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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

FLORIDA STATE GUARDIANSHIP ASSOCIATION, INC. - S. W. FLORIDA CHAPTER (A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT)

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of FLORIDA STATE GUARDIANSHIP ASSOCIATION, INC. - S. W. FLORIDA CHAPTER ("Corporation"), does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes:

ARTICLE I

NAME OF CORPORATION, MAILING ADDRESS AND ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of this Corporation shall be FLORIDA STATE GUARDIANSHIP

ASSOCIATION, INC. - S. W. FLORIDA CHAPTER. Initially, the mailing address of the corporation is 3783 Seago Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and its principal office shall be located at 3783 Seago Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

- Section 1. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized and shall be operated are as follows:
 - (a). This Corporation is formed solely and exclusively for the improvement of guardianship services and is not organized for, and shall not be operated, for pecuniary gain or profit.
 - (b). To promote the protection, dignity and value of incapacitated persons through a code of ethics, advocacy and dissemination of information. To further the professionalization of guardianship as an accountable, protective service through education, networking and legislative action.
 - (c). To promote public and professional education to further the exchange of professional knowledge for the benefit of guardians and their wards.

- (d). To act as a liaison with the state and national guardianship organizations and other entities interested in quality guardianship services.
- (e). To participate in and promote state-wide guardianship networking.
- (f). To promote professional ethics and encourage, establish and maintain high standards of professional education, competence, and performance.
- (g). To promote a broader understanding and acceptance of the qualified guardian as an integral part of the judicial system,
- (h). To support and promote the activities and goals of The Florida State Guardianship Association, Inc.

ARTICLE III

MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the officer and directors are elected and appointed are as determined by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

President:

Kenneth Kemp, Esquire

12685 New Brittany Boulevard

Fort Myers, FL 33907

1st Vice President

Larry Beuer

3440 Marina Lane, #203

N. Fort Myers, FL 33903

2nd Vice President

Frank Carulli

12315 Davis Court

Fort Myers, FL 33905

Treasurer:

Amy McGarry, Esquire

P.O. Box 100271

Cape Coral, FL 33910

Secretary:

Virginia (Ginny) Yates 8961 Conference Drive, #1 Fort Myers, FL 33919

ARTICLE V

REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation shall be 3783 Seago Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and the name of the initial registered agent for the Corporation shall be Lance M. McKinney.

ARTICLE VI

POWERS

This Corporation shall be authorized to exercise the powers permitted corporations not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes; provided, however, that this Corporation, in exercising any one or more of such powers, shall do so in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it has been organized within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation is allowed to have members and members are as those established by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

TERM

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to

ARTICLE IX

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

The names and address of the initial incorporator of this Corporation is as follows:

Lance M. McKinney 3783 Seago Lane Fort Myers, FL 33901

ARTICLE X

DEDICATION OF ASSETS AND DISSOLUTION

- Section 1. The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated solely and consistely for the improvement of guardianship services and is not organized for, and shall not be operated, for pecuniary gain or profit. No part of the net earnings or assets, if any, of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer or director of the Corporation or to the benefit of benefit any officer, trustee, director, member, employee, contributor, or bond holder of this Corporation of any private individual. When appropriate, the Board of Directors may determine to reasonably compensate any officer of the Corporation in accordance with and commensurate with the services performed by such person. The properties of the Corporation shall at all times be used for the improvement of guardianship services or for uses which are clearly incidental and auxiliary and are hereby irrevocably dedicated to the improvement of guardianship services purposes.
- Section 2. Upon the dissolution and winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of its debts and liabilities shall be turned

over to the Florida State Guardianship Association, Inc. Treasurer. Any dues paid to the dissolved Corporation shall be transferred to the general fund of the Florida State Guardianship Association, Inc. which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws, or to or among, the United States, the State of Florida or any local government(s) for exclusive public purposes. Former members will not be entitled to a refund of any dues paid under this circumstance.

ARTICLE XI

BYLAWS

Subject to any limitations at any time contained in the Bylaws of this Corporation and in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, Bylaws of this Corporation may be adopted, altered, amended or rescinded, and new Bylaws adopted, either by resolution of the Board of Directors Fifth the manner at any time provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended or amended and restated pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

<u>INCORPORATOR</u>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has hereto set his/her hand and seal on this the ______ day of November, 2012, for the purpose of forming this Corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida. *I submit this document and affirm that the facts*

stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a documents to the Department of States constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817,155, F.S.

ANCE M. McKINNEY

DATE

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in these articles, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as designated registered agent of Florida State Guardianship Association - S. W. Florida Chapter and agree to act in this capacity.

VANCE M. McKINNEY

DATE

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