

**Articles of Incorporation
of
Meryton Literary Society, Inc.
A California Public Benefit Corporation**

ONE: The name of this corporation is: Meryton Literary Society, Inc.

TWO: This Corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes. Meryton Literary Society, Inc. is a gathering place and library for writers, readers and the community – for all who appreciate the written word. Meryton Literary Society, Inc. shall promote writers and their work, to nurture an interest in writing and literature in a wide, diverse audience and reach out to promote literacy.

THREE: The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Gail McEwen

FOUR: (a) This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for Literary purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

FIVE: The names and addresses of the persons appointed to act as the initial directors of this corporation are:

Name	Address
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Julie Drivere

Alicia Bellamy

Connie Joki

Elaine Sieff

Pamala Knight Duffy

Kristin Hubbard

Stacy Harrison Klung

Ellen Pickels

Abigail Young

SIX: The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to literary purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

On the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated for the promotion of literary pursuits or literacy and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue CodeDate:

Signature on File
Alicia Bellamy, Director

Signature on File
Julie Drivere, Director

Signature on File
Pamala Knight Duffy,
Director

Signature on File
Kristin Hubbard,
Director

Signature on File
Stacy Harrison Klung,
Director

Signature on File
Connie Joki, Director

Signature on File
Ellen Pickels, Director

Signature on File
Elaine Sieff, Director

Signature on File
Abigail Young, Director

We, the above-mentioned initial directors of this corporation, hereby declare that we are the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, which instrument is our act and deed.

Signature on File
Alicia Bellamy, Director

Signature on File
Julie Drivere, Director

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