



Proposed Articles of Incorporation - Summary

The articles of incorporation for a non-profit is the legal record of an organization's creation. The organization's name, location, purpose and officers are all reflected in the document. Civitan International last registered a version of its articles of incorporation with the Alabama Secretary of State in 2004.

Upon review of the most recent filing, it was discovered that an important item was missing. State law requires details of how to remove an organization's officer to be included in an Alabama non-profit's articles of incorporation.

The Civitan International Board of Directors appointed a committee in 2019 to review and revise the document, along with the organization's bylaws.

Here are some major items included in the new articles of incorporation:

The article that discusses officers now includes a clause about how to remove one if needed.

***WHY?** To adhere to Alabama non-profit law, which requires this language in the articles of a 501(c)3*

An article has been added that better details the legal protection of those who make decisions for the organization.

***WHY?** Detailing indemnification is a standard procedure in governance documents of non-profits. It allows for a board member or other volunteer to serve without concern over being personally held liable for a decision that may go awry. Many volunteers will not serve in a capacity of a board position without this protection outlined in this way.*