



Synopsis

Articles of Incorporation

The *American Goethe Society of Washington D.C.* was incorporated as a non-stock corporation in the Commonwealth of Virginia effective 1 July 2010. The Articles of Incorporation stipulate that this non-profit corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific, and literary purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that its specific purposes are to promote the study and enjoyment of German culture, including literature, drama, music and art; to carry on the business of the corporation in the District of Columbia and any state; and to conduct all actions and have all powers permitted by the laws of the Commonwealth to achieve its goals. The earnings of the corporation may not be used to pay officers and directors of the corporation, but may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered in furtherance of the foregoing purposes. The corporation may not carry on propaganda, nor attempt to influence legislation, nor intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The assets of the corporation shall be derived from contributions, gifts, grants or activities authorized by the Board of Directors. Any surplus funds, and corporation funds remaining in the event of dissolution, must be disposed of as specified under Section 501(c)(3). The corporation has one class of members, which elects the board of directors as provided in the By-Laws of the corporation. The corporation will indemnify officers and directors made a party to any legal proceedings for acts or omissions performed in their official capacity. The Recording Secretary maintains the original copy of the certificate of incorporation and its accompanying articles.

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