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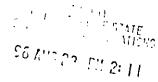
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF AWSERVICES, Inc.

A Florida Corporation Not-For-Profit.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation is AWSERVICES, Inc.

ARTICLE II

ENABLING LAW

This corporation is organized pursuant to the Corporation Not-For-Profit Law of the State of Florida set forth in Part One of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for educational purposes with the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Specifically, the corporation will sponsor educational programs, conferences, and seminars, as well as training programs, in the area of welding.

ARTICLE IV

TERMS

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

INCORPORATORS

The name and addresses of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Name

Address

Dr. Frank G. DeLaurier

550 N.W. LeJeune Road Miami, Florida 33126 (305) 443-9353

Dr. Nelson C. Wall

550 N.W. LeJeune Road Miami, Florida 33126 (305)443-9353

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP

There shall be no members.

ARTICLE VII

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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, directors, 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 in Article III hereof. 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 candidates for public office.

<u>ARTICLE VIII</u>

MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Board of Directors: The power of this corporation shall be exercised, its A. properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors of not less than four (4) directors. The names and addresses of the persons constituting the First Board of Directors who are to act in that capacity until the selection of their successors are: Address Name and Title P. O. Box 517 S. W. Bollinger, Chairman Hanover, PA 17331 801 Sunfish Street L. G. Kvidahl, Vice Chairman Pascagoula, MS 39581 F. G. DeLaurier, Chief Executive Officer 550 N. W. LeJeune Road Miami, FL 33126 and Secretary N. C. Wall, Chief Operations Officer and 550 N. W. LeJeune Road Miami, FL 33126 **Assistant Secretary** 550 N. W. LeJeune Road J. J. McLaughlin, Assistant Secretary Miami, FL 33126 A. O. Winsand, Treasurer 909 Tottenham Birmingham, MI 48009 550 N. W. LeJeune Road R. J. Miedziałko, Assistant Treasurer Miami, FL 33126 5151 Northrup Avenue N. R. Helton, Director St Louis, MO 63110 P.O. Box 560 L. W. Myers, Director Olean, NY 14760 22801 St. Clair Avenue D. J. Nangle, Director Cleveland, OH 44117 P. O. Box 502 A. L. Petroski, Director

Biddeford, ME 04005

R. C. Pierce, Director

940 N. Martin Luther King Drive

Prichard, AL 36610

J. F. Key, Ex Officio

2351 N. Boulevard

Idaho Falls, ID 83415-2218

G. D. Uttrachi, Ex Officio

P. O. Box 100545 Florence, SC 29501

- B. The method of election of the Officers and Directors shall be set forth in the Bylaws.
- C. Directors and Officers may be removial, with or without cause, only by the Board of Directors of the American Welding Society.

ARTICLE IX

LOCATION OF REGISTERED OFFICE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

- A. The address of the corporation's principal office and initial registered office in the State of Florida is 550 N. W. LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida 33126.
- B. The name of the corporation's initial registered agent at the above address is Dr. Nelson C. Wall.

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BYLAWS

Bylaws will be hereinafter adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. Such Bylaws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by the Board of Directors in the manner provided therein. Any amendments to the Bylaws shall be binding on all members of this Corporation.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES

Amendments to theses Articles of Incorporation may be made only by the Board of Directors, with approval of the American Welding Society Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed to the American Welding Society, a Section 501(c)(3) organization, for the exempt purposes of the American Welding Society. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas 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.

The undersigned constituting the subscribers of this corporation, for the purpose of forming the corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 20th day of August 1996.

Dr. Frank G. DeLaurier

Dr. Nelson C. Wall

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The undersigned, naving been named Registered Agent to accept services to process for AWSERVICES, INC., at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, hereby agrees to act in this capacity and agrees to comply with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, relative to keeping open said office.

Dr. Nelson C. Wall

Registered Agent