

(Non-Profit)
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, known as the Michigan General Corporation Act, as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is THE MICHIGAN SILVERSMITHS GUILD

ARTICLE II

The purpose or purposes of this corporation are as follows:

To advance the technical knowledge of independent craftsmen in silver, gold and other art metals. To encourage students and others interested in this craft. To heighten public appreciation of fine craftsmanship in ~~the precious metals~~ *metal arts*.

~~(Sponsored by Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit 2, Michigan)~~

To this end, the corporation shall at all times be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, 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 of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

ARTICLE III

Location of the registered office is:

The home address of the current president.

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

1. The corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its members. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member of the corporation, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes. Such net earnings, if any, of this corporation shall be used to carry out the nonprofit corporate purposes set forth in Article II above.

2. *No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication 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 by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended.*

ARTICLE IV

Said corporation is organized upon a Non-stock basis.

The amount of assets which said corporation possess is: None

Real property: None

Personal property: None

Said corporation is to be financed under the following general plan: Annual dues of active membership at ~~\$10.00.~~ Annual dues of associate membership ~~\$2.00.~~ *as determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership by majority vote.*

ARTICLE V

The names and places of residence or business of each of the incorporators are as follows:

President	Christine Bossler	1484 Atkinson, Detroit, MI 48206
Vice President	Ericia Bartels	3477 Three Mile Drive, Detroit, MI 48224
Secretary	Jennifer Thomson	3416 Sussex Ct, Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Treasure	Richard Locke	4345 Central Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Board Member	Juanita Bitonti	3435 Sesame Dr, Howell, MI 48843
Board Member	Kathleen Fitzpatrick	13779 Hamilton, Riverview, MI 48193
Board Member	William Fitzpatrick	13779 Hamilton, Riverview, MI 48193
Board Member	Fredrick Hunter	4315 Vorheis Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Board Member	Mary Kernahan	6814 Moccasin Drive, Westland, MI 48185
Board Member	Tiffany Massey	18445 San Juan, Detroit, MI 48221
Board Member	Steven Tracy	21829 Woodruff Rd. - Apt. B1, Rockwood, MI 48173

The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws. No Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI

The names and addresses of the first board of directors (or trustees) are as follows:

<i>R.A. Brewer</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Box 107 Franklin, Michigan</i>
<i>William Woolfanden</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI</i>
<i>Marian Eagan</i>	<i>Recording Secretary</i>	<i>5574 Nottingham, Detroit, MI</i>
<i>Michael Vizzini</i>	<i>Treasure</i>	<i>2263 Elmhurst, Detroit, MI</i>

No officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the officer, or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII

The term of this corporation is ~~fixed at 30 years.~~ *perpetual.*

At the time of dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation. In non case shall a disposition be made which would not qualify as a charitable contribution under Section 170(c)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the incorporators have signed these Articles of Incorporation this

____ Day of _____ AD 20__