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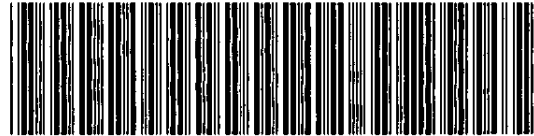
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# Articles of Incorporation of Florida International Steelband Association Inc.

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The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes., (Not for Profit), do hereby certify:

## Article I – Name

The name of the corporation shall be the Florida International Steelband Association Inc.

## Article II – Principal Office

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be 733 NW 30 Court #6, Wilton Manors, FL 33311.

## Article III – Purpose

### *Section 1.*

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is the advancement of the Steelpan instrument, performers, educators and bands in the state of Florida; including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## Article IV – Initial Officers

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the corporation are as follows:

Gerard Boucaud, President  
733 NW 30 Court #6,  
Wilton Manors, FL 33311

Harry Moonoo, Vice President  
305 NE 121 Terrace  
North Miami, FL 33161

Sheldon Balthazar, Secretary  
4373 NW 202 Street  
Miami Gardens, FL 33055

Errol Christian, Treasurer  
741 NW 203 Street  
Miami, FL 33169

Michael Kernahan, Advisor  
22179 SW 98 Place  
Cutler Bay, FL 33190

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## **Article V – Limitations**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation 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 the furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III above. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) 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 tax code.

## **Article VI – Dissolution of Assets**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **Article VII – Manner of Election**

### *Section 1. Association Nominations*

- A. A Nominating Committee of a minimum of two and a maximum of five members shall be elected by the Florida International Steelband Association Inc. Board at a board meeting during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the calendar year.
- B. The nominating Committee shall solicit nomination from the Florida International Steelband Association Inc. membership and shall nominate candidates for offices filled between January 1 and March 15. Solicitations can be by e-mail, mail, via the web site, in person announcements at educational sessions or a combination thereof.
- C. The Nominating Committee shall also be responsible for ballot preparation and submission to the membership.
- D. A slate of candidates, screened to determine their ability to serve, containing at least one name for each office shall be prepared by the Nominating Committee.
- E. Each candidate shall have consented to serve and shall have completed a "Willingness to Serve Agreement" and "Conflict of Interest Form"
- F. The Nominating Committee has the floor to report to membership at regular meetings and shall report to membership at the annual general meeting.
- G. Nomination from the floor shall not be permitted prior to the election.

*Section 2. Association Elections*

- A. Annual election of all Officers and Directors shall be conducted by electronic ballot and announced at the annual general meeting.
- B. The ballot shall be communicated to membership by April 1 for voting.
- C. The tabulation of the returned ballots will be independent of the Nominating Committee.
- D. A simple majority for each position will determine the winner. In case of a tie, a run-off election will be held at the May meeting.

*Section 3. Installation*

Newly elected Officers and Directors shall be installed at annual general meeting in May of each year and shall take office at the beginning of the administrative year.

*Section 4. Administrative Year*

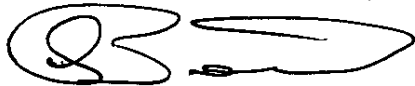
The administrative year will run from June 1 to May 31 of the following year.

**Article VIII - Registered Agent**

The name and Florida Street address of the registered agent is:

Gerard Boucaud, President  
733 NW 30 Court #6,  
Wilton Manors, FL 33311

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.



Gerard Boucaud, President

06/16/2015-  
Date

## Article IX – Incorporators

The name and street address of the incorporators are:

Gerard Boucaud, President  
733 NW 30 Court #6,  
Wilton Manors, FL 33311

Sheldon Balthazar, Secretary  
4373 NW 202 Street  
Miami Gardens, FL 33055

Errol Christian, Treasurer  
741 NW 203 Street  
Miami, FL 33169

We submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. We are aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.



Gerard Boucaud, President

06/16/2015  
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