



Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association

Articles of Incorporation Of the Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association (ASTRA)

1. **Name** – The name of the corporation will be the Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association (ASTRA).
2. **Purpose** – The purpose for which this corporation is organized is the transaction of any or all lawful business for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona, as they may be amended from time to time. Further, the corporation shall be operated within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as it may be amended from time to time.
3. **Character of Affairs** – The corporation shall serve as an advocate for the therapeutic recreation profession and to operate and function in the best interests of its members in order to promote the health and well-being of the public through service, education, research, and the development and enforcement of professional standards necessary to provide the highest quality of therapeutic recreation treatment to the general public.
4. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 the purposes set forth in Article two. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws).
5. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all its assets exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or



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scientific purpose as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws) as the identified in the corporations By-Laws. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principle office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

6. The power of indemnification under the Arizona Revised Statutes shall be set forth in the corporation's By-Laws.
7. **Board of Directors** – The initial board of directors shall consist of the following five directors. The persons will serve as directors until the annual meeting of the members or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

Beth A. Dietrich Ed.D. CTRS
Phoenix VA Health Care System
Mental Health Recreation Therapy
Jade/Opal Clinic
650 East Indian School Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Natalie Connolly CTRS
St. Joseph's Hospital
Barrow Neurological Institute
350 West Thomas Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85013

Jodi Roth-Jones M.Ed. CTRS
Peoria Community Center
8335 West Jefferson Street
Peoria, Arizona 85345

Ann Mann M.Ed. CTRS
2209 East Greenway Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85022

Lane Jeppesen CTRS
Mesa Association of Sports for the
Disabled
Broadway Recreation Center
59 East Broadway Road
Mesa, Arizona 85210



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The number of persons to serve on the board of directors thereafter shall be fixed by the corporation's By-Laws.

8. **Known Place of Business** – the known place of business for the corporation shall be:

Phoenix VA Health Care System
Mental Health Recreation Therapy Jade/Opal Clinic
650 East Indian School Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

9. **Statutory Agent** – The name and address of the initial statutory agent of the corporation is:

Beth A. Dietrich CTRS
Phoenix VA Health Care System
Mental Health Recreation Therapy Jade/Opal Clinic
650 East Indian School Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

10. **Incorporators** – The incorporators of the corporation are:

Beth A. Dietrich Ed.D. CTRS
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All powers, duties, and responsibilities of the incorporators shall cease at the time of delivery of these Articles of Incorporation to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

11. Check this box, if this provision will apply to your corporation.

DISCRIMINATION: The corporation will not practice or permit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, national origin, religion, physical handicap or disability.



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- 12. **Members** – The corporation shall have two classes of members with the designation of each such class, the manner of election or appointment of each, and the qualifications and rights of the members of each class being set forth in the By-Laws of the corporation.

Executed this _____ day of _____, _____ by all the incorporators.

Signed:

Beth A. Dietrich Ed.D. CTRS Natalie Connolly CTRS

[Print Name Here] [Print Name Here]

Phone: 602-277-5551 ext 7250
Fax: 602-200-2304

Acceptance of Appointment By Statutory Agent

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment as statutory agent of the above-named corporation effective

this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signed:

Beth A. Dietrich Ed.D. CTRS

[Print Name Here]