



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

SEPTEMBER 2, 1999

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SCOTT RETTBERG
1028 N PAULINA STE 2F
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60622-0000

RE THE ELECTRONIC LITERATURE ORGANIZATION

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE ABOVE NAMED CORPORATION. THE CORPORATION IS REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT EACH YEAR. BLANK FORMS WILL BE MAILED BY THIS OFFICE TO THE REGISTERED AGENT AS SHOWN BY OUR FILES APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS PRIOR TO ITS ANNIVERSARY MONTH. (ORIGINAL DATE OF INCORPORATION).

THE REQUIRED FEE OF \$50.00 IN THIS CONNECTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND PLACED TO YOUR CREDIT.

THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION IS LOCATED. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR RECORDER OF DEEDS.

CERTAIN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS ORGANIZED AS A CHARITABLE CORPORATION ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. UPON RECEIPT OF THE ENCLOSED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, YOU MUST CONTACT THE CHARITABLE TRUST DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, 100 W. RANDOLPH, 3RD FLOOR, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601 TELEPHONE (312) 814-2595.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES
CORPORATION DIVISION
TELEPHONE (217) 782-6961

JW:CD

State of Illinois
Office of
The Secretary of State

Whereas, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
THE ELECTRONIC LITERATURE ORGANIZATION
INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAVE BEEN
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY THE
GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF ILLINOIS, IN FORCE
JANUARY 1, A.D. 1987.

Now Therefore, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the Application of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, at the City of Springfield, this 2ND day of SEPTEMBER A.D. 1999 and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and 24TH . . .



Jesse White

Secretary of State

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JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE

Payment must be made by certified check, cashier's check, Illinois attorney's check, Illinois C.P.A.'s check or money order, payable to "Secretary of State."

DO NOT SEND CASH!

(Do Not Write in This Space)

Date 9-2-99

Filing Fee \$50

Approved 80

TO: JESSE WHITE, Secretary of State

Pursuant to the provisions of "The General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986," the undersigned incorporator(s) hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

Article 1. The name of the corporation is: The Electronic Literature Organization

Article 2: The name and address of the initial registered agent and registered office are:

Registered Agent	Paul	A.	Rettberg
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Registered Office	c/o Querrey & Harrow, Ltd., 180 N. Stetson Ave., #3500		
	Number	Street	(Do not use P.O. Box)
	Chicago	IL 60601	Cook
	City	ZIP Code	County

Article 3: The first Board of Directors shall be 7 in number, their names and residential addresses being as follows: (Not less than three)

Director's Names	Number	Street	Address City	State
1. Jeffrey Ballowe,				NM 87501
2. Mark Bernstein,				MA 02148
3. Robert Coover,				RI 02906
4. Marjorie C. Luesebrink,				CA 92660
5. Scott Rettberg,				IL 60622
6. Anne Schott,				WA 98103
7. William Wadsworth,				NY 10014

Article 4. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To promote charitable, educational, and literary activities in electronic literature.

Is this corporation a Condominium Association as established under the Condominium Property Act?
☐ Yes ☒ No (Check one)

Is this corporation a Cooperative Housing Corporation as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954? ☐ Yes ☒ No (Check one)

Is this a Homeowner's Association which administers a common-interest community as defined in subsection (c) of Section 9-102 of the code of Civil Procedure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Article 5. Other provisions (please use separate page):

See attached Exhibit A.

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF INCORPORATORS

The undersigned incorporator(s) hereby declare(s), under penalties of perjury, that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated August 24, 1999
(Month & Day) (Year)

SIGNATURES AND NAMES

POST OFFICE ADDRESS

1. Scott Rettberg
Signature
Scott Rettberg
Name (please print)

2. _____
Signature

Name (please print)

3. _____
Signature

Name (please print)

4. _____
Signature

Name (please print)

5. _____
Signature

Name (please print)

1. 1028 N Paulina Apt. #2F
Street
Chicago IL 60622
City/Town State ZIP

2. _____
Street

City/Town State ZIP

3. _____
Street

City/Town State ZIP

4. _____
Street

City/Town State ZIP

5. _____
Street

City/Town State ZIP

(Signatures must be in **BLACK INK** on original document. Carbon copied, photocopied or rubber stamped signatures may only be used on the true copy.)

- If a corporation acts as incorporator, the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation shall be shown and the execution shall be by its President or Vice-President and verified by him, and attested by its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary.
- The registered agent cannot be the corporation itself.
- The registered agent may be an individual, resident in this State, or a domestic or foreign corporation, authorized to act as a registered agent.
- The registered office may be, but need not be, the same as its principal office.
- A corporation which is to function as a club, as defined in Section 1-3.24 of the "Liquor Control Act" of 1934, must insert in its purpose clause a statement that it will comply with the State and local laws and ordinances relating to alcoholic liquors.

FOR INSERTS - USE WHITE PAPER - SIZE 8 1/2 x 11

File No. _____

FORM NFP-102.10

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

under the

GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT

CORPORATION ACT

of

SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES
CORPORATION DIVISION
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62756
TELEPHONE (217) 782-9522
782-9523

(These Articles Must Be Executed and Filed
in Duplicate)

Filing Fee \$50

C-157.11

The Electronic Literature Organization

Exhibit A

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. 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 Internal Revenue Code, or the 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 Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.