

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
(NON-BUSINESS CORPORATION)

Know all Men by these Presents, That we RUTH A. MCGARRITY  
ROBERT J. CONNOR; JAMES COLIGANO; RAYMOND HARWOOD;  
CONSTANCE AMISTRANO; RAYMOND BESSETTE; ROBERT MOREAU;

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 RHODE ISLAND  
BLIND OPERATORS GUILD INC. 105 LYDICK AVE. WARWICK R.I.

THIRD. Said corporation is constituted for the purpose of A. WILL BE TO  
PROVIDE A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF BLIND PEOPLE IN ORDER TO  
PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND IN R.I. AND THE PURSUITS OF  
HAPPINESS FOR ALL BLIND IN RHODE ISLAND.

B. TO PROMOTE WHAT IS NOW CALLED THE "BLIND COLUMBUS DAY OF  
MEMORIAL" IN R.I. THIS TREMENDOUS DAY STARTS OFF WITH A  
"MASS" FOR ALL OUR DECEASED. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OUR  
FAMOUS "BUFFET" AND ENTERTAINMENT BUT ALONG WITH THAT A NEW  
ENDEAVOR OF AN "AWARDS PROGRAM."  
C. PROVIDE A FORUM FOR EXPRESSION OF VIEWS OF CONGRESSIONAL  
RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD ACT AND ITS NEW AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT.  
D. ASSIST ANY AND ALL OTHER PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE  
STATE THAT PROMOTES THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND.

In addition to the foregoing, said corporation shall have the following powers and authority, viz:—(See §§ 7-6-7, 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 corporations organized for the purposes of fostering, encouraging and assisting the physical location, settlement or resettlement of industrial and manufacturing enterprises within the state, and to whose members no profit shall ensue. 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)

105 Lydick Ave.

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

(Further provisions not inconsistent with law)

FIFTH MEMBERSHIP--VOTING--SUBSCRIPTION

ALL VENDING STAND FACILITIES OPERATORS, EMPLOYEE'S OF THE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM FOR THE BLIND; ALL BLIND WORKERS IN OTHER PROGRAMS AND ANY BLIND MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND; AND ANY OTHER BLIND IN THE STATE.

B. SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE FIVE DOLLARS A YEAR. STARTING WITH THE SEPT. 1, 1978 to SEPT. 1 1979.

SIXTH OFFICERS--TERMS---ELECTION

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT: VICE PRESIDENT: SECRETARY AND TREASURER: AND THREE DIRECTORS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT SEPTEMBER MEETING ARE ELECTED FOR TWO YEARS.(until 1980)

NO OFFICERS CAN BE ELECTED MORE THAN TWO TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

ADISORY COUNCIL FOR R.I. BLIND OPERATORS GUILD INC.

DIRECTOR: MRS. JEAN KRAMER--94 KEARNEY ST. CRANSTON.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (TO BE NAMED LATER)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER--GEORGE F. LEVESQUE, 39 MASS. BLVD. PORTSMOUTH.

EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL SECRETARY--THOMAS MCGARRITY-105 LYDICK AVE.

EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY-MRS. JEANETTE INTEGLIA.

SEVENTH POWERS AND DUTIES

A. THIS COMMITTEE OF OFFICERS SIGNING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WILL BE THE GOVERNING BOARD.

B. VACANCIES--WILL BE FILLED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE OFFICERS OF THE GUILD.

C. OFFICERS WILL CONDUCT THEIR OFFICE WITH THE MANNER OF ROBERTS RULES OF PROCEDURE AND THE INCORPORATION.

D. QUORAN: ANY FOUR OFFICERS OF THE CORP. OR ANY MEMBERS OF THE GUILD.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and stated our residences this

1st day of SEPTEMBER A. D. 1978

NAME	RESIDENCE
1. (PRESIDENT) Ruth A. McGarrity	105 LYDICK AVE. WARWICK, R. I.
2. Robert Moreau	34 WELLSEY AVE. NORTH PROVIDENCE 25 WELSH DR. WARWICK, R.I.
Robert Connor	
Raymond Harwood	PLAINFIELD ST. PROVIDENCE- R.I.
Constance A. Amistrano	679 ACADEMY AVE. PROVIDENCE R.I. 21 MARK FORE DR. W. WARWICK R.I.
Raymond Besette	
TREASURER Vincent Coligano	22 HOLIDAY AVE. WARWICK R.I.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,  
COUNTY OF Kent

In the City of Warwick  
Town

in said county this 2nd day of September A. D. 1978, then

personally appeared before me RUTH A. MCGARRITY; ROBERT A. CONNOR;  
~~VINCENT~~ COLIGANO;; RAYMOND HARWOOD; CONSTANCE AMISTRANO;  
RAYMOND BESSETTE; ROBERT MOREAU;

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.

George J. Leneque  
Notary Public.  
Comm. Expires June 1981

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Non-Business Corporation

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

AL. BLIND-OPERATORS

GUILD, INC.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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