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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation June 30 . 2015

The undersigned authorized officer pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statute 617.1007 does hereby set forth the duly adopted Restatement of Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is: Sarasota Association of Independent Insurance Agents, Inc. and the principal address of the corporation is: 2218 Circlewood Drive, Sarasota, Florida 34231.

ARTICLE II

The Registered Agent of the corporation is F. Gaines Finley, whose address is 2218 Circlewood Drive, Sarasota, Florida 34231.

ARTICLE III CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV **PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

- To function as a non-profit charitable organization for the primary purpose of providing an organization to promote and represent the common business interests of independent insurance agents within the industry and before the legislatures and the public. To this end, the association shall promote insurance education among its members and encourage greater public understanding of the workings of the insurance business and the American Agency System; disseminate publications and programs of the highest quality designed to enhance the professional development of its membership; communicate with and explain to local governing bodies, insurance companies, and the public, the ramifications of matters of direct interest to its members in their conduct of the business of insurance; and generally to promote and encourage friendly relationships among its members, with insurance companies, and the public. All of said activities to be not for profit or gain.
- 2. To operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (e) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

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- 3. To conduct programs, meetings, events, and activities; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and bequests of money and property; acquire, receive, hold, invest and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property, real or personal; and make expenditures to or for the direct or indirect benefit of the corporation's purposes.
- 4. To receive and hold by gift, bequest or purchase any real or personal property and to manage, invest and reinvest the same and to dispose of the same for scientific, educational or charitable purposes, all for the advancement of the corporation's purposes and objectives and the encouragement and continuation of their established goals and objectives; to hold, either absolutely or in trust for any of said purposes, funds and property of all kinds subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by law or the instrument under which said property is received; to sell, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the same or any proceeds thereof and to deal with and expand the principal and income for any of said purposes; to act as trustee; and, in general, to exercise any, all, and every power, including trust powers, which a corporation not for profit organized under the laws of the State of Florida for the foregoing purposes can be authorized to exercise.
- 5. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its 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 herein. 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.
- 6. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under §501 (c) (3), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). This corporation shall utilize all donations, contributions, gifts, and bequests for the purposes which promote, advance and encourage the spirit of the purposes as set forth in Article IV.

ARTICLE V POWERS

The powers of the corporation shall include and be governed by the following:

To carry on any business whatsoever which the corporation may deem proper or convenient in connection with any of the foregoing purposes or otherwise, or which may be calculated, directly or indirectly, to promote the interests of this corporation or to enhance the value of its property, to conduct its business in this State, and to hold,

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purchase, mortgage and convey real and personal property, in the State of Florida, and to have and to exercise all the powers conferred by the State of Florida upon corporations not for profit formed under the Act pursuant to and under which this corporation is formed.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP

Any natural person, corporation or business entity may become a general member of the corporation. Corporation membership shall be available without regard to race, color, country of origin or sexual orientation.

The corporation shall not have any voting members.

ARTICLE VII **DIRECTORS**

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors of no less than four (4) persons and no more than fifteen (15) persons. The number of Directors and the term of office and manner of election shall be as provided by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII

The name and addresses of each initial incorporators are:

Jim Valek	1844 Cottonwood Trail, Sarasota, Florida 34232
F. Gaines Finley	2218 Circlewood Drive, Sarasota, Florida 34231
Carol Streibich	4088 Hearthstone Drive, Sarasota, Florida 34238
Ken Patton	6319 Turners Gap Road, Bradenton, Florida 34203
Ed Valek	2919 Pony Lane, Sarasota, Florida 34232

ARTICLE IX OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the corporation shall be President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the By-Laws. The duties of each officer shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 2: The names of the persons who now serve as officers of the corporation are:

OFFICE President/Director	<u>NAME</u> Jim Valek	ADDRESS 1844 Cottonwood Trail Sarasota, FL 34232
Treasurer/Director	F. Gaines Finley	2218 Circlewood Drive Sarasota, FL 34231

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Secretary/Director

Carol Streibich

4088 Hearthstone Drive Sarasota, FL 34238

ARTICLE X BYLAWS

<u>Section 1</u>: The Board of Trustees of this corporation may provide such By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may dccm necessary from time to time.

Section 2: Upon proper notice, the By-Laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

<u>Section 1</u>: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the directors called for that purpose, by a majority vote of those present.

IN WITNESS WHERIFOF, the undersigned President has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 30 day of June, 2015.

Jim Valek, President

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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the state of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered officer/registered agent, in the state of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation is: <u>Sarasota Association of Independent Insurance</u> Agents, Inc.
- 2. The registered agent and office is:

F. Gaines Finley 2218 Circlewood Drive Sarasota, Florida 34231

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

Signature:

Date:

REGISTERED AGENT FILING FEE: \$35.00