

## **NON PROFIT CORPORATION**

### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the non-profit laws of the State of Washington, RCW 24.03 hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

#### **Article I. Name**

The name of the organization will be "Seattle Maharashtra Mandal", hereafter referred to as the "Mandal".

#### **Article II. Term**

The term of existence shall be perpetual.

#### **Article III. Place**

The principle place of meetings shall be in the Greater Seattle area in the State of Washington.

#### **Article IV. Purpose**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is as follows:

- A. To form a social, educational, charitable, and cultural organization that will not participate in politics and segregation.
- B. To provide a common identity to the Maharashtrian community through promotion of unity, friendship and goodwill based on mutual understanding and co-operation.
- C. To provide community services within the limits of the Mandal.
- D. To promote and provide social, educational and cultural programs which will enable all participants to understand Maharashtrian traditions.
- E. To eventually establish a community center for social, educational, and cultural activities.
- F. To be established as a non-profit institution under the general non-profit corporation act.

#### **Article V. Restrictions**

No part of the net earnings of the Mandal shall incur to the benefit of, or distribution to, its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Mandal shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Mandal shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by:

(a) an organization, exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any further United States Internal Revenue Law).

(b) an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### **Article VI. Address**

The President of the Mandal shall serve as the Registered Agent of the Mandal. The postal address of the Mandal is as follows:

Seattle Maharashtra Mandal  
16541 Redmond Way  
PMB #113-c  
Redmond, WA 98052

#### **Article VII. Structure**

The Mandal will consist of under mentioned bodies in the following order:

1. General Body
2. Board of Trustees
3. The Executive Committee
4. The Yuva Mandal

#### **Article VIII. General Body and Membership**

The General Body shall consist of all the members of the Mandal in good standing. (A member in good standing from hereby refers to one who pays dues and follows rules required for membership according to the By-Laws).

Any person who believes in the aims and objectives of the Mandal and agrees to abide by its constitution and by-laws may become a member.

#### **Article IX. Amendments**

A. Only the General Body, as the primary organ of the Mandal, shall be empowered to make or amend the Constitution or By-Laws governing the management of the Mandal.

B. Authority is hereby granted to members of legal age (18 years or older) entitled to vote to elect the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee as provided in the By-Laws of this Constitution. (This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by resolution adopted by two-thirds votes at the annual business meeting, but such amendment must be proposed in writing by a member and it must be submitted to the President one (1) month

prior to the annual business meeting. It shall not be effective until re-issuance of the charter).

#### **Article X. Board of Trustees**

There shall be a Board of Trustees comprising of three (3) members to advise and guide EC. The total number of Board of Trustees shall always be an odd number.

The Board of Trustees shall be elected by members as provided in the Article IX in this constitution.

#### **Article XI. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee of this Mandal shall be a President, one Vice President, one Secretary, one Treasurer and up to eleven (11) other committee members. The total number of Executive Committee member shall always be an odd number.

The Executive Committee shall be elected by members as provided in the Article IX of this constitution

The members of the Executive Committee shall elect a President, one Vice President, one Secretary, and one Treasurer among themselves. They shall also elect one co-Secretary and/or one co-Treasurer among themselves, if needed.

#### **Article XII. Yuva Mandal**

The Mandal shall form a Yuva Mandal as provided in the By-Laws of this Constitution, to provide an opportunity for their young members to come together as a group to cultivate leadership skills, participate in community service and be a role model for the younger members of the Marathi community.

The Executive Committee shall elect one of its members as the advisor to the Yuva Mandal who oversees all of its activities for the year.

#### **Article XIII Seattle Marathi Shala**

The Seattle Marathi Shala shall form a Marathi Shala committee, as provided in the By-Laws of this Constitution, to provide an opportunity for children to come together as a group, learn to read, write Marathi language, shlokas and celebrate Maharashtrian festivals.

SMM Marathi Shala, a school (Shala) was formed with the purpose of providing Marathi language education for children in Seattle land area.

Initially, SMM want one EC member who is ready to start Shala, coordinate with BMM and community volunteers. The SMM Executive Committee shall approve the Marathi Shala.

Co-Ordinator to the Seattle Marathi Shala committee who oversees all its activities for the operational structure not later than 5 years when needed or can extend to another 2 terms with the initial Team.

Seattle Marathi Shala coordinator will have volunteer to maintain Seattle Marathi Shala bank account as child account under Seattle Maharashtra Mandal main account.

Shala Coordinator will have volunteers to form Shala Executive committee.

#### **Article XIV. Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the Mandal, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Mandal, dispose of all the assets of the Mandal exclusively for the purpose of the Mandal in such manner, or to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for educational and/or charitable purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Committee shall determine.

#### **Article XV. Incorporation**

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Mr. Niranjana Paranjpye - 11226 Lakeside Ave NE, Seattle WA 98125

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the incorporator has affixed his signature on this 27th day of April, 1993.

#### **CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT**

I, NIRANJANA PARANJPYE, hereby consent to serve as Registered Agent in the State of Washington for the corporation herein named. I understand that as agent for the corporation, it will be my responsibility to accept Service of Process in the name of corporation; to forward all mail to the corporation; and to immediately notify the Office of the Secretary of State in the event of my resignation or of any change in the Registered Office address of the corporation for which I am agent.

April 27, 1993  
(Date)

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