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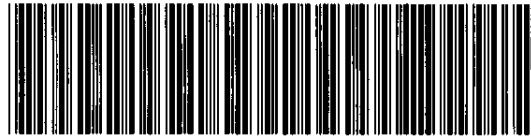
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SUBJECT: SOUTHEASTERN ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☒ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Albert M. Damelio IV

Name (Printed or typed)

5789 St. Joe Rd.

Address

Tallahassee, FL 32311

City, State & Zip

850-583-1582

Daytime Telephone number

mdamelio@fsu.edu

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION OF
SOUTHEASTERN ORIENTATION
AND MOBILITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

The undersigned, desiring to form a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I-
NAME:**

The name of this corporation shall be SOUTHEASTERN ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II-PRINCIPAL OFFICE:

The initial principal place of business of this Corporation shall be 5789 St. Joe Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32311.

**ARTICLE III -
PURPOSES:**

The general nature of the objectives and purposes of this Corporation are to be organized and operated exclusively as a not-for-profit corporation and for charitable purposes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations issued thereunder, or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law (the "Code"). Specifically, this Corporation is organized to provide opportunities for professionals working with people with visual impairments, specifically focusing on professional development for orientation and mobility specialists in the southeastern United States.

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**ARTICLE IV -INITIAL
OFFICERS AND/OR
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS:**

- A) The Corporation shall, at all times, maintain a minimum of four (4) officers, which shall include a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary,

pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The Corporation reserves the right to increase the number of officers from time to time, but at no time will there be less than four (4) officers. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at its first organizational meeting and thereafter at its annual meeting.

- B) All corporate powers shall be exercised under the authority of, and the affairs of this Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a board of directors that shall be referred to as the "Board of Directors," except as otherwise provided by law, in these Articles of Incorporation, or the Bylaws of the Corporation. The directors shall be referred to as "Directors."
- C) The Corporation shall have five (5) Directors initially, in accordance with Section 617.0803(1), Florida Statutes. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time according to the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than three (3).
- D) Initially, the Directors shall be appointed. Thereafter, Board of Directors members shall be elected pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation.
- E) At the first organizational meeting of the Corporation, one (1) Director shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, and one (1) Director shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, two (2) Directors shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, and one (1) Director shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years; at each annual meeting there after Directors requiring replacement shall be elected for a term of four (4) years or otherwise in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation.

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ARTICLE V-INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

1. **Name and Title:** Albert M. Damelio IV; ***Chair***

Address: 5789 St. Joe Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32311

2. **Name and Title:** Eileen Bischof; ***Vice Chair***

Address: 5102 China Berry Ln. Tallahassee, FL 32311

3. **Name and Title:** Mary Phagan-Kean; ***Treasurer***

Address: 498 Ebenezer Road, Ellijay Ga. 30536

4. **Name and Title:** Dona Saurburger; ***Secretary***

Address: 1606 Huntcliff Way, Gambrills, MD, 21054

5. **Name and Title:** Lynn Gautreaux; ***Member at Large***

Address: 15114 Point Chenier Avenue Baton

Rouge, Louisiana 70817

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ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE:

The street address of the initial registered agent of this Corporation is Albert M. Damelio IV
and the address is: 5789 St. Joe Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32311

ARTICLE VII- INCORPORATOR:

The name and address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Albert M. Damelio, IV	5789 St. Joe Road Tallahassee, Florida 32311

ARTICLE VIII- TERM OF EXISTENCE:

This Corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE IX-POWERS:

The Corporation shall have the general power to do all lawful acts, as conferred upon
corporations not-for-profit by Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, including all those things

necessary or expedient in the prosecution of the Corporation's purposes, which are necessary and desirable to carry out the purposes and responsibilities of the Corporation.

Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, the powers of the Corporation shall be subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

- A) The Corporation shall have no power to do any act inconsistent with the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Code;
- B) No part of the income, profit or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, directly or indirectly, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons; provided however, 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 II of these Articles of Incorporation; and
- C) 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.

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS:

- A) The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of the business of the Corporation and the carrying out of its purposes as it may deem necessary from time to time, including, but not limited to, provisions for the quorum and voting requirements of meetings and activities of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that such Bylaws shall not conflict with these Articles of Incorporation.
- B) Upon proper notice, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors who are present at any regular special meeting for such purpose.

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ARTICLE XI- AMENDMENTS:

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered, changed or repealed solely by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII- CORPORATE LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION:

No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this Corporation and, upon dissolution of this Corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to the supported organization, or if the supported organization ceases to exist or is not an organization qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code at the time of such distribution, then the distribution shall be made as determined by the Board of Directors in the manner to best accomplish the religious, charitable and educational purposes of the supported organization, provided that such distribution shall be made:

- A) To one or more organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code where the purposes are similar to the religious; charitable and educational purposes of the supported organization;
- B) To a federal government or a state or local government, for public purposes similar to the religious, charitable and educational purposes of the supported organization consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida; or
- C) Upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction, to another organization to be used in such manner as in the judgment of the court will best accomplish the religious, charitable and educational purposes of the supported organization.

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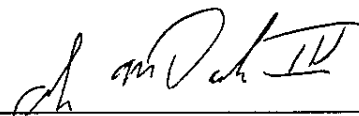
ARTICLE XIII- INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify officers, trustees, employees and agents to the full extent permitted by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, entitled the "Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act," provided, however, that no such indemnification shall be permitted if such indemnification would violate the purposes of the Corporation as specified in Article 11 herein or would be inconsistent with the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

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


ALBERT M. DAMELIO, IV, Registered Agent
Date: August 25th 2015

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am 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.


ALBERT M. DAMELIO, IV, *Incorporator*
Date: August 25th 2015

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