

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
WASHINGTON STATE THERAPEUTIC RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the nonprofit laws of the State of Washington, RCW 24.03, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I: *NAME*

The name of the corporation shall be Washington State Therapeutic Recreation Association, also known as WSTRA, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation.

ARTICLE II: *TERM OF EXISTENCE*

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III: *PURPOSE*

- A. The Corporation is organized exclusively as an independent professional association which qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code or as it may be amended.
- B. The Corporation is affiliated with the American Therapeutic Recreation Association.
- C. Within the foregoing limitations the purposes of the Corporation shall be:
 - a. To advocate for the therapeutic recreation and/or recreational therapy profession.
 - b. To operate and function in the best interest of its members, enabling them to provide the highest quality of therapeutic recreation and/or recreational therapy treatment and recreation services in order to promote and enhance the health and wellness of the public they serve. This shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Supporting and/or conducting educational opportunities to improve the competency of therapeutic recreation and/or recreational therapy personnel.
 - 2. Promoting and enhancing the public awareness and understanding of the therapeutic recreation and/or recreational therapy profession.
 - 3. Promoting professional standards for quality service provision and professional behavior.
 - 4. Advocating for the advancement of therapeutic recreation and/or recreational therapy in the education, rehabilitation, habilitation and medical treatment and recreation services of individuals in need of therapeutic recreation and/or recreational therapy.
 - 5. Supporting and/or conducting research and/or demonstration efforts to improve the quality of therapeutic recreation and/or recreational therapy services for the public

ARTICLE IV: *MEMBERSHIP*

The Corporation shall have members. The designation, qualifications, rights and privileges of the members are set forth in the Corporation Bylaws.

ARTICLE V: *BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

The composition, qualification, election, terms of office, responsibilities and duties of the Board of Directors is set forth in the Corporation Bylaws. The initial Board of Directors is composed of seven (7) Directors:

Gary Allen, CTRS	Street Address	City, State, Zip
Susan Collins, CTRS/R	Street Address	City, State, Zip
Jane Germano, CTRS/R	Street Address	City, State, Zip
Debra J. Pate, MS, CTRS	Street Address	City, State, Zip
Cynthia Rahn, CTRS/R	Street Address	City, State, Zip
Julie Tapusoa, CTRS/R	Street Address	City, State, Zip
Randee Young, CTRS	Street Address	City, State, Zip

ARTICLE VI: REGULATION OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DISSOLUTION

Regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation, including provision for distribution of assets in the event of dissolution, shall be provided in the Corporation Bylaws, except that no part of the net earning or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any private person, member, director or officer other than for reasonable compensation for services rendered and except that upon dissolution the assets, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed, as determined by the Corporation Board of Directors, exclusively for the Corporation purposes and only to organizations exempt from taxation under sections 501 (c) (6) or 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VII: LIMITATION ON LIABILITY

A Director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation or its members for damages arising from any conduct as Director. This liability limitation shall not apply to acts or omissions involving intentional misconduct or knowing violation of the law by the Director or any transaction from which the Director personally receives a benefit in money, property or services to which the Director is not legally entitled. If Washington law is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting personal liability of a Director of a corporation, then this limitation shall be to the fullest extent permitted by law. Any repeal or amendment of these Articles shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a Director of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII: REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name of the initial Registered Agent of the Corporation is Julie Tapusoa. The street address of the Initial Registered Office, which is also the address of the Initial Registered Agent, is Street Address, City, State, Zip.

I, Julie Tapusoa, hereby consent to serve as Registered Agent in the state of Washington for this Corporation. I understand that as agent for the Corporation, it will be my responsibility to accept Service of Process in the name of the Corporation; to forward all mail to the Corporation and to immediately notify the Office of the Secretary of State in the event of my resignation or any change in the Registered Office address of the Corporation.

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 Registered Agent

30 June 2007
 Date

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended upon the vote of two-thirds of a quorum of the members present at a meeting, subject to any mandatory contrary provision of state law.

ARTICLE X: INCORPORATORS

A. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each incorporator has affixed his/her signature below on this 30th day of June 2007. The name and address of each incorporator is:

Gary Allen, CTRS Street Address City, State, Zip
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Susan Collins, CTRS/R Street Address City, State, Zip
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Jane Germano, CTRS/R Street Address City, State, Zip
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