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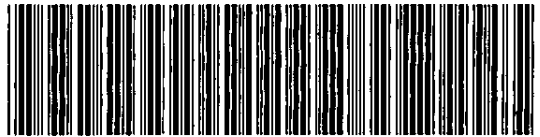
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TO: Amendment Section  
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NAME OF CORPORATION: WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF  
THE DEAF, INC

DOCUMENT NUMBER: # 702075

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

MARILYN KNETZER  
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

May 21, 2010

MARILYN KNETZER  
601 PALM PLACE  
SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695

SUBJECT: WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.  
Ref. Number: 702075

We have received your document for WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC. and check(s) totaling \$52.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

What is the attachment for? It seems to me it might be by-laws. If it is your by-laws you cannot file that here, you keep with your records. If it is something you need to file as amendment & restated articles, you must combine the two documents and title it as such. If you are not clear on what I am telling you in this letter, please call before returning this document.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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Cheryl Coulliette  
Regulatory Specialist II

Letter Number: 510A00012862

*Amended &* ~~Articles of Amendment~~ *Restated Articles*  
to  
Articles of Incorporation  
of

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.  
(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

# 702075

(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

**A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:**

ST. PETERSBURG ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.

**B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:**

(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

**C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:**

(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

P.O. Box 8543

Clearwater, FL 33758-8543

**D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:**

Name of New Registered Agent:

MARILYN KNETZER

New Registered Office Address:

601 Palm PL

(Florida street address)

Safety Harbor

(City)

Florida 34695  
(Zip Code)

**New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:**

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

X Marilyn J. Knetzer

Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

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(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

**E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:**

(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: MAY 1, 2010  
(date of adoption is required)

Effective date if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_  
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

☒ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.

☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated May 1, 2010

Signature Marilyn D. Knetzer  
(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator - if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

MARILYN D. KNETZER  
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

President  
(Title of person signing)

*Amendment & Reinstated Articles*

**St. Petersburg Association of the Deaf,  
Incorporated**

*Established 1942 - Chartered 1961 - 501(c)3 non-profit  
As revised: 6/2010*

**ARTICLE I**

*Name*

The name of the organization shall be the St. Petersburg Association of the Deaf Incorporated (Inc.), hereafter referred to as the non-profit organization.

**ARTICLE II**

*Purpose*

The purpose of the organization shall be to provide social, intellectual and cultural benefits to the deaf community and advance the social and economic status of the deaf, to provide a meeting place for the deaf, to encourage the deaf to educate themselves, to take an active part in community affairs and to lead a more complete life.

*Status*

The organization shall be a not-for-profit organization, incorporated in the Tampa Bay Florida.

*Relationship*

The organization shall be a cooperating affiliate member of the Florida Association of the Deaf (FAD). The organization shall meet all of it's obligations as a Cooperating Member Association including annual payments as set forth by the Florida Association of the Deaf.

**ARTICLE III**

*Membership*

The organization shall be open to all deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, deaf-blind, or hearing people without discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, religion, ethnic origin, or disability.

**ARTICLE IV**

*Dues*

Section I - There will be a membership fee per year which may be changed at anytime by a majority vote of members.

Section II - Members will pay their dues from date to date. All dues shall be paid on the annual basis of their membership expiration or be delinquent and will be charge as a non-member.

**ARTICLE V**  
*Officers and Board of Directors*

**Section I - Officers and Directors of this organization shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chair Committee. The five (5) positions shall be known as the Board of Directors.**

**Section II - Officers and Board members shall be elected by ballot at the November meeting of the election year, and sworn in immediately upon election to their respective offices.**

**Section III - There shall be a quorum of three (3) of the five (5) members of Board of Directors at any meeting before any business can be transacted.**

**Section IV - Any members of the Board of Directors with three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from meetings shall be automatically removed from the Board.**

**Section V - The Board of Directors shall meet at least four (4) times a year. The President of the Board may call a special Board meeting when he/she feels is necessary, by written notice from three (3) board members, or by written request with ten (10) members in good standing.**

**Section VI - The Board of Directors shall oversee all affairs of the Corporation and resolve any conflicts, which may arise for the betterment of the Corporation.**

**Section VII - Any person leaving office shall make it known in writing and handed to the Secretary of the Board within 30 days notice.**

**ARTICLE VI**  
*Duties of Officers and Directors*

**Section I - President**

**The President shall preside at all meetings, enforce order and observance of the By-Laws of the Corporation and appoint any standing or ad-hoc committees that are necessary and shall be an ex-officio without any voting privileges at all Board meetings as an advisor for two (2) years after leaving office but can not vote.**

**Section II - Vice President**

**The Vice President, in the absence of the President or at the request of the President, shall assume the duties of the President. The Vice President shall**



be the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

### **Section III - Chair Committee**

The Chair Committee works closely with the President and other members. Reports to the President and to the full board on committee decisions/recommendations. Assigns work to the committee members, sets the agenda and ensures that committee members have the information they need to do their jobs.

### **Section IV - Secretary**

The Secretary shall be the official record keeper of the Corporation. He/she shall keep record of minutes of any and all board meetings of the corporation, handle all correspondence and perform such duties assigned by the Board of Directors. The Secretary is responsible for the maintenance of all legal documents and maintaining the Corporation active status.

### **Section V - Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall have charges of all Corporations funds, pay all accounts payable under the direction of the Board of Directors and keep record of all financial transaction received and disbursed by the Corporation. All disbursement checks must be co-signed by the President and the Treasurer only. All funds must be deposited in a bank in the Corporation's name and make a report at all business meetings.

## **ARTICLE VII** *Corporate Records*

All outgoing officers and directors shall surrender all corporate records or property to the newly elected officers and directors at the first regular January meeting of their term. All other records shall be turned to the Secretary of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VIII** *Meeting*

Section I - Meeting shall be held no less than *FIVE* (5) times per year with at least 14 days notice of the meeting. The meetings shall be held in January, March, September and November.

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Section II - There shall be no admission fees collected during regular election in November.

Section III - Voting in any business transaction or election shall be by ballot unless there is an agreement among the majority to show hands.

**Section IV - Any member in good standing who is absent and wishes to run for office may do so by submitting written notice to the Secretary prior to the election.**

**Section V - There shall be a quorum of one-tenth of the membership at all business meetings before any business can be transacted.**

## **ARTICLE IX**

### ***Order of Business***

**Section I - Robert's Rules of Order , latest edition, shall be the recognized authority of all points of parliamentary procedures unless it conflicts with the established rules of the St. Petersburg Association of the Deaf, Inc. in which case the latter shall govern the situation.**

**Section II - When the meeting is called to order, there shall be complete and respectful attention to the President. Any person who acts in a disruptive or disorderly manner shall be asked to leave the meeting. Repeated offenses shall be cause for dismissal.**

**Business shall be conducted in the following order:**

- Salute to the Flag
- Reading and Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer and Financial Reports
- Officers and Director's Report
- Correspondence
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment
- Nominations and Elections (every 2 years)

## **ARTICLE X**

### ***Dissolution***

**In the event this organization dissolves, any remaining funds and property after all expenses have been paid shall be donated to one or more non-profit 501(c) 3 organizations chosen by the majority of St. Petersburg Association of the Deaf, Inc.**

ARTICLE XI  
*Amendments*

The By-Laws of this Corporation may be made, altered or rescinded from time to time in whole or part by a majority vote of those members present and voting at any authorized business meeting of the membership at which a quorum is present, provided fourteen (14) days in advance notice has been given to the membership before the date of that meeting. If such fourteen (14) days advance notice is not given it shall require a two-third (2/3) vote of the members present and voting to adopt, or rescind the BY-Laws or any portion thereof.