

Minnesota Bridge Education is a 501 (c)(3) charity dedicated to developing bridge players in Minnesota. As a recognized charity, donations are tax deductible. So far our funds have come from individual donations, memorial gifts, and bridge charity games. We also have been included in at least one person's estate planning.

For more information, contact Sue Jackson (sjackson@smumn.edu) or any board member.

Minnesota Bridge Education
EIN 37-1745323

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF **Minnesota Bridge Education**

The undersigned incorporators are individuals 18 years of age or older and adopt the following articles of incorporation to form a nonprofit corporation (Chapter 317A).

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this corporation shall be **Minnesota Bridge Education**.

ARTICLE II — REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

The principal office of the corporation is to be located at 1480 Applewood Ct. W. #119, Roseville, Minnesota 55113

ARTICLE III — PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for *charitable and educational purposes* as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The purposes of this corporation are:

1. To support and engage in educational activities for the purpose of instructing the public of all ages as to the fundamentals, study, and play of contract bridge;
2. To support and conduct informational activities to increase public awareness of the cognitive and social benefits of playing contract bridge.
3. To increase the number of bridge players and their enjoyment of playing duplicate bridge.

ARTICLE IV — EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE V — MEMBERSHIP/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Membership shall consist of the board of directors.

The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined by the corporation's bylaws. No director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is **seven (7)**; their names and addresses are as follows:

Susan Jackson, 1480 Applewood Ct. W. #119, Roseville, Minnesota 55113
Paul Nesvig, 4587 Blaylock Circle, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota 55076
Linda Brammer, 4712 York Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55410
Mignon Nearmyer, 2120 Fountain Ln N., Plymouth, Minnesota 55447
Joel Kramer, 100 2nd St. NE. #250, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413
Sharon Anderson, 2243 Estates Drive, Eagan, Minnesota, 55122
Barbara Zipoy, 7509 W. 84th St., Bloomington, 55438 Minnesota

Members of the initial board of directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which their successors will be duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI — PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, officer, or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers, or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII - DURATION/DISSOLUTION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual until dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the organization, officers acting under the direction of the board shall distribute the assets of the corporation in the following order of priority:

- (1) distribution of assets received and held for a special use or purpose;
- (2) payment of debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation;
- (3) for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.