

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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That we, the undersigned, for ourselves, our associates and successors, have associated for the purpose of forming a South Dakota corporation under Chapter 24 of the South Dakota Non-Profit Act.

Article I

The name of the corporation is South Dakota State Poetry Society, Inc.

Article II

The period of existence is perpetual.

Article III

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To encourage and foster the writing and publication of poetry by South Dakota writers and to promote excellence therein; to arouse, in students of high school and college age, interest in the creative writing of poetry; to foster or publish *PASQUE PETALS*, a magazine, on a regular basis, thereby continuing the publication which was begun before the Society was organized, which publication is devoted chiefly to poetry; to stimulate by such proper means as the sponsoring of contest, awarding of prizes, and by other means of encouragement, the writing of poetry; and by these means to aid in the cultural growth of South Dakota.

Article IV

The corporation shall have the following classes of members:

Voting members shall have the qualifications set forth in the by-laws.

These shall be classified as CHARTER MEMBERS, REGULAR MEMBERS, SUSTAINING MEMBERS, AND HONORARY MEMBERS. Non-voting members shall have the qualifications set forth in the by-laws and shall be classified as JUNIOR MEMBERS.

Article V

There shall be a board of directors, which shall be elected by the voting members of the corporation.

Article VI

In the event of final dissolution of the corporation, the assets shall be distributed as follows:

Files and copies of its publications shall be placed with an educational, memorial, historical or museum type institution, or as designated by the board of directors. Any funds remaining after

payment of all debts and obligations of the corporation shall be given to a South Dakota College or University, whether public or private, as determined by the board of directors, for the purpose of awards or scholarships in aid of creative writing and education.

The Balance of the Articles are the usual legal documentation, signed and notarized by Alice L. Bowen, Notary Public, 8th day of August, 1970.

Reads as follows:

Adeline Jenney, Mary Goings, Gertrude W. Abbott, Florence Brown, Esther M. Christiansen, Dorothy I. Davie, Mabel Frederick, Muriel Hargreaves and Edna Mae Stride. Being first duly sworn each for herself, on oath, deposes and says: That she is one of the persons described in and who signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as an incorporator therein; that she has read said Articles and knows the contents thereof; that the incorporators intend in god faith to form a corporation for charitable purpose, as set forth in said Articles, and not for the purpose of enabling any corporation or corporations to avoid the provisions of Chapter 13.18 of the South Dakota Code of 1939, relating to unlawful trusts and combinations, and laws amendatory thereof, and that said proposed corporation is not being formed for any unlawful purpose.