

Articles of Incorporation of Claddagh Irish Dance Association

Article I

The name of the corporation is Claddagh Irish Dance Association (the "Corporation").

Article II

The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

Article III

The corporation is organized as a nonstock corporation pursuant to the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act, Title 13.1, Chapter 10 of the Code of Virginia, and for the following purposes:

1. To promote Irish culture through various charitable and educational activities within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including, but not limited to, sponsoring Irish dancing competitions, supporting Irish dance exhibitions at school events and local cultural events and community festivals, and sponsoring events in which participants are exposed to Irish dancing, music, food, language, art and literature.
2. To execute the general powers conferred upon nonstock corporations by section 13.1-826 of the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act, subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth in Article IV herein.

Article IV

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purpose, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("the Code"), or the corresponding section of any future federal code.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of section 501(c)(3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code).

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code), or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Article V

The Corporation shall have members. Membership provisions shall be set forth in the Corporation's bylaws.

Article VI

The directors of the Corporation will be elected by the members every two (2) years in the manner set forth in the Corporation's bylaws.

Article VII

The initial registered agent is Lynne V. Haslbeck, an initial director of the Corporation and a resident of Virginia. The initial registered office address, which is the business office of the initial registered agent, is 1416 Cuttermill Court, Herndon, VA 20170. The registered office is located in Fairfax County, Virginia.

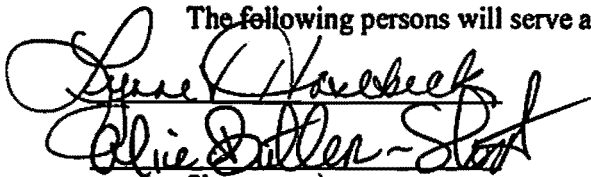
Article VIII

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be four (4) and the name and residence of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Lynne V. Haslbeck, President	1416 Cuttermill Ct., Herndon, VA 20170
Alice Butler-Short, Vice President	9103 Wood Spice Lane, Lorton, VA 22079
Gerilynn Connors, Secretary	7712 Royal Sydney Dr., Gainesville, VA 20155
Lynne V. Haslbeck, Treasurer	1416 Cuttermill Ct., Herndon, VA 20170

Article IX

The following persons will serve as incorporators of the Corporation:


Signatures

Lynne V. Haslbeck

Alice Butler-Short
Printed Names