish the results of any such inquiry;

(3) To supply legal counsel, which counsel may, or may not, be directly employed by the corporation, to persons involved in activities wherein their press freedoms, as guaranteed to them under the constitutions and laws of the United States and of any state, are threatened or infringed upon, and who are unable to obtain such counsel without assistance; provided, however, that the corporation itself will not engage in the practice of law; and

(4) To assist in coordinating the efforts of other organizations throughout the United States having purposes similar to the ones stated above, including activities such as assisting and advising start-up freedom-of-information ("FOI") organizations; initiating joint fundraising efforts among state organizations; developing FOI programs, projects, and publications that can be utilized by the member FOI organizations with no, or minimal, modification and supporting the state organizations in their efforts to obtain funding for individual projects; establishing task forces that will look at critical issues and make recommendations for individual state actions or collective national action, or prepare educational reports or other publications; meeting annually to share experiences and information and to brainstorm; and educating the public generally on FOI issues.

B. The general purposes for which the corporation is organized are to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any superseding federal statute (the "Code") and the Regulations thereunder.

C. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, trustee, or officer of the corporation or of any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no director, trustee, or officer of the corporation or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

D. Upon dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational organizations that would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and the Regulations thereunder as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

E. In the event the corporation shall be a private foundation rather than a public charity within the meaning of Sections 501 and 509 of the Code, the corporation shall comply with all Code provisions regarding private foundations, including the following:

(1) The corporation shall not engage in self-dealing within the meaning of Section 4941 of the Code.

(2) The corporation shall make sufficient qualifying distributions within the meaning of Section 4942 of the Code during each taxable year of the corporation to avoid the tax imposed by Section 4942 on a private foundation's undistributed net income.

(3) The corporation shall not maintain excess business holdings within the meaning of Section 4943 of the Code.

(4) The corporation shall not invest any amount in a manner that would give rise to the tax imposed by Section 4944 of the Code on investments that jeopardize the corporation's charitable purpose.

(5) The corporation shall not make taxable expenditures within the meaning of Section 4945 of the Code.

ARTICLE FIVE
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 400 South Record Street, 6th Floor, Dallas, Texas, 75202. The name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is Nancy E. Monson.

ARTICLE SIX
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At all times the corporation's board of directors shall consist of not less than three directors. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is five (5), and the names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

Name

Addresses

Pete Weitzel

One Herald Plaza
Miami, Florida 33132

Sue Hale

P. O. Box 25125
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125

Ralph Langer

Communications Center
Dallas, Texas 75265

Bill F. Chamberlin

3208 Weimer Hall-University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida 32611

Herb Strentz

School of Journalism/Communications
Drake University
Des Moines, Iowa 50311

ARTICLE SEVEN
INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator are as follows:

Name

Addresses

Ann E. Ward

901 Main Street
Suite 6000
Dallas, Texas 75202

ARTICLE EIGHT
SHARES

The corporation shall have no stock or shares.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of September, 1993.



Ann E. Ward