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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GULF COAST CEO FORUM, INC.**

**A Corporation Not for Profit
Under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes**

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In order to form a corporation under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, I hereby make, adopt and subscribe the following Articles of Incorporation:

**I.
NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this corporation shall be:

GULF COAST CEO FORUM, INC

The principal address and the mailing address of the corporation shall be:

Kerkering, Barberio & Co.
1900 Main Street, Suite 801
Sarasota, FL 34236
Attn: Robert J. Lane

**II.
PURPOSE OF CORPORATION**

The corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively as a non-profit business league within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any United States Internal Revenue Law. The specific nature, objects and purposes of the corporation shall be:

1. To operate without profit as a trade association to serve the common business and professional interests of its members;
2. To maintain and foster the entrepreneurial spirit and provide for the common objectives of the members; and
3. To otherwise operate and function in the best interests of the corporation's members and to assist chief executive officers in the performance of their functions and duties.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its trustees, directors, 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. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding

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section of any future federal tax code. The corporation may engage in all lawful activities that may be incidental or reasonably necessary to pursue and engage its purposes hereunder

**III.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of not less than three (3) persons and not more than eighteen (18) persons, as determined pursuant to provisions of the corporation's Bylaws. The method of election of directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

**IV.
CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

**V.
BYLAWS**

The first board of directors of the corporation shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered, amended or rescinded by the directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

**VI.
REGISTERED OFFICE**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 1990 Main Street, Suite 801, Sarasota, FL 34236 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Robert J. Lane.

**VII.
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is William M. Seider, 200 South Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

**VIII.
MEMBERS**

The corporation shall have members that pay dues to the corporation for the privilege of participation in the corporation's programs as determined by the corporation's board of directors.

**IX.
COMMITTEES**

The corporation may establish such committees as may be necessary to efficiently carry out the general purposes and activities of the corporation.

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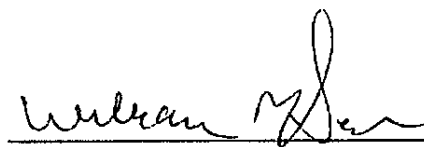
**X.
DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes for which this corporation was organized, to such organization or organizations that at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or an organization or organizations, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Law.

**XI.
AMENDMENT**

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 12 day of September, 2011.


William M. Seider
Incorporator

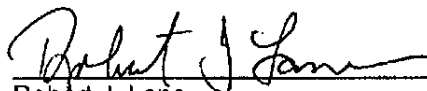
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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, hereby consents to the appointment as Registered Agent of Gulf Coast CEO Forum, Inc. to accept service of process upon said corporation in this state. The undersigned is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of this position.


Robert J. Lane
Registered Agent

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