

Articles of Incorporation of the LATVIAN ASSOCIATION of the STATE of WASHINGTON

Updated Articles of Incorporation approved at annual membership meeting held on January 22, 2023.

Article I. Name

The name of this corporation shall be The Latvian Association of the State of Washington, herein also referred to as "the association".

Article II. Location

The location and chief place of business of the association shall be Seattle, in King County, in the State of Washington.

Article III. Purpose

1. To preserve, promote and support the Latvian culture, language and national identity.
2. To establish and maintain contact with similar organizations and the Seattle Latvian church.
3. To provide financial and moral aid to Latvian organizations including, but not limited to, Latvian schools, camps, and culturally focused performing groups in America.
4. To advance Latvian culture and education by providing opportunities including, but not limited to, social events, performing groups, sports activities, lectures, concerts, films, and art exhibits.
5. To acquire and to maintain real estate for the promoting of above mentioned aims and if necessary to raise loans and to dispose of such property.

Article IV. Organization

1. The association is to be operated on a non-profit basis.
2. Affairs of the association will be managed in the Latvian language when practical.

Article V. Membership

1. Any person, at least 18 years of age, of Latvian descent or those in sympathy with the purpose of this organization as stated in Article III may be admitted as a voting member. Those under 18 years of age may become non-voting members.
2. Membership will be granted after the membership application has been completed and the annual dues are paid.
3. Any member of the association whose conduct contradicts the rules and regulations can be expelled by simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article VI. Board of Directors

1. The number of the directors of the association shall be three to nine. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual membership meeting.
2. The officers shall be: President, Secretary and Treasurer, and shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board, held following the annual membership meeting.

Article VII. Auditing

All financial information will be kept accessible to all members of the association for informational and auditing purposes at all times.

Article VIII. Amendments to Articles

Articles may be amended subject to the approval by two thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose: provided, however, that the notice of such meeting called for that purpose, containing a true copy of the proposed amendment, shall be given at least two weeks before the meeting.

Article IX. Liquidation

At a meeting called for such purpose, members of the association by a three-quarters vote of the members present may vote to liquidate the association; provided, however, that the notice of such meeting shall have been given at least two weeks before the meeting.