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The enclosed Articles of Amendment and fee are sub-	mitted for filing.	
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## Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of

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Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:	Florida Statutes, this Florida	la Not For Profit Corporation adopts the	he following	
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(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:

P = President; V = Vice President; T = Treasurer; S = Secretary; D = Director; TR = Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President. Treasurer. Director would be PTD.

Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith. SV as an Add.

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# ARTICLE III PURPOSE

Change to the following:

## 3.01 Purpose

Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc. is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc.'s purpose is to:

- educate the public on topics related to the biology, physiology, and chemistry of reef biotope through the sponsorship of meetings, lectures, publications, websites, competitions, exhibits and other means
- 2. promote interest in and enjoyment of all aspects of the marine aquarium hobby
- 3. provide a forum for sharing resources and information among local aquarium enthusiasts
- 4. support research, education and conservation efforts aimed at improving marine and coral reef environments
- 5. involve and educate people about aquatic life and the aquarium hobby
- 6. foster camaraderie, friendship, and appreciation of aquatic life.

## 3.02 Public Benefit

Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc. is designated as a public benefit corporation.

# ARTICLE IV NON-PROFIT NATURE

Change to the Following:

## 4.01 Non-profit Nature

Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc. shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make

payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc. is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational and charitable purposes. No part of the directors, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles. A conflict of Interest Policy has been established and can be seen in Appendix A of this document.

## 4.02 Personal Liability

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of **Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc.** of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

## 4.03 Dissolution

Upon termination or dissolution of the **Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc., any** assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

The organization to receive the assets of the **Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc.** hereunder shall be selected by the discretion of a majority of the managing body of the **Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc.** and if its members cannot so agree, then the recipient organization shall be selected pursuant to a verified petition in equity filed in a court of proper jurisdiction against the **Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc.** by one (1) or more of its managing body which verified petition shall contain such statements as reasonably

indicate the applicability of this section. The court upon a finding that this section is applicable shall select the qualifying organization or organizations to receive the assets to be distributed, giving preference if practicable to organizations located within the State of Florida.

#### 4.03 Prohibited Distributions

No part of the net earnings, properties of the directors of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private person or individual, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III, Section 3.01.

## 4.04 Restricted Activities

No substantial part of the corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### 4.05 Prohibited Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (I) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (II) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Add the following:

## Manner of election

The directors will be elected (by a majority vote) or appointed through an annual election. The Orlando Reef Caretakers Association, Inc.'s By-Laws will specify the details of this.

# **Appendix A: Conflict of Interest Policy**

# ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect Orlando Reef Caretakers
Association, Inc's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or
arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of ORCA or
might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement
but not replace any applicable state and federal law governing conflict of interest
applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

# ARTICLE II Definitions

#### 1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

## 2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment or family:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which ORCA has a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with ORCA or with any entity or individual with which ORCA has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which ORCA is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct or indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

# ARTICLE III Procedures

## 1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

# 2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she sall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

# 3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether ORCA can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict or interest.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in ORCA's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

# 4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose and actual or

possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

# ARTICLE IV Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceeding s

# ARTICLE V Compensation

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from ORCA for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly from ORCA for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from ORCA, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

# ARTICLE VI Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. has read and understands the policy,
- c. has agreed to comply with the policy, and

d. understands that ORCA is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

# ARTICLE VII Periodic Reviews

To ensure that ORCA operates in a manner consistent with educational and charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to ORCA's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

# ARTICLE VIII Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided in Article VII, ORCA may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

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