

**Application for Recognition of Exemption
 Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**

Use the instructions to complete this application and for a definition of all **bold** items. For additional help, call IRS Exempt Organizations Customer Account Services toll-free at 1-877-829-5500. Visit our website at www.irs.gov for forms and publications. If the required information and documents are not submitted with payment of the appropriate user fee, the application may be returned to you.

Attach additional sheets to this application if you need more space to answer fully. Put your name and EIN on each sheet and identify each answer by Part and line number. Complete Parts I - XI of Form 1023 and submit only those Schedules (A through H) that apply to you.

Part I Identification of Applicant

1 Full name of organization (exactly as it appears in your organizing document)		2 c/o Name (if applicable)	
3 Mailing address (Number and street) (see instructions)	Room/Suite	4 Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4		5 Month the annual accounting period ends (01 - 12)	
6 Primary contact (officer, director, trustee, or authorized representative)		b Phone:	
a Name:		c Fax: (optional)	
7 Are you represented by an authorized representative, such as an attorney or accountant? If "Yes," provide the authorized representative's name, and the name and address of the authorized representative's firm. Include a completed Form 2848, <i>Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative</i> , with your application if you would like us to communicate with your representative.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
8 Was a person who is not one of your officers, directors, trustees, employees, or an authorized representative listed in line 7, paid, or promised payment, to help plan, manage, or advise you about the structure or activities of your organization, or about your financial or tax matters? If "Yes," provide the person's name, the name and address of the person's firm, the amounts paid or promised to be paid, and describe that person's role.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9a Organization's website:			
b Organization's email: (optional)			
10 Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exemption, are you claiming to be excused from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If "Yes," explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
11 Date incorporated if a corporation, or formed, if other than a corporation. (MM/DD/YYYY) / /			
12 Were you formed under the laws of a foreign country ? If "Yes," state the country.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Part II Organizational Structure

You must be a corporation (including a limited liability company), an unincorporated association, or a trust to be tax exempt. (See instructions.) **DO NOT file this form unless you can check "Yes" on lines 1, 2, 3, or 4.**

- 1 Are you a **corporation**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of incorporation showing **certification of filing** with the appropriate state agency. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they also show state filing certification. **Yes** **No**

- 2 Are you a **limited liability company (LLC)**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of organization showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach a copy. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they show state filing certification. Refer to the instructions for circumstances when an LLC should not file its own exemption application. **Yes** **No**

- 3 Are you an **unincorporated association**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of association, constitution, or other similar organizing document that is dated and includes at least two signatures. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments. **Yes** **No**

- 4a Are you a **trust**? If "Yes," attach a signed and dated copy of your trust agreement. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments. **Yes** **No**
- b Have you been funded? If "No," explain how you are formed without anything of value placed in trust. **Yes** **No**

- 5 Have you adopted **bylaws**? If "Yes," attach a current copy showing date of adoption. If "No," explain how your officers, directors, or trustees are selected. **Yes** **No**

Part III Required Provisions in Your Organizing Document

The following questions are designed to ensure that when you file this application, your organizing document contains the required provisions to meet the organizational test under section 501(c)(3). Unless you can check the boxes in both lines 1 and 2, your organizing document does not meet the organizational test. **DO NOT file this application until you have amended your organizing document.** Submit your original and amended organizing documents (showing state filing certification if you are a corporation or an LLC) with your application.

- 1 Section 501(c)(3) requires that your organizing document state your exempt purpose(s), such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement. Describe specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document. Refer to the instructions for exempt purpose language. Location of Purpose Clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph): _____

- 2a Section 501(c)(3) requires that upon dissolution of your organization, your remaining assets must be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box on line 2a to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement by express provision for the distribution of assets upon dissolution. If you rely on state law for your dissolution provision, do not check the box on line 2a and go to line 2c.
- 2b If you checked the box on line 2a, specify the location of your dissolution clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph). Do not complete line 2c if you checked box 2a. _____
- 2c See the instructions for information about the operation of state law in your particular state. Check this box if you rely on operation of state law for your dissolution provision and indicate the state: _____

Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities

Using an attachment, describe your *past, present, and planned* activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors

- 1a List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your officers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual **compensation**, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

b List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of each of your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation. Do not include officers, directors, or trustees listed in line 1a.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)

c List the names, names of businesses, and mailing addresses of your five highest compensated **independent contractors** that receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to *past, present, or planned* relationships, transactions, or agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

2a Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees **related** to each other through **family or business relationships**? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship. **Yes** **No**

b Do you have a business relationship with any of your officers, directors, or trustees other than through their position as an officer, director, or trustee? If "Yes," identify the individuals and describe the business relationship with each of your officers, directors, or trustees. **Yes** **No**

c Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1b or 1c through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship. **Yes** **No**

3a For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties.

b Do any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to you through **common control**? If "Yes," identify the individuals, explain the relationship between you and the other organization, and describe the compensation arrangement. **Yes** **No**

4 In establishing the compensation for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, the following practices are recommended, although they are not required to obtain exemption. Answer "Yes" to all the practices you use.

a Do you or will the individuals that approve compensation arrangements follow a conflict of interest policy? **Yes** **No**

b Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements in advance of paying compensation? **Yes** **No**

c Do you or will you document in writing the date and terms of approved compensation arrangements? **Yes** **No**

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

- d** Do you or will you record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on compensation arrangements? Yes No
- e** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by **similarly situated** taxable or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations? Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
- f** Do you or will you record in writing both the information on which you relied to base your decision and its source? Yes No
- g** If you answered "No" to any item on lines 4a through 4f, describe how you set compensation that is **reasonable** for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.
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- 5a** Have you adopted a **conflict of interest policy** consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If "No," answer lines 5b and 5c. Yes No
- b** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you for setting their own compensation?
- c** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you regarding business deals with themselves?
- Note:** A conflict of interest policy is recommended though it is not required to obtain exemption. Hospitals, see Schedule C, Section I, line 14.
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- 6a** Do you or will you compensate any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c through **non-fixed payments**, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is eligible for such arrangements, whether you place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
- b** Do you or will you compensate any of your employees, other than your officers, directors, trustees, or your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year, through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are or will be determined, who is or will be eligible for such arrangements, whether you place or will place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
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- 7a** Do you or will you purchase any goods, services, or assets from any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such purchase that you made or intend to make, from whom you make or will make such purchases, how the terms are or will be negotiated at **arm's length**, and explain how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than **fair market value**. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such purchases. Yes No
- b** Do you or will you sell any goods, services, or assets to any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such sales that you made or intend to make, to whom you make or will make such sales, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you are or will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such sales. Yes No
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- 8a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8b through 8f. Yes No
- b** Describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make.
- c** Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d** Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e** Explain how you determine you pay no more than fair market value or you are paid at least fair market value.
- f** Attach copies of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.
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- 9a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with any organization in which any of your officers, directors, or trustees are also officers, directors, or trustees, or in which any individual officer, director, or trustee owns more than a 35% interest? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 9b through 9f. Yes No

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

- b Describe any written or oral arrangements you made or intend to make.
- c Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e Explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or that you are paid at least fair market value.
- f Attach a copy of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

Part VI Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to goods, services, and funds you provide to individuals and organizations as part of your activities. Your answers should pertain to *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1a In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals. Yes No
- b In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to organizations? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to organizations. Yes No
- 2 Do any of your programs limit the provision of goods, services, or funds to a specific individual or group of specific individuals? For example, answer "Yes," if goods, services, or funds are provided only for a particular individual, your members, individuals who work for a particular employer, or graduates of a particular school. If "Yes," explain the limitation and how recipients are selected for each program. Yes No
- 3 Do any individuals who receive goods, services, or funds through your programs have a family or business relationship with any officer, director, trustee, or with any of your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c? If "Yes," explain how these related individuals are eligible for goods, services, or funds. Yes No

Part VII Your History

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to your history. (See instructions.)

- 1 Are you a **successor** to another organization? Answer "Yes," if you have taken or will take over the activities of another organization; you took over 25% or more of the fair market value of the net assets of another organization; or you were established upon the conversion of an organization from for-profit to non-profit status. If "Yes," complete Schedule G. Yes No
- 2 Are you submitting this application more than 27 months after the end of the month in which you were legally formed? If "Yes," complete Schedule E. Yes No

Part VIII Your Specific Activities

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to specific activities that you may conduct. Check the appropriate box. Your answers should pertain to *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1 Do you support or oppose candidates in **political campaigns** in any way? If "Yes," explain. Yes No
- 2a Do you attempt to **influence legislation**? If "Yes," explain how you attempt to influence legislation and complete line 2b. If "No," go to line 3a. Yes No
- b Have you made or are you making an **election** to have your legislative activities measured by expenditures by filing Form 5768? If "Yes," attach a copy of the Form 5768 that was already filed or attach a completed Form 5768 that you are filing with this application. If "No," describe whether your attempts to influence legislation are a substantial part of your activities. Include the time and money spent on your attempts to influence legislation as compared to your total activities. Yes No
- 3a Do you or will you operate bingo or **gaming** activities? If "Yes," describe who conducts them, and list all revenue received or expected to be received and expenses paid or expected to be paid in operating these activities. **Revenue and expenses** should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Yes No
- b Do you or will you enter into contracts or other agreements with individuals or organizations to conduct bingo or gaming for you? If "Yes," describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make, identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements, explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or you will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies or any written contracts or other agreements relating to such arrangements. Yes No
- c List the states and local jurisdictions, including Indian Reservations, in which you conduct or will conduct gaming or bingo.

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

4a Do you or will you undertake **fundraising**? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct. (See instructions.) **Yes** **No**

- mail solicitations
- email solicitations
- personal solicitations
- vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations
- foundation grant solicitations
- phone solicitations
- accept donations on your website
- receive donations from another organization's website
- government grant solicitations
- Other

Attach a description of each fundraising program.

b Do you or will you have written or oral contracts with any individuals or organizations to raise funds for you? If "Yes," describe these activities. Include all revenue and expenses from these activities and state who conducts them. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Also, attach a copy of any contracts or agreements. **Yes** **No**

c Do you or will you engage in fundraising activities for other organizations? If "Yes," describe these arrangements. Include a description of the organizations for which you raise funds and attach copies of all contracts or agreements. **Yes** **No**

d List all states and local jurisdictions in which you conduct fundraising. For each state or local jurisdiction listed, specify whether you fundraise for your own organization, you fundraise for another organization, or another organization fundraises for you.

e Do you or will you maintain separate accounts for any contributor under which the contributor has the right to advise on the use or distribution of funds? Answer "Yes" if the donor may provide advice on the types of investments, distributions from the types of investments, or the distribution from the donor's contribution account. If "Yes," describe this program, including the type of advice that may be provided and submit copies of any written materials provided to donors. **Yes** **No**

5 Are you **affiliated** with a governmental unit? If "Yes," explain. **Yes** **No**

6a Do you or will you engage in **economic development**? If "Yes," describe your program. **Yes** **No**

b Describe in full who benefits from your economic development activities and how the activities promote exempt purposes.

7a Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers **develop** your facilities? If "Yes," describe each facility, the role of the developer, and any business or family relationship(s) between the developer and your officers, directors, or trustees. **Yes** **No**

b Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers **manage** your activities or facilities? If "Yes," describe each activity and facility, the role of the manager, and any business or family relationship(s) between the manager and your officers, directors, or trustees. **Yes** **No**

c If there is a business or family relationship between any manager or developer and your officers, directors, or trustees, identify the individuals, explain the relationship, describe how contracts are negotiated at arm's length so that you pay no more than fair market value, and submit a copy of any contracts or other agreements.

8 Do you or will you enter into **joint ventures**, including partnerships or **limited liability companies** treated as partnerships, in which you share profits and losses with partners other than section 501(c)(3) organizations? If "Yes," describe the activities of these joint ventures in which you participate. **Yes** **No**

9a Are you applying for exemption as a childcare organization under section 501(k)? If "Yes," answer lines 9b through 9d. If "No," go to line 10. **Yes** **No**

b Do you provide child care so that parents or caretakers of children you care for can be **gainfully employed** (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). **Yes** **No**

c Of the children for whom you provide child care, are 85% or more of them cared for by you to enable their parents or caretakers to be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). **Yes** **No**

d Are your services available to the general public? If "No," describe the specific group of people for whom your activities are available. Also, see the instructions and explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). **Yes** **No**

10 Do you or will you publish, own, or have rights in music, literature, tapes, artworks, choreography, scientific discoveries, or other **intellectual property**? If "Yes," explain. Describe who owns or will own any copyrights, patents, or trademarks, whether fees are or will be charged, how the fees are determined, and how any items are or will be produced, distributed, and marketed. **Yes** **No**

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

- 11** Do you or will you accept contributions of: real property; conservation easements; closely held securities; intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights; works of music or art; licenses; royalties; automobiles, boats, planes, or other vehicles; or collectibles of any type? If "Yes," describe each type of contribution, any conditions imposed by the donor on the contribution, and any agreements with the donor regarding the contribution. **Yes** **No**
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- 12a** Do you or will you operate in a **foreign country or countries**? If "Yes," answer lines 12b through 12d. If "No," go to line 13a. **Yes** **No**
- b** Name the foreign countries and regions within the countries in which you operate.
- c** Describe your operations in each country and region in which you operate.
- d** Describe how your operations in each country and region further your exempt purposes.
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- 13a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to organization(s)? If "Yes," answer lines 13b through 13g. If "No," go to line 14a. **Yes** **No**
- b** Describe how your grants, loans, or other distributions to organizations further your exempt purposes.
- c** Do you have written contracts with each of these organizations? If "Yes," attach a copy of each contract. **Yes** **No**
- d** Identify each recipient organization and any **relationship** between you and the recipient organization.
- e** Describe the records you keep with respect to the grants, loans, or other distributions you make.
- f** Describe your selection process, including whether you do any of the following:
- (i)** Do you require an application form? If "Yes," attach a copy of the form. **Yes** **No**
- (ii)** Do you require a grant proposal? If "Yes," describe whether the grant proposal specifies your responsibilities and those of the grantee, obligates the grantee to use the grant funds only for the purposes for which the grant was made, provides for periodic written reports concerning the use of grant funds, requires a final written report and an accounting of how grant funds were used, and acknowledges your authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused. **Yes** **No**
- g** Describe your procedures for oversight of distributions that assure you the resources are used to further your exempt purposes, including whether you require periodic and final reports on the use of resources.
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- 14a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to foreign organizations? If "Yes," answer lines 14b through 14f. If "No," go to line 15. **Yes** **No**
- b** Provide the name of each foreign organization, the country and regions within a country in which each foreign organization operates, and describe any relationship you have with each foreign organization.
- c** Does any foreign organization listed in line 14b accept contributions earmarked for a specific country or specific organization? If "Yes," list all earmarked organizations or countries. **Yes** **No**
- d** Do your contributors know that you have ultimate authority to use contributions made to you at your discretion for purposes consistent with your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe how you relay this information to contributors. **Yes** **No**
- e** Do you or will you make pre-grant inquiries about the recipient organization? If "Yes," describe these inquiries, including whether you inquire about the recipient's financial status, its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, its ability to accomplish the purpose for which the resources are provided, and other relevant information. **Yes** **No**
- f** Do you or will you use any additional procedures to ensure that your distributions to foreign organizations are used in furtherance of your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe these procedures, including site visits by your employees or compliance checks by impartial experts, to verify that grant funds are being used appropriately. **Yes** **No**

Part VIII Your Specific Activities *(Continued)*

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| 15 | Do you have a close connection with any organizations? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 16 | Are you applying for exemption as a cooperative hospital service organization under section 501(e)? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 17 | Are you applying for exemption as a cooperative service organization of operating educational organizations under section 501(f)? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 18 | Are you applying for exemption as a charitable risk pool under section 501(n)? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 19 | Do you or will you operate a school ? If "Yes," complete Schedule B. Answer "Yes," whether you operate a school as your main function or as a secondary activity. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 20 | Is your main function to provide hospital or medical care ? If "Yes," complete Schedule C. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 21 | Do you or will you provide low-income housing or housing for the elderly or handicapped ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 22 | Do you or will you provide scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants to individuals, including grants for travel, study, or other similar purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Note: Private foundations may use Schedule H to request advance approval of individual grant procedures.

Part IX Financial Data

For purposes of this schedule, years in existence refer to completed tax years. If in existence 4 or more years, complete the schedule for the most recent 4 tax years. If in existence more than 1 year but less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence and provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. If in existence less than 1 year, provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses for the current year and the 2 following years, based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. (See instructions.)

A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	Type of revenue or expense	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or 2 succeeding tax years			(e) Provide Total for (a) through (d)
		(a) From To	(b) From To	(c) From To	(d) From To	
Revenues	1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants)					
	2 Membership fees received					
	3 Gross investment income					
	4 Net unrelated business income					
	5 Taxes levied for your benefit					
	6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)					
	7 Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9–12 below (attach an itemized list)					
	8 Total of lines 1 through 7					
	9 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)					
	10 Total of lines 8 and 9					
	11 Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see instructions)					
	12 Unusual grants					
	13 Total Revenue Add lines 10 through 12					
Expenses	14 Fundraising expenses					
	15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list)					
	16 Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an itemized list)					
	17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees					
	18 Other salaries and wages					
	19 Interest expense					
	20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)					
	21 Depreciation and depletion					
	22 Professional fees					
	23 Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list)					
	24 Total Expenses Add lines 14 through 23					

Part IX Financial Data (Continued)

B. Balance Sheet (for your most recently completed tax year)

Year End:

(Whole dollars)

Assets		1	
1	Cash	1	
2	Accounts receivable, net	2	
3	Inventories	3	
4	Bonds and notes receivable (attach an itemized list)	4	
5	Corporate stocks (attach an itemized list)	5	
6	Loans receivable (attach an itemized list)	6	
7	Other investments (attach an itemized list)	7	
8	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach an itemized list)	8	
9	Land	9	
10	Other assets (attach an itemized list)	10	
11	Total Assets (add lines 1 through 10)	11	
Liabilities		12	
12	Accounts payable	12	
13	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. payable	13	
14	Mortgages and notes payable (attach an itemized list)	14	
15	Other liabilities (attach an itemized list)	15	
16	Total Liabilities (add lines 12 through 15)	16	
Fund Balances or Net Assets		17	
17	Total fund balances or net assets	17	
18	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances or Net Assets (add lines 16 and 17)	18	
19	Have there been any substantial changes in your assets or liabilities since the end of the period shown above? If "Yes," explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part X Public Charity Status

Part X is designed to classify you as an organization that is either a **private foundation** or a **public charity**. Public charity status is a more favorable tax status than private foundation status. If you are a private foundation, Part X is designed to further determine whether you are a **private operating foundation**. (See instructions.)

- 1a** Are you a private foundation? If "Yes," go to line 1b. If "No," go to line 5 and proceed as instructed. If you are unsure, see the instructions. Yes No
- b** As a private foundation, section 508(e) requires special provisions in your organizing document in addition to those that apply to all organizations described in section 501(c)(3). Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement, whether by express provision or by reliance on operation of state law. Attach a statement that describes specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document or by operation of state law. See the instructions, including Appendix B, for information about the special provisions that need to be contained in your organizing document. Go to line 2.
- 2** Are you a private operating foundation? To be a private operating foundation you must engage directly in the active conduct of charitable, religious, educational, and similar activities, as opposed to indirectly carrying out these activities by providing grants to individuals or other organizations. If "Yes," go to line 3. If "No," go to the signature section of Part XI. Yes No
- 3** Have you existed for one or more years? If "Yes," attach financial information showing that you are a private operating foundation; go to the signature section of Part XI. If "No," continue to line 4. Yes No
- 4** Have you attached either (1) an affidavit or opinion of counsel, (including a written affidavit or opinion from a certified public accountant or accounting firm with expertise regarding this tax law matter), that sets forth facts concerning your operations and support to demonstrate that you are likely to satisfy the requirements to be classified as a private operating foundation; or (2) a statement describing your proposed operations as a private operating foundation? Yes No
- 5** If you answered "No" to line 1a, indicate the type of public charity status you are requesting by checking one of the choices below. You may check only one box.
- The organization is not a private foundation because it is:
- a** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)—a church or a convention or association of churches. Complete and attach Schedule A.
 - b** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)—a **school**. Complete and attach Schedule B.
 - c** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)—a **hospital**, a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Complete and attach Schedule C.
 - d** 509(a)(3)—an organization supporting either one or more organizations described in line 5a through c, f, g, or h or a publicly supported section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organization. Complete and attach Schedule D.

Part X Public Charity Status (Continued)

- e 509(a)(4)—an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.
- f 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)—an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.
- g 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)—an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.
- h 509(a)(2)—an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross **investment income** and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).
- i A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in 5g or 5h. The organization would like the IRS to decide the correct status.

6 If you checked box g, h, or i in question 5 above, you must request either an **advance** or a **definitive ruling** by selecting one of the boxes below. Refer to the instructions to determine which type of ruling you are eligible to receive.

- a **Request for Advance Ruling:** By checking this box and signing the consent, pursuant to section 6501(c)(4) of the Code you request an advance ruling and agree to extend the statute of limitations on the assessment of excise tax under section 4940 of the Code. The tax will apply only if you do not establish public support status at the end of the 5-year advance ruling period. The assessment period will be extended for the 5 advance ruling years to 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first year. You have the right to refuse or limit the extension to a mutually agreed-upon period of time or issue(s). Publication 1035, *Extending the Tax Assessment Period*, provides a more detailed explanation of your rights and the consequences of the choices you make. You may obtain Publication 1035 free of charge from the IRS web site at www.irs.gov or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676. Signing this consent will not deprive you of any appeal rights to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you decide not to extend the statute of limitations, you are not eligible for an advance ruling.

Consent Fixing Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code

For Organization

.....
(Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

.....
(Type or print name of signer)

.....
(Date)

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(Type or print title or authority of signer)

For IRS Use Only

.....
IRS Director, Exempt Organizations

.....
(Date)

- b **Request for Definitive Ruling:** Check this box if you have completed one tax year of at least 8 full months and you are requesting a definitive ruling. To confirm your public support status, answer line 6b(i) if you checked box g in line 5 above. Answer line 6b(ii) if you checked box h in line 5 above. If you checked box i in line 5 above, answer both lines 6b(i) and (ii).

(i) (a) Enter 2% of line 8, column (e) on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses. _____

(b) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box.

(ii) (a) For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each **disqualified person**. If the answer is "None," check this box.

(b) For each year amounts are included on line 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) 1% of line 10, Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) \$5,000. If the answer is "None," check this box.

7 Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual. **Yes** **No**

Part XI User Fee Information

You must include a user fee payment with this application. It will not be processed without your paid user fee. If your average annual gross receipts have exceeded or will exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, you must submit payment of \$750. If your gross receipts have not exceeded or will not exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, the required user fee payment is \$300. See instructions for Part XI, for a definition of **gross receipts** over a 4-year period. Your check or money order must be made payable to the United States Treasury. *User fees are subject to change. Check our website at www.irs.gov and type "User Fee" in the keyword box, or call Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500 for current information.*

- 1 Have your annual gross receipts averaged or are they expected to average not more than \$10,000? **Yes** **No**
 If "Yes," check the box on line 2 and enclose a user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change—see above).
 If "No," check the box on line 3 and enclose a user fee payment of \$750 (Subject to change—see above).
- 2 Check the box if you have enclosed the reduced user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change).
- 3 Check the box if you have enclosed the user fee payment of \$750 (Subject to change).

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please Sign Here



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 (Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

.....
 (Type or print name of signer)

.....
 (Date)

.....
 (Type or print title or authority of signer)

Reminder: Send the completed Form 1023 Checklist with your filled-in-application.

Schedule H. Organizations Providing Scholarships, Fellowships, Educational Loans, or Other Educational Grants to Individuals and Private Foundations Requesting Advance Approval of Individual Grant Procedures

Section I *Names of individual recipients are not required to be listed in Schedule H.*

Public charities and private foundations complete lines 1a through 7 of this section. See the instructions to Part X if you are not sure whether you are a public charity or a private foundation.

- 1a** Describe the types of educational grants you provide to individuals, such as scholarships, fellowships, loans, etc.
- b** Describe the purpose and amount of your scholarships, fellowships, and other educational grants and loans that you award.
- c** If you award educational loans, explain the terms of the loans (interest rate, length, forgiveness, etc.).
- d** Specify how your program is publicized.
- e** Provide copies of any solicitation or announcement materials.
- f** Provide a sample copy of the application used.
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- 2** Do you maintain case histories showing recipients of your scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants, including names, addresses, purposes of awards, amount of each grant, manner of selection, and relationship (if any) to officers, trustees, or donors of funds to you? If "No," refer to the instructions. **Yes** **No**
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- 3** Describe the specific criteria you use to determine who is eligible for your program. (For example, eligibility selection criteria could consist of graduating high school students from a particular high school who will attend college, writers of scholarly works about American history, etc.)
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- 4a** Describe the specific criteria you use to select recipients. (For example, specific selection criteria could consist of prior academic performance, financial need, etc.)
- b** Describe how you determine the number of grants that will be made annually.
- c** Describe how you determine the amount of each of your grants.
- d** Describe any requirement or condition that you impose on recipients to obtain, maintain, or qualify for renewal of a grant. (For example, specific requirements or conditions could consist of attendance at a four-year college, maintaining a certain grade point average, teaching in public school after graduation from college, etc.)
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- 5** Describe your procedures for supervising the scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants. Describe whether you obtain reports and grade transcripts from recipients, or you pay grants directly to a school under an arrangement whereby the school will apply the grant funds only for enrolled students who are in good standing. Also, describe your procedures for taking action if the terms of the award are violated.
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- 6** Who is on the selection committee for the awards made under your program, including names of current committee members, criteria for committee membership, and the method of replacing committee members?
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- 7** Are relatives of members of the selection committee, or of your officers, directors, or **substantial contributors** eligible for awards made under your program? If "Yes," what measures are taken to ensure unbiased selections? **Yes** **No**

Note. If you are a private foundation, you are not permitted to provide educational grants to **disqualified persons**. Disqualified persons include your substantial contributors and foundation managers and certain family members of disqualified persons.

Section II **Private foundations complete lines 1a through 4f of this section. Public charities do not complete this section.**

- 1a** If we determine that you are a private foundation, do you want this application to be considered as a request for advance approval of grant making procedures? **Yes** **No** **N/A**
- b** For which section(s) do you wish to be considered?
- 4945(g)(1)—Scholarship or fellowship grant to an individual for study at an educational institution
 - 4945(g)(3)—Other grants, including loans, to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes, to enhance a particular skill of the grantee or to produce a specific product
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- 2** Do you represent that you will (1) arrange to receive and review grantee reports annually and upon completion of the purpose for which the grant was awarded, (2) investigate diversions of funds from their intended purposes, and (3) take all reasonable and appropriate steps to recover diverted funds, ensure other grant funds held by a grantee are used for their intended purposes, and withhold further payments to grantees until you obtain grantees' assurances that future diversions will not occur and that grantees will take extraordinary precautions to prevent future diversions from occurring? **Yes** **No**
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- 3** Do you represent that you will maintain all records relating to individual grants, including information obtained to evaluate grantees, identify whether a grantee is a disqualified person, establish the amount and purpose of each grant, and establish that you undertook the supervision and investigation of grants described in line 2? **Yes** **No**

Schedule H. Organizations Providing Scholarships, Fellowships, Educational Loans, or Other Educational Grants to Individuals and Private Foundations Requesting Advance Approval of Individual Grant Procedures
(Continued)

Section II Private foundations complete lines 1a through 4f of this section. Public charities do not complete this section. (Continued)

- 4a** Do you or will you award scholarships, fellowships, and educational loans to attend an educational institution based on the status of an individual being an *employee of a particular employer*? If "Yes," complete lines 4b through 4f. **Yes** **No**

- b** Will you comply with the seven conditions and either the percentage tests or facts and circumstances test for scholarships, fellowships, and educational loans to attend an educational institution as set forth in Revenue Procedures 76-47, 1976-2 C.B. 670, and 80-39, 1980-2 C.B. 772, which apply to inducement, selection committee, eligibility requirements, objective basis of selection, employment, course of study, and other objectives? (See lines 4c, 4d, and 4e, regarding the percentage tests.) **Yes** **No**

- c** Do you or will you provide scholarships, fellowships, or educational loans to attend an educational institution to employees of a particular employer? **Yes** **No** **N/A**

If "Yes," will you award grants to 10% or fewer of the eligible applicants who were actually considered by the selection committee in selecting recipients of grants in that year as provided by Revenue Procedures 76-47 and 80-39? **Yes** **No**

- d** Do you provide scholarships, fellowships, or educational loans to attend an educational institution to children of employees of a particular employer? **Yes** **No** **N/A**

If "Yes," will you award grants to 25% or fewer of the eligible applicants who were actually considered by the selection committee in selecting recipients of grants in that year as provided by Revenue Procedures 76-47 and 80-39? If "No," go to line 4e. **Yes** **No**

- e** If you provide scholarships, fellowships, or educational loans to attend an educational institution to children of employees of a particular employer, will you award grants to 10% or fewer of the number of employees' children who can be shown to be eligible for grants (whether or not they submitted an application) in that year, as provided by Revenue Procedures 76-47 and 80-39? **Yes** **No** **N/A**

If "Yes," describe how you will determine who can be shown to be eligible for grants without submitting an application, such as by obtaining written statements or other information about the expectations of employees' children to attend an educational institution. If "No," go to line 4f.

Note. Statistical or sampling techniques are not acceptable. See Revenue Procedure 85-51, 1985-2 C.B. 717, for additional information.

- f** If you provide scholarships, fellowships, or educational loans to attend an educational institution to *children of employees of a particular employer* without regard to either the 25% limitation described in line 4d, or the 10% limitation described in line 4e, will you award grants based on facts and circumstances that demonstrate that the grants will not be considered compensation for past, present, or future services or otherwise provide a significant benefit to the particular employer? If "Yes," describe the facts and circumstances that you believe will demonstrate that the grants are neither compensatory nor a significant benefit to the particular employer. In your explanation, describe why you cannot satisfy either the 25% test described in line 4d or the 10% test described in line 4e. **Yes** **No**

Form 1023 Checklist

(Revised June 2006)

Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Note. Retain a copy of the completed Form 1023 in your permanent records. Refer to the General Instructions regarding Public Inspection of approved applications.

Check each box to finish your application (Form 1023). Send this completed Checklist with your filled-in application. If you have not answered all the items below, your application may be returned to you as incomplete.

- Assemble the application and materials in this order:
- Form 1023 Checklist
 - Form 2848, *Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative* (if filing)
 - Form 8821, *Tax Information Authorization* (if filing)
 - Expedite request (if requesting)
 - Application (Form 1023 and Schedules A through H, as required)
 - Articles of organization
 - Amendments to articles of organization in chronological order
 - Bylaws or other rules of operation and amendments
 - Documentation of nondiscriminatory policy for schools, as required by Schedule B
 - Form 5768, *Election/Revocation of Election by an Eligible Section 501(c)(3) Organization To Make Expenditures To Influence Legislation* (if filing)
 - All other attachments, including explanations, financial data, and printed materials or publications. Label each page with name and EIN.
- User fee payment placed in envelope on top of checklist. DO NOT STAPLE or otherwise attach your check or money order to your application. Instead, just place it in the envelope.
- Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Completed Parts I through XI of the application, including any requested information and any required Schedules A through H.
- You must provide specific details about your past, present, and planned activities.
 - Generalizations or failure to answer questions in the Form 1023 application will prevent us from recognizing you as tax exempt.
 - Describe your purposes and proposed activities in specific easily understood terms.
 - Financial information should correspond with proposed activities.
- Schedules. Submit only those schedules that apply to you and check either "Yes" or "No" below.
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| Schedule A | Yes ___ No ___ | Schedule E | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Schedule B | Yes ___ No ___ | Schedule F | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Schedule C | Yes ___ No ___ | Schedule G | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Schedule D | Yes ___ No ___ | Schedule H | Yes ___ No ___ |

- An exact copy of your complete articles of organization (creating document). Absence of the proper purpose and dissolution clauses is the number one reason for delays in the issuance of determination letters.
 - Location of Purpose Clause from Part III, line 1 (Page, Article and Paragraph Number) _____
 - Location of Dissolution Clause from Part III, line 2b or 2c (Page, Article and Paragraph Number) or by operation of state law _____
- Signature of an officer, director, trustee, or other official who is authorized to sign the application.
 - Signature at Part XI of Form 1023.
- Your name on the application must be the same as your legal name as it appears in your articles of organization.

Send completed Form 1023, user fee payment, and all other required information, to:

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 192
Covington, KY 41012-0192

If you are using express mail or a delivery service, send Form 1023, user fee payment, and attachments to:

Internal Revenue Service
201 West Rivercenter Blvd.
Attn: Extracting Stop 312
Covington, KY 41011

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

VIRGINIA NONSTOCK CORPORATION

The undersigned, pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 13.1 of the Code of Virginia, states as follows:

1. NAME AND PURPOSE

The name of the corporation is Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures. The purpose of the organization is to promote study, criticism, and research on the oral traditions and written literatures of Native Americans; to promote the teaching of such traditions and literatures; and to support and encourage contemporary Native American writers and the continuity of Native oral traditions.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have four categories of membership: *regular membership* (educators professionally interested in the above-stated purpose of the organization or persons otherwise active in furthering such goals may become regular members of the association); *limited income membership* (persons retired from professions relevant to the above-stated purpose and Native American writers may apply for membership in this category; also, graduate students engaged in courses of study in Native American oral traditions or writing may for a maximum of four years become members at this level, provided they do not hold full-time teaching positions); *patron* (persons who contribute at higher financial levels than required for regular membership may join the association at this level); and *honorary membership* (honorary membership may be granted to distinguished persons of letters and scholars of any nationality upon nomination by the Executive Committee and election by the membership at an association business meeting). All members shall have full voting privileges.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (DIRECTORS)

- A. The Executive Committee of the corporation shall include the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer, the editor of the association journal, and the association historian.
- B. The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer shall each be elected from among current membership by secret ballot at the annual business meeting during the Native American Literature Symposium; each shall be elected to a two-year term of office. The editor and historian shall be appointed by the executive committee and serve at the pleasure of the elected officers.

4. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

- A. The name of the corporation's initial registered agent is Robert McDowell Nelson.
- B. The initial registered agent is an individual who is a resident of Virginia and an initial director of the corporation (he is the Association's current historian).

5. ADDRESS

- A. The corporation's initial registered office address is 2421 Birchwood Rd., Henrico VA 23294.
- B. The registered office is physically located in the county of Henrico.

6. INITIAL DIRECTORS

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|-----------------------------|--|
| (president) Patrice Hollrah | 253 Roca Lane, Las Vegas NV 89130 |
| (vice-president) Jodi Byrd | 204 West Nevada St, MC-138, Urbana IL 61801 |
| (secretary) Amy Hamilton | Dept. of English, Northern Michigan University, Marquette MI 49855 |
| (historian) Robert Nelson | 2421 Birchwood Rd, Henrico VA 23294 |

(editor) Daniel Heath Justice

Centre for Aboriginal Initiatives, University of Toronto, North
Borden Building, Room 225, 563 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, ON
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7. INCORPORATOR

SIGNATURE

Telephone number: (804) 672-0101

Robert M. Nelson

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{{VA corporation certification letter}}

ASAIL Bylaws

ASAIL January 4, 1991, amended 2002, amended 2004, amended 2009.

I. Name of the organization. The name of the organization shall be The Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures.

II. Purpose. {Amended 2009} The purpose of the organization shall be to promote study, criticism, and research on the oral traditions and written literatures of Native Americans; to promote the teaching of such traditions and literatures; and to support and encourage contemporary Native American writers and the continuity of Native oral traditions. The organization shall operate exclusively for these educational purposes in accordance with section 503(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

III. Membership. There shall be three categories of membership. The dues within each category shall be established by the Executive Committee following consultation with association members at a business meeting.

A. Regular membership. Educators professionally interested in the above-stated purpose of the organization or persons otherwise active in furthering such goals may become regular members of the association.

B. Limited income membership. Persons retired from professions relevant to the above-stated purpose and Native American writers may apply for membership in this category. Also, graduate students engaged in courses of study in Native American oral traditions or writing may for a maximum of four years become members at this level, provided they do not hold full-time teaching positions.

C. Patron. Persons who contribute at higher financial levels than required for regular membership may join the association at this level.

D. Honorary membership. Honorary membership may be granted to distinguished persons of letters and scholars of any nationality upon nomination by the Executive Committee and election by the membership at an association business meeting.

E. Only members in good standing may hold office in the association and vote in association elections and meetings.

IV. Officers--Responsibilities

A. The officers of the association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.

B. With the advice of the Executive Committee, the president shall administer the affairs of the association. The president shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and at associate business meetings. Also, the president shall communicate regularly with members through the association journal concerning association business.

C. The vice-president shall preside at all Executive Committee meetings and business meetings from which the president must be absent. In addition, the vice-president shall assume presidential administrative duties when so requested by the president and the Executive Committee and shall serve as liaison with other organizations whose professional purposes correspond to ASAIL's.

D. The secretary shall record the minutes of Executive Committee meetings and of membership business meetings. A summary of business meeting minutes shall be published in the association journal as soon as feasible following each meeting. The secretary shall also preserve minutes of all meetings for five years and shall pass these on to the succeeding secretary.

E. The treasurer shall collect and manage association funds (including keeping accurate and current records of association income, assets, and expenses) so as to further association goals. As major instruments for achieving these goals, the association journal and newsletter shall receive priority in the expenditure of association funds. In addition, the treasurer shall maintain accurate and current membership lists and shall answer all queries regarding membership. The treasurer shall also make financial reports at Executive Committee meetings and at association business meetings. The association financial records shall be available to the Executive Committee upon request.

V. Officers -- Election

A. Officers shall be elected from among current membership.

B. {Amended 2002} The slate of nominees for election shall be prepared by the Election Committee prior to the association's annual business meeting at the Native American Literature Symposium.

C. {Amended 2002} Election of officers shall be by secret ballot at the annual business meeting during the Native American Literature Symposium. However, in unusual and compelling circumstances, the Executive Committee may, with the approval of the members present at this meeting, choose to conduct the election by mail ballot.

D. Terms and Sequence of Elections

1. The initial election officers shall be conducted as follows: In December, 1991, the president and the treasurer shall be elected to two year terms; the vice-president and the secretary shall be elected to one year terms.

2. Beginning with the elections of officers in December, 1992, the election sequence shall be as follows: The president and the treasurer shall be elected to two year terms in odd-numbered years;

the vice-president and the secretary shall be elected to two year terms in even-numbered years.

3. {Amended 2002} Beginning with the elections of officers in March, 2004, the election sequence shall be as follows: the secretary and the treasurer shall be elected to two year terms in each odd-numbered year; the president shall automatically be succeeded by the vice-president, and a new vice-president elected, in each even-numbered year.

E. Neither the president nor the vice-president may be elected to consecutive terms.

VI. Executive Committee

A. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as feasible to conduct association business. In any event, the Committee shall meet at least once a year at the Modern Language Association convention and once prior to the business meeting at the association's own convention, if any.

B. {Amended 2004} The membership of the Executive Committee shall include the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer, the editor of the association journal, and the association historian.

C. The responsibilities of the Committee shall be:

1. to further the goals of the organization;
2. to initiate and supervise the services of the association;
3. to approve the budget of the association and to supervise its expenditure and to act on proposals regarding dues structure and subscription rates for publications;
4. to make recommendations to the membership, to act on recommendations by members, and to inform members of actions taken;
5. to establish and discharge committees, either on recommendation of the membership or on its own initiative, and to designate their chairs;
6. {Amended 2004} to oversee publications, media, and archives of the association, including appointing, assisting, and advising the editor of the association journal and the association historian;
7. to plan conventions and other meetings of the association.

VII. Association Meetings

A. {Amended 2002} The association shall hold business meetings during either the Native American Literature Symposium or its own convention, if any, and during the annual Modern Language Association convention.

B. The association shall hold conventions at times and places determined by the Executive Committee. In an emergency, the Executive Committee shall have the power to cancel a convention.

C. Conventions shall be planned by the Executive Committee with the advice of a program committee appointed by the Executive Committee.

D. Association sessions at the annual Modern Language Association convention shall be planned by session chairs appointed by the Executive Committee.

VIII. Amendments

A. Proposals for amendments to these by-laws may be initiated by the Executive Committee or by any association member.

B. {Amended 2002} All amendments to be brought before the membership shall be published at least ninety days before the business meeting at which they are to be voted on or mailed to members at least thirty days before the business meeting.

C. Amendments must be approved by a majority of those voting at the business meeting. With the approval of those present at such a meeting, the Executive Committee may choose to conduct the voting among the entire membership by mail.

IX. Dissolution

A. The association may be dissolved only by a vote of the members present at a special meeting called for that purpose.

B. {Amended 2009} On the dissolution of the association, all property remaining after the satisfaction of the association's obligations shall be distributed as the Executive Committee directs, choosing the recipients from non-profit Native American educational institutions whose goals are consistent with the interests of the association and who qualify as exempt within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

N.B. At the 12/29/90 business meeting, the membership directed the officers to proceed with incorporation. If the above document is passed by ASAIL members, the officers shall take such acceptance as authority to add to the by-laws immediately (without recourse to the above amending procedure) such language as incorporation may require.

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The organization's annual gross receipts are, and will continue to be, considerably less than \$25,000.

IV. Narrative description of activities

ASAIL was loosely organized in 1972 as a small group of scholars concerned with the study of American Indian literatures; by 1990 it has grown to a membership of about 200 individuals who adopted a set of bylaws that have been only slightly amended since then. At that time the membership also voted to pursue incorporation and pursuit of federal 501(c)(3) status; however, the required paperwork proved too daunting to a succession of volunteers, and it has taken this long for us to apply for formal recognition. Since 1989, when the organization began collecting dues from members to support production of its journal *SAIL*, a succession of universities (University of Richmond 1989-2004, University of New Hampshire 2004-2006, East Carolina University 2006-2009) have managed ASAIL funds, but trying to work through university accountants has proved so problematic for the past two ASAIL treasurers that we are determined to manage funds directly through our own bank account – hence our recent incorporation and current 501(c)(3) application.

Today ASAIL consists of about 225 regular members. Its primary activities have always been, and continue to be, activities which support and encourage the study of American Indian literatures [see Bylaws article II for a fuller statement of purpose]; these activities include (1) organization and sponsorship of conference presentations, (2) publication of relevant scholarly work in its journal *Studies in American Indian Literatures (SAIL)*, (3) maintenance of the Association's website, and (4) management of an online listserv for ASAIL members.

Conferences: Since 1980 ASAIL has annually organized panels and presentations at MLA, the nation's major academic conference for literary studies, and at several other national conferences including those run by the American Literature Association and the Native American Literature Symposium (NALS). Recently the Association voted to create the ASAIL Emerging Scholars Professional Development Fellowship, which provides travel assistance honoraria of \$300 (US) for graduate students and advanced undergraduates to attend and present at professional conferences, and three of these have been awarded in 2009; ASAIL also pays for a coffee break at the annual NALS conference in acknowledgment of their generosity in providing ASAIL with time and space to conduct our annual business meeting. [See addendum to Section VI for more on these two programs and expenses.]

Publications: In the early years ASAIL's major production was an erratically-published newsletter, which gradually transformed into the quarterly journal *SAIL*; *SAIL* continues to be the only scholarly journal in the United States that focuses exclusively on American Indian literatures. The journal publishes reviews, interviews, bibliographies, creative work, and scholarly, critical and theoretical articles on any aspect of Native American literatures, including traditional oral material in dual-language format or translation, written works, and live and media performances of verbal art. Since 2003 the University of Nebraska Press has been responsible for the production of *SAIL*, though its editors are appointed by the ASAIL Executive Committee, and ASAIL's major annual expenditure goes to UNP to pay for ASAIL members' subscriptions to the journal. Free copies of the journal are provided to AIHEC colleges (most of which are on Indian reservations in the U.S.) at ASAIL's expense.

Website (<<http://oncampus.richmond.edu/faculty/ASAIL/>>): Originally developed in the late 1990s, the ASAIL website serves as an online resource for anyone interested in the study of American Indian

literatures. While it was created for members, it is completely open to the public. The site contains archival materials including copies of every ASAIL publication since 1976, a comprehensive and annually-updated Guide to Native Studies Programs in the U.S. and Canada, various specialized bibliographies and course syllabi contributed by members; announcements of upcoming conferences and calls for papers in the field, and other materials requested by members. Since its inception the website has been hosted by University of Richmond and maintained by an Association member at no cost to ASAIL. See attachments for a copy of the ASAIL website's index page.

Listserve: In 2002 ASAIL created ASAIL-L, an online listserve hosted by University of Georgia web services at no cost to the Association. All ASAIL members are eligible to subscribe to the list (which is one of the benefits of membership), and almost all members do. The list was created in part to supplement the ASAIL website function as an electronic newsletter, and list traffic tends to be scholarly in nature – queries about authors or works, recommendations of critical works and lesser-known primary work, announcements of conferences and calls for papers, and other items of that sort.

ASAIL's income is almost exclusively from annual membership dues; we have had, and continue to anticipate, between 200 and 250 members per year. A majority of members (about 80%) are "regular" members and so pay \$50/year in dues; the rest are either "limited income" members (\$35/year) or overseas members in one of the above categories who pay an additional \$20 year (which UNP charges ASAIL to cover the cost of overseas mailing of their copies of the quarterly journal). In addition, in any given year a handful of members will contribute amounts over and above regular dues; this year so far, six members contributed an extra \$50 and two an extra \$100. ASAIL's major expense is the cost of members' subscriptions paid to University of Nebraska Press (currently UNP charges the Association just under \$35 per subscription plus an additional \$20 for non-U.S. subscriptions); other annual expenses will include a small number of Emerging Scholars Professional Development Fellowships (described above and also in the addendum to VI.1a, below) and the cost of a break or two at the Native American Literature Symposium (described above and also in the addendum to VI.1b, below).

V.4a-g

n/a — no compensations currently and no plans for any such compensations in the future.

V.5b, 5c

n/a — no compensations currently and no plans for any such compensations in the future.

VI.1a

The ASAIL Emerging Scholars Professional Development Fellowship was established to provide travel assistance honoraria of \$300 (US) for graduate students and advanced undergraduates to attend and present at professional conferences. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Applicants must provide the following information: a cover letter, cv, and acceptance letter confirming acceptance to present at a professional conference on a topic relating to the study of Indigenous literatures and/or languages. Awards will be distributed at the discretion of the ASAIL President and Treasurer based on funding availability.

VI.1b

Recently ASAIL has paid for breaks at the annual Native American Literature Symposium conference in

acknowledgment of their generosity in providing ASAIL with time and space to conduct our annual business meeting. Last year (2008) the cost of a break was \$750; this year the cost of two breaks was \$2000.

VI.2

Access to ASAIL-L, the ASAIL listserve, is limited to ASAIL members. Recipients of the ASAIL Emerging Scholars Professional Development Fellowship (see VI.1a, above) must be rising scholars (graduate students or advanced undergraduates) in the field of Native American literary study.

VIII.4a, 4d

We do not currently engage in any fundraising activities (other than the solicitation and collection of annual dues from members). We have discussed the possibility of eventually applying for grant money that will allow us to stabilize, and increase the award of, our Emerging Scholars Professional Development Fellowship as well as (perhaps) to enhance our organization's formal participation in one or both of the two major annual conferences in our field (Native American Literature Symposium and the Native American and Indigenous Studies conference); however, we have no definite plan to do so at this time.

VIII.10

ASAIL publishes *SAIL* (*Studies in American Indian Literatures*), described above in IV: "Publications." Our contract with University of Nebraska Press (who now produce and distribute the journal) specifies that after first printing in the journal copyright reverts to the author. UNP has an arrangement with Project MUSE regarding online rights and fees, but those fees accrue to UNP not ASAIL. ASAIL also publishes the journal electronically at the ASAIL website, but everything at our site is free and open to the public.

IX A.

line 7(a) sale of back issues of journal

line 15(a) NALS break = \$750; gift for outgoing President = \$45

line 16(a) paid to UNP for members' journal subscriptions

line 16(b) paid to UNP for members' journal subscriptions

line 16(c) paid to UNP for members' journal subscriptions

line 16(d) paid to UNP for members' journal subscriptions

IX.19

Since the end of 2008, the "accounts payable" liability (subscription money owed to U of Nebraska P) has been paid off and \$10122 in members' 2009 dues have been received.

SCHEDULE H

1.a

We provide one kind of grant: the ASAIL Emerging Scholars Professional Development Fellowship.

1.b

The ESPDF was established to provide travel assistance honoraria of \$300 for graduate students and advanced undergraduates to attend and present at professional conferences. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Applicants must provide the following information: a cover letter, cv, and acceptance letter confirming acceptance to present at a professional conference on a topic relating to the study of Indigenous literatures and/or languages. Awards are distributed at the discretion of the ASAIL President and Treasurer based on funding availability.

1.c

(n/a)

1.d

This is a new program. It was announced at the last ASAIL business meeting (March 2009) at the Native American Literature Symposium in Albuquerque NM and a follow-up notice was posted to the ASAIL-L listserve in April or May. An announcement is also posted at the ASAIL website (<http://oncampus.richmond.edu/faculty/ASAIL/espdf.html>), and an identical announcement appears in the latest issue of our journal (*SAIL* 21.2 [Summer 2009]: 94). So far we have made 3 awards.

1.e

Here is the announcement in its entirety:

ASAIL announces the ASAIL Emerging Scholars Professional Development Fellowship, which provides travel assistance honoraria of \$300 (US) for graduate students and advanced undergraduates to attend and present at professional conferences. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Applicants must provide the following information: a cover letter, cv, and acceptance letter confirming acceptance to present at a professional conference on a topic relating to the study of Indigenous literatures and/or languages. Awards will be distributed at the discretion of the ASAIL President and Treasurer based on funding availability. Send applications and queries to the current ASAIL President, Patrice Hollrah, at patrice.hollrah@unlv.edu.

1.f

We don't have an application form (see above).

3.

Applicants must be graduate students or advanced undergraduates who have been accepted to present at a professional conference on a topic relating to the study of Indigenous literatures and/or languages.

4.a

Other than the requirements in (3) above, there are no specific selection criteria. Selection is in effect first come first served — we are committed to disbursing up to \$3000 this year, or up to 10 awards, but I doubt we will receive that many applications, in part because we have avoided aggressively publicizing the award.

4b.

In any given year the number of available awards will be 10, or up to \$3000, until either we cannot afford to make that many awards or we can clearly afford to budget for more (either more awards or larger ones).

4c.

The \$300 figure of the award is arbitrary; this figure was established by the ASAIL Executive Committee.

4d.

The only conditions are graduate or advanced undergraduate student status and prior acceptance to present at a professional conference.

5.

(n/a)

6.

Currently, awards are made at the discretion of the ASAIL President, who sends each member of the Executive Committee a copy of the applicant's materials and seeks the Committee's consensus prior to granting awards.

7.

In light of the nature of this grant, this proviso seems unnecessary: our mission is to encourage new talent in our field, and awards are disbursed based not on merit but on order of application.