

Articles of Incorporation
of
Arkansas Institutional Research Organization

We, the undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Act 1147 of 1993 and Arkansas Code Annotated § 4-33-202, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation of such corporation.

Article I
Name

The name of the corporation is Arkansas Institutional Research Organization, (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

Article II
Registered Office Address

The principal office of the Corporation is to be located at 501 Woodlane Street, Suite 600, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. The name and address in the Corporation's initial agent for service of process is: Eric Atchison, 501 Woodlane Street, Suite 600, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Article III
Purpose

The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for such purposes, the making of distributions 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. The specific purposes of the Corporation are to (1) promote excellence in institutional research, (2) create a supportive network to provide professional development opportunities and promote the scholarship of institutional research, (3) encourage a culture of ethical data use among faculty, staff and professionals, and (4) facilitate efforts by member institutions and policy-making bodies to improve postsecondary data strategy.

The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual, nor shall any of the profits or assets of the Corporation be used other than for the purposes of the Corporation.

Article IV
Duration

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual. In the event of liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by the operation of law, the property or other assets of the Corporation remaining after the payment, satisfaction, and discharge of liabilities or obligations, 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 V Exemption Requirements

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the Corporation:

1. 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 in Article Third hereof.

2. 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.

3. 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 federal tax code.

Article VI Powers

The corporation has the power to engage in any lawful activity, pursuant to the laws of the State of Arkansas, including the opening and operating of a bank account.

Article VII Initial Registered Agent

The name and address of the corporation's initial registered agent is:

Eric S. Atchison, 501 Woodlane Street, Suite 600, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

The corporation maintains in its corporate records the statement of acceptance by the registered agent.

Article VIII Principal Office & Mailing Address

The complete street address of the corporation's designated principal office and mailing address is:

Arkansas Institutional Research Organization
501 Woodlane Street, Suite 600
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

**Article IX
Directors & Officers**

The initial directors and officers shall be the following persons and positions:

President:	David Cannon	638 Doe Creek Trail N., Hernando, Mississippi 38632
President-Elect:	Amber Hall	5240 Bay Town, Conway, Arkansas 72034
Secretary:	Kimberly Purdy	4729 Rocky Ridge Trail, Little Flock, AR 72756
Treasurer:	Eric Atchison	25 Chemin Court, Little Rock, Arkansas 72223

**Article X
Bylaws**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, amend or repeal the bylaws of this corporation. The bylaws shall govern the operation of this corporation unless any bylaw conflicts with these Articles of Incorporation, in which case the Articles of Incorporation shall be controlling.

**Article XI
Dissolution**

Upon dissolution, assets shall be distributed by the board of directors according to the applicable statutes and regulations for the State of Arkansas. Further provisions regarding distribution upon dissolution shall be stated in the corporation's bylaws.

**Article XII
Indemnification**

The corporation does indemnify any directors, officers, employees, incorporators, and shareholders of the corporation from any liability regarding the corporation and the business of the corporation, unless the person fraudulently and intentionally violated the law and/or maliciously conducted acts to damage and/or defraud the corporation, or as otherwise provided under applicable state corporate statute.

I, _____, a Notary Public, hereby certify that on the 10th day of November, 2021:

David Cannon

Amber Hall

Kimberly Purdy

Eric Atchison

appeared before me and signed the foregoing document as incorporators, and have averred that the statements therein contained are true.

Notary Public