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National Lin	nnology Foundation, Inc.		<u> </u>
SUBJECT: (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)			
ro I and in an original o	and one (1) copy of the Art	icles of Incorporation and	a check for :
□ \$70.00 Filing Fee	☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	■\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	☐ \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate
		ADDITIONAL CO	PY REQUIRED
FROM	Maryann Krisovitch	(b 'sand as transid)	_
		me (Printed or typed)	
	6701 Lake Kirkland Drive	Address	_ _
	Clermont, FL 34714		_
		City, State & Zip	
	352-434-5025		_ _
	Day	time Telephone number	

Maryann@FLMS.net

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

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF NATIONAL LIMNOLOGY FOUNDATION, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, a citizen of the United States, desiring to form a Not-For-Profit Corporation under the State of Florida Not-for-Profit Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, does hereby certify:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name the name of this Corporation is National Limnology Foundation, Inc.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The initial principal office of the Corporation is to be located in Lake County at 6701 Lake Kirkland Drive, Clermont, Florida. 3411

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

Said Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, literary and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes to promote research and understanding of lake and watershed ecosystems, to support financially and otherwise, a center for limnologic research, to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, educational, literary and scientific purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

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 furtherance of the purposes set forth 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

ARTICLE IV

TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall commence existence on the date of filing and shall exist perpetually.

<u>ARTICLE V</u>

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

NAME ADDRESS

Maryann Krisovitch 6701 Lake Kirkland Drive

Clermont, FL 34714

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a president, one or more vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided for by the Board of Directors from time to time in the bylaws. An officer or director may hold one or more offices. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors annually in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

MANNER OF ELECTION

The method of election of directors shall be as set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until the first election hereunder are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Richard Stephenson	102 Lakeview Terrace Drive Altoona, FL 34702
Ronald Hart	27351 SR 19 Tavares, FL 32778
Tony Roper	P.O. Box 770961 Winter Garden, FL 34777

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ARTICLE IX

BYLAWS

The bylaws of the Corporation shall be made, altered, or rescinded by affirmative vote of the majority of the directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors of the Corporation, after no less than fifteen (15) days prior written notice to all directors.

ARTICLE XI

MISCELLANEOUS

<u>Section 1.</u> Neither the members, directors, nor officers of the Corporation shall be personally liable for any obligations of the Corporation of any nature whatsoever; nor shall any of the property of any member, director or officer of the Corporation be subject to the payment of the obligations of the Corporation to any extent whatsoever.

Section 2. The Corporation shall have no capital stock.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Corporation shall have all powers to carry out its purposes and activities incidental to its purposes in furtherance, and not in limitation of, the powers conferred by law and by the "Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act", Chapter 617, Florida statutes, or as the same may be amended.

Section 4. 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 tax deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

Section 5. During any period that it is a "private foundation" as defined in section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or a corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws, the Corporation shall not engage in any act of self – dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4941(a) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

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Section 6. During any period that it is a "private foundation" as defined in section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or a corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws, the Corporation shall either operate as a private operating foundation in a manner to qualify as a private operating foundation for purposes of section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws; or it shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as to not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

Section 7. During any period that it is a "private foundation" as defined in section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or a corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws the Corporation shall not retain any "excess business holdings" as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4943(a) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

Section 8. During any period that it is a "private foundation" as defined in section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or a corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws, the Corporation shall not make any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes within the meaning of section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4944(a) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

Section 9. during any period that it is a "private foundation" as defined in section 5098 of the internal revenue code or a corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws, the Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4945(a) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

ARTICLE XII

DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, pursuant to the procedure of provisions of Florida Statutes Chapter 617.1405, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner as the 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 XIII

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address and mailing address of the registered office of the Corporation is 6701 Lake Kirkland Drive, Clermont, Florida 34714. The registered agent of the Corporation at that office shall be Maryann Krisovitch.

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. In witness whereof, the incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation the 4th day of January 2021.

(arvann/Krisovitch) Incorporator

State of Florida, County of Lake

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4th day of January 2021, by Marvann Krisovitch. She is personally known to me or has produced a Florida Driver's License as identification.

> LIZANDRA E. LEMBECK Notary Public - State of Florida Commission # GG 362750 My Comm, Expires Feb 27, 2022

Notary signature

Lizandra Lewbeck Notary name printed

Notary public

My commission expires: 2/2 2/22

Consent of registered agent:

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.

Dated this Ath day of January 2021.

Maryann Kysovitch/Registered Agent