

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
(NON-BUSINESS CORPORATION)

Know all Men by these Presents, That we JAMES F. DORAN, JR.,
PETER HARRINGTON, PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, LINCOLN RHODES, AND
RICHARD BORISKIN

all of lawful age, hereby agree to and with each other:

FIRST. To associate ourselves together with the intention of forming a corporation
under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Chapter 7-6 of the General Laws of
Rhode Island, as amended.

SECOND. Said corporation shall be known by the name of
BODHI SANGHA OF AMERICA

THIRD. Said corporation is constituted for the purpose of
Teaching and spreading the Buddhist religion by engaging in
religious, charitable and social service activities, within the
meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,
as amended.

In addition to the foregoing, said corporation shall have the following powers and
authority, viz:-(See §§ 7-6-7, 7-6-7.1 and 7-6-8 of the General Laws.)

To do any lawful act which is necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of its incorporation. Without limiting or
enlarging the effect of this general grant of authority, it is hereby specifically provided that every such corporation shall have
power

- (a) to have perpetual succession in its corporate name unless a period for its duration is limited in its articles of
association or charter;
(b) to sue and be sued in its corporate name;
(c) to have and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure;
(d) to elect such officers and appoint such agents as its purposes require, and to fix their compensation and define
their duties;
(e) to make by-laws not inconsistent with the Constitution or laws of the United States or of this state, or with the
corporation's charter or articles of association, determining the time and place of holding and the manner of calling and of
conducting meetings of its members and directors, the manner of electing its officers and directors, the mode of voting by proxy,
and the number, qualifications, powers, duties and term of office of its officers and directors, and containing any other provisions,
whether of the same or of a different nature, for the management of the corporation's property and the regulation and
government of its affairs;
(f) to make contracts, incur liabilities and borrow money

Said corporation shall be entitled to take, hold, transmit and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding
in all one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000); provided, however, that the foregoing limitation shall not apply to certain
corporations organized for the purposes enumerated in § 7-6-8 if any corporation subject to the foregoing limitation desires to
take and hold property to an amount exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) either originally or by amendment,
such privilege shall be granted only by the general assembly on petition thereto

(Over)

FOURTH. Said corporation shall be located in Cumberland, Rhode Island.  
(City or Town)

(Further provisions not inconsistent with law)

**FIFTH** This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious and charitable purposes. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its 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 above. 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 ~~SIXTH~~ 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 of 1954, as amended, and its regulations (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and its regulations (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

SIXTH: Without in any way limiting the foregoing, but in furtherance ~~SEVENTH~~ of the purposes set forth above, the corporation shall have those powers granted by Section 7-6-7 of the General Laws, and the following additional powers:

1) To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise to own, hold, use, maintain, improve and operate and to sell, lease and otherwise dispose of real and personal property.

2) To seek reimbursement for services rendered from individuals, corporations, foundations, the federal government, any state government and others; to invest and reinvest the funds of the corporation; to borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness, therefore, and to secure the same by mortgage, pledge or otherwise.

3) To employ agents and servants and in general to perform and do, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with other persons and organizations, all other acts or things necessary to accomplish the purposes of the corporation; provided, however, such actions are in accordance with the applicable statutes, rules and regulations of this state and of the United States for the carrying out the purposes of the corporation as set forth herein.

SEVENTH: Except as otherwise provided by law, the corporation may at any time dissolve by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total number of the Board of Directors of the corporation. Upon dissolution, the Board of Directors shall after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation among any existing Rhode Island non-business corporations organized for educational, scientific, charitable, religious or literary purposes, in such manner and in such proportions as it shall prescribe; provided, such recipient would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and its regulations (or the equivalent law as it then exists).

Except as may otherwise be required by law, the corporation may, at any time, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total number of the Board of Directors of the corporation, merge or consolidate with or into any corporation in such manner that the surviving corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, educational, or literary purposes and in a manner which meets the requirements set forth above.

EIGHTH: Except as may be otherwise required by law, these articles of association shall be amended only upon the vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors of the corporation at a meeting duly called for the purpose pursuant to the by-laws, the notice of which shall contain the substance of each amendment to the articles to be considered, provided, however, that no such amendment shall authorize or permit the corporation to be operated otherwise than exclusively for religious, charitable purposes and for the specific purposes set forth in article THIRD, above, and in a manner which meets the requirements set forth in article FIFTH, above.

... 1st ... day of May ... A. D. 19 84

NAME	RESIDENCE
James F. Doran, Jr. <i>James F. Doran Jr</i>	528 Pound Rd., Cumberland, RI 02864
Peter Harrington <i>Peter Harrington</i>	528 Pound Rd., Cumberland, RI
Prakash Shrivastava <i>Prakash Shrivastava</i>	528 Pound Rd., Cumberland, RI
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, }  
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE }

In the City of Providence  
Town }

in said county this 1st day of May A. D. 19 84, then  
personally appeared before me James F. Doran, Jr., Peter Harrington,  
Prakash Shrivastava, Lincoln Rhodes, Richard Boriskin

each and all known to me and known by me to be the parties executing the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged said instrument by them subscribed to be their free act and deed.

*David F. Kling*  
Notary Public.

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Non-Business Corporation

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

BODHI SANGHA OF AMERICA

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