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September 1, 2010

Internal Revenue Service
TEGE Division
P.O. Box 192
Covington, Kentucky 41012-0192

Re: Application by the American Academy of Minimalist Art (EIN:
84-1234567) for Recognition of Exemption Under
Section 501(c)(3)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the original of Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3), filed on behalf of the American Academy of Minimalist Art, a Colorado nonprofit corporation that was organized on January 1, 2010. Also enclosed in support of the filing of this application are the following documents:

1. A conformed copy of the applicant's Articles of Incorporation, which are attached to Form 1023;
2. A conformed copy of Bylaws (also attached to Form 1023); and
3. An envelope containing the applicant's check in the amount of \$850 in payment of the applicable filing fee.

The various attachments that are referred to throughout Form 1023 (together with the applicant's governing documents) follow Page 12 of that form.

On the basis of Form 1023, its attachments, and the remaining enclosures, the applicant respectfully requests a determination that it is an organization exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and a determination that it is a publicly supported charity under Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A Power of Attorney authorizing the undersigned to represent the applicant before the Internal Revenue Service in connection with this matter is enclosed. Please note, however, that the information set forth in the enclosed Form 1023 and its accompanying documents is not of the undersigned's own knowledge, but is based upon information furnished to the undersigned by persons believed to be reliable.

No issue involving the applicant's exempt status is pending before any court or any District or Appeals Office of the Internal Revenue Service.

If you have any questions regarding this matter or desire any further information, please call the undersigned at the number listed above. If you feel that you cannot act favorably upon this request, then a conference in your office is requested.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Nagel

PBN:rm
Enclosures
cc: Mr. Robert LeBlanc (with enclosures)

Form 1023 Checklist

(Revised June 2006)

Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Note. Retain a copy of the completed Form 1023 in your permanent records. Refer to the General Instructions regarding Public Inspection of approved applications.

Check each box to finish your application (Form 1023). Send this completed Checklist with your filled-in application. If you have not answered all the items below, your application may be returned to you as incomplete.

- Assemble the application and materials in this order:
- Form 1023 Checklist
 - Form 2848, *Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative* (if filing)
 - Form 8821, *Tax Information Authorization* (if filing)
 - Expedite request (if requesting)
 - Application (Form 1023 and Schedules A through H, as required)
 - Articles of organization
 - Amendments to articles of organization in chronological order
 - Bylaws or other rules of operation and amendments
 - Documentation of nondiscriminatory policy for schools, as required by Schedule B
 - Form 5768, *Election/Revocation of Election by an Eligible Section 501(c)(3) Organization To Make Expenditures To Influence Legislation* (if filing)
 - All other attachments, including explanations, financial data, and printed materials or publications. Label each page with name and EIN.
- User fee payment placed in envelope on top of checklist. DO NOT STAPLE or otherwise attach your check or money order to your application. Instead, just place it in the envelope.
- Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Completed Parts I through XI of the application, including any requested information and any required Schedules A through H.
- You must provide specific details about your past, present, and planned activities.
 - Generalizations or failure to answer questions in the Form 1023 application will prevent us from recognizing you as tax exempt.
 - Describe your purposes and proposed activities in specific easily understood terms.
 - Financial information should correspond with proposed activities.
- Schedules. Submit only those schedules that apply to you and check either "Yes" or "No" below.
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| Schedule A | Yes ___ No ___ | Schedule E | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Schedule B | Yes ___ No ___ | Schedule F | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Schedule C | Yes ___ No ___ | Schedule G | Yes ___ No ___ |
| Schedule D | Yes ___ No ___ | Schedule H | Yes ___ No ___ |

- An exact copy of your complete articles of organization (creating document). Absence of the proper purpose and dissolution clauses is the number one reason for delays in the issuance of determination letters.
 - Location of Purpose Clause from Part III, line 1 (Page, Article and Paragraph Number) _____
 - Location of Dissolution Clause from Part III, line 2b or 2c (Page, Article and Paragraph Number) or by operation of state law _____
- Signature of an officer, director, trustee, or other official who is authorized to sign the application.
 - Signature at Part XI of Form 1023.
- Your name on the application must be the same as your legal name as it appears in your articles of organization.

Send completed Form 1023, user fee payment, and all other required information, to:

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 192
Covington, KY 41012-0192

If you are using express mail or a delivery service, send Form 1023, user fee payment, and attachments to:

Internal Revenue Service
201 West Rivercenter Blvd.
Attn: Extracting Stop 312
Covington, KY 41011



Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative

OMB No. 1545-0150

For IRS Use Only

Received by: _____
 Name _____
 Telephone _____
 Function _____
 Date / /

▶ Type or print. ▶ See the separate instructions.

Part I Power of Attorney

Caution: Form 2848 will not be honored for any purpose other than representation before the IRS.

1 Taxpayer information. Taxpayer(s) must sign and date this form on page 2, line 9.

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| Taxpayer name(s) and address | Social security number(s) : : : : : : | Employer identification number : : : |
| | Daytime telephone number () | Plan number (if applicable) |

hereby appoint(s) the following representative(s) as attorney(s)-in-fact:

2 Representative(s) must sign and date this form on page 2, Part II.

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| Name and address | CAF No. _____ Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____ Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Name and address | CAF No. _____ Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____ Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Name and address | CAF No. _____ Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____ Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/> |

to represent the taxpayer(s) before the Internal Revenue Service for the following tax matters:

3 Tax matters

| Type of Tax (Income, Employment, Excise, etc.) or Civil Penalty (see the instructions for line 3) | Tax Form Number (1040, 941, 720, etc.) | Year(s) or Period(s) (see the instructions for line 3) |
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4 Specific use not recorded on Centralized Authorization File (CAF). If the power of attorney is for a specific use not recorded on CAF, check this box. See the instructions for **Line 4. Specific Uses Not Recorded on CAF** ▶

5 Acts authorized. The representatives are authorized to receive and inspect confidential tax information and to perform any and all acts that I (we) can perform with respect to the tax matters described on line 3, for example, the authority to sign any agreements, consents, or other documents. The authority does not include the power to receive refund checks (see line 6 below), the power to substitute another representative or add additional representatives, the power to sign certain returns, or the power to execute a request for disclosure of tax returns or return information to a third party. See the line 5 instructions for more information.

Exceptions. An unenrolled return preparer cannot sign any document for a taxpayer and may only represent taxpayers in limited situations. See **Unenrolled Return Preparer** on page 1 of the instructions. An enrolled actuary may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(d) of Treasury Department Circular No. 230 (Circular 230). An enrolled retirement plan administrator may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(e) of Circular 230. See the line 5 instructions for restrictions on tax matters partners. In most cases, the student practitioner's (levels k and l) authority is limited (for example, they may only practice under the supervision of another practitioner).

List any specific additions or deletions to the acts otherwise authorized in this power of attorney: _____

6 Receipt of refund checks. If you want to authorize a representative named on line 2 to receive, **BUT NOT TO ENDORSE OR CASH**, refund checks, initial here _____ and list the name of that representative below.

Name of representative to receive refund check(s) ▶ _____

- 7 Notices and communications.** Original notices and other written communications will be sent to you and a copy to the first representative listed on line 2.
- a** If you also want the second representative listed to receive a copy of notices and communications, check this box
- b** If you do not want any notices or communications sent to your representative(s), check this box

8 Retention/revocation of prior power(s) of attorney. The filing of this power of attorney automatically revokes all earlier power(s) of attorney on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same tax matters and years or periods covered by this document. If you **do not** want to revoke a prior power of attorney, check here.

YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF ANY POWER OF ATTORNEY YOU WANT TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.

9 Signature of taxpayer(s). If a tax matter concerns a joint return, **both** husband and wife must sign if joint representation is requested, otherwise, see the instructions. If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, or trustee on behalf of the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute this form on behalf of the taxpayer.

▶ IF NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED.

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| Signature | Date | Title (if applicable) |
| Print Name | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> PIN Number | Print name of taxpayer from line 1 if other than individual |

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| Signature | Date | Title (if applicable) |
| Print Name | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> PIN Number | |

Part II Declaration of Representative

Caution: *Students with a special order to represent taxpayers in qualified Low Income Taxpayer Clinics or the Student Tax Clinic Program (levels k and l), see the instructions for Part II.*

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that:

- I am not currently under suspension or disbarment from practice before the Internal Revenue Service;
- I am aware of regulations contained in Circular 230 (31 CFR, Part 10), as amended, concerning the practice of attorneys, certified public accountants, enrolled agents, enrolled actuaries, and others;
- I am authorized to represent the taxpayer(s) identified in Part I for the tax matter(s) specified there; and
- I am one of the following:
 - a** Attorney—a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the jurisdiction shown below.
 - b** Certified Public Accountant—duly qualified to practice as a certified public accountant in the jurisdiction shown below.
 - c** Enrolled Agent—enrolled as an agent under the requirements of Circular 230.
 - d** Officer—a bona fide officer of the taxpayer’s organization.
 - e** Full-Time Employee—a full-time employee of the taxpayer.
 - f** Family Member—a member of the taxpayer’s immediate family (for example, spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister).
 - g** Enrolled Actuary—enrolled as an actuary by the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries under 29 U.S.C. 1242 (the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by section 10.3(d) of Circular 230).
 - h** Unenrolled Return Preparer—the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by Circular 230, section 10.7(c)(1)(viii). You must have prepared the return in question and the return must be under examination by the IRS. See **Unenrolled Return Preparer** on page 1 of the instructions.
 - k** Student Attorney—student who receives permission to practice before the IRS by virtue of their status as a law student under section 10.7(d) of Circular 230.
 - l** Student CPA—student who receives permission to practice before the IRS by virtue of their status as a CPA student under section 10.7(d) of Circular 230.
 - r** Enrolled Retirement Plan Agent—enrolled as a retirement plan agent under the requirements of Circular 230 (the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by section 10.3(e)).

▶ IF THIS DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THE POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED. See the Part II instructions.

| Designation—Insert above letter (a-r) | Jurisdiction (state) or identification | Signature | Date |
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**Application for Recognition of Exemption
 Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**

Use the instructions to complete this application and for a definition of all **bold** items. For additional help, call IRS Exempt Organizations Customer Account Services toll-free at 1-877-829-5500. Visit our website at www.irs.gov for forms and publications. If the required information and documents are not submitted with payment of the appropriate user fee, the application may be returned to you.

Attach additional sheets to this application if you need more space to answer fully. Put your name and EIN on each sheet and identify each answer by Part and line number. Complete Parts I - XI of Form 1023 and submit only those Schedules (A through H) that apply to you.

Part I Identification of Applicant

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| 1 Full name of organization (exactly as it appears in your organizing document) | | 2 c/o Name (if applicable) | |
| 3 Mailing address (Number and street) (see instructions) | Room/Suite | 4 Employer Identification Number (EIN) | |
| City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 | | 5 Month the annual accounting period ends (01 - 12) | |
| 6 Primary contact (officer, director, trustee, or authorized representative) a Name: | | b Phone: | |
| | | c Fax: (optional) | |
| 7 Are you represented by an authorized representative, such as an attorney or accountant? If "Yes," provide the authorized representative's name, and the name and address of the authorized representative's firm. Include a completed Form 2848, <i>Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative</i> , with your application if you would like us to communicate with your representative. | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 8 Was a person who is not one of your officers, directors, trustees, employees, or an authorized representative listed in line 7, paid, or promised payment, to help plan, manage, or advise you about the structure or activities of your organization, or about your financial or tax matters? If "Yes," provide the person's name, the name and address of the person's firm, the amounts paid or promised to be paid, and describe that person's role. | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 9a Organization's website: | | | |
| b Organization's email: (optional) | | | |
| 10 Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exemption, are you claiming to be excused from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If "Yes," explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 11 Date incorporated if a corporation, or formed, if other than a corporation. (MM/DD/YYYY) / / | | | |
| 12 Were you formed under the laws of a foreign country ? If "Yes," state the country. | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

Part II Organizational Structure

You must be a corporation (including a limited liability company), an unincorporated association, or a trust to be tax exempt. (See instructions.) **DO NOT file this form unless you can check "Yes" on lines 1, 2, 3, or 4.**

- 1 Are you a **corporation**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of incorporation showing **certification of filing** with the appropriate state agency. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they also show state filing certification. **Yes** **No**

- 2 Are you a **limited liability company (LLC)**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of organization showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach a copy. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they show state filing certification. Refer to the instructions for circumstances when an LLC should not file its own exemption application. **Yes** **No**

- 3 Are you an **unincorporated association**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of association, constitution, or other similar organizing document that is dated and includes at least two signatures. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments. **Yes** **No**

- 4a Are you a **trust**? If "Yes," attach a signed and dated copy of your trust agreement. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments. **Yes** **No**
- b Have you been funded? If "No," explain how you are formed without anything of value placed in trust. **Yes** **No**

- 5 Have you adopted **bylaws**? If "Yes," attach a current copy showing date of adoption. If "No," explain how your officers, directors, or trustees are selected. **Yes** **No**

Part III Required Provisions in Your Organizing Document

The following questions are designed to ensure that when you file this application, your organizing document contains the required provisions to meet the organizational test under section 501(c)(3). Unless you can check the boxes in both lines 1 and 2, your organizing document does not meet the organizational test. **DO NOT file this application until you have amended your organizing document.** Submit your original and amended organizing documents (showing state filing certification if you are a corporation or an LLC) with your application.

- 1 Section 501(c)(3) requires that your organizing document state your exempt purpose(s), such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement. Describe specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document. Refer to the instructions for exempt purpose language. Location of Purpose Clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph): _____

- 2a Section 501(c)(3) requires that upon dissolution of your organization, your remaining assets must be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box on line 2a to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement by express provision for the distribution of assets upon dissolution. If you rely on state law for your dissolution provision, do not check the box on line 2a and go to line 2c.
- 2b If you checked the box on line 2a, specify the location of your dissolution clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph). Do not complete line 2c if you checked box 2a. _____
- 2c See the instructions for information about the operation of state law in your particular state. Check this box if you rely on operation of state law for your dissolution provision and indicate the state: _____

Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities

Using an attachment, describe your *past, present, and planned* activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors

- 1a List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your officers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual **compensation**, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

| Name | Title | Mailing address | Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated) |
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Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

b List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of each of your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation. Do not include officers, directors, or trustees listed in line 1a.

| Name | Title | Mailing address | Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated) |
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c List the names, names of businesses, and mailing addresses of your five highest compensated **independent contractors** that receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

| Name | Title | Mailing address | Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated) |
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The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to *past, present, or planned* relationships, transactions, or agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

2a Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees **related** to each other through **family or business relationships**? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship. **Yes** **No**

b Do you have a business relationship with any of your officers, directors, or trustees other than through their position as an officer, director, or trustee? If "Yes," identify the individuals and describe the business relationship with each of your officers, directors, or trustees. **Yes** **No**

c Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1b or 1c through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship. **Yes** **No**

3a For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties.

b Do any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to you through **common control**? If "Yes," identify the individuals, explain the relationship between you and the other organization, and describe the compensation arrangement. **Yes** **No**

4 In establishing the compensation for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, the following practices are recommended, although they are not required to obtain exemption. Answer "Yes" to all the practices you use.

a Do you or will the individuals that approve compensation arrangements follow a conflict of interest policy? **Yes** **No**

b Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements in advance of paying compensation? **Yes** **No**

c Do you or will you document in writing the date and terms of approved compensation arrangements? **Yes** **No**

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

- d** Do you or will you record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on compensation arrangements? Yes No
- e** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by **similarly situated** taxable or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations? Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
- f** Do you or will you record in writing both the information on which you relied to base your decision and its source? Yes No
- g** If you answered "No" to any item on lines 4a through 4f, describe how you set compensation that is **reasonable** for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.
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- 5a** Have you adopted a **conflict of interest policy** consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If "No," answer lines 5b and 5c. Yes No
- b** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you for setting their own compensation?
- c** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you regarding business deals with themselves?
- Note:** A conflict of interest policy is recommended though it is not required to obtain exemption. Hospitals, see Schedule C, Section I, line 14.
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- 6a** Do you or will you compensate any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c through **non-fixed payments**, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is eligible for such arrangements, whether you place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
- b** Do you or will you compensate any of your employees, other than your officers, directors, trustees, or your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year, through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are or will be determined, who is or will be eligible for such arrangements, whether you place or will place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. Yes No
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- 7a** Do you or will you purchase any goods, services, or assets from any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such purchase that you made or intend to make, from whom you make or will make such purchases, how the terms are or will be negotiated at **arm's length**, and explain how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than **fair market value**. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such purchases. Yes No
- b** Do you or will you sell any goods, services, or assets to any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such sales that you made or intend to make, to whom you make or will make such sales, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you are or will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such sales. Yes No
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- 8a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8b through 8f. Yes No
- b** Describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make.
- c** Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d** Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e** Explain how you determine you pay no more than fair market value or you are paid at least fair market value.
- f** Attach copies of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.
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- 9a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with any organization in which any of your officers, directors, or trustees are also officers, directors, or trustees, or in which any individual officer, director, or trustee owns more than a 35% interest? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 9b through 9f. Yes No

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

- b Describe any written or oral arrangements you made or intend to make.
- c Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e Explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or that you are paid at least fair market value.
- f Attach a copy of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

Part VI Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to goods, services, and funds you provide to individuals and organizations as part of your activities. Your answers should pertain to *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1a In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals. Yes No
- b In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to organizations? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to organizations. Yes No
- 2 Do any of your programs limit the provision of goods, services, or funds to a specific individual or group of specific individuals? For example, answer "Yes," if goods, services, or funds are provided only for a particular individual, your members, individuals who work for a particular employer, or graduates of a particular school. If "Yes," explain the limitation and how recipients are selected for each program. Yes No
- 3 Do any individuals who receive goods, services, or funds through your programs have a family or business relationship with any officer, director, trustee, or with any of your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c? If "Yes," explain how these related individuals are eligible for goods, services, or funds. Yes No

Part VII Your History

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to your history. (See instructions.)

- 1 Are you a **successor** to another organization? Answer "Yes," if you have taken or will take over the activities of another organization; you took over 25% or more of the fair market value of the net assets of another organization; or you were established upon the conversion of an organization from for-profit to non-profit status. If "Yes," complete Schedule G. Yes No
- 2 Are you submitting this application more than 27 months after the end of the month in which you were legally formed? If "Yes," complete Schedule E. Yes No

Part VIII Your Specific Activities

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to specific activities that you may conduct. Check the appropriate box. Your answers should pertain to *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1 Do you support or oppose candidates in **political campaigns** in any way? If "Yes," explain. Yes No
- 2a Do you attempt to **influence legislation**? If "Yes," explain how you attempt to influence legislation and complete line 2b. If "No," go to line 3a. Yes No
- b Have you made or are you making an **election** to have your legislative activities measured by expenditures by filing Form 5768? If "Yes," attach a copy of the Form 5768 that was already filed or attach a completed Form 5768 that you are filing with this application. If "No," describe whether your attempts to influence legislation are a substantial part of your activities. Include the time and money spent on your attempts to influence legislation as compared to your total activities. Yes No
- 3a Do you or will you operate bingo or **gaming** activities? If "Yes," describe who conducts them, and list all revenue received or expected to be received and expenses paid or expected to be paid in operating these activities. **Revenue and expenses** should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Yes No
- b Do you or will you enter into contracts or other agreements with individuals or organizations to conduct bingo or gaming for you? If "Yes," describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make, identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements, explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or you will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies or any written contracts or other agreements relating to such arrangements. Yes No
- c List the states and local jurisdictions, including Indian Reservations, in which you conduct or will conduct gaming or bingo.

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

4a Do you or will you undertake **fundraising**? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct. (See instructions.) **Yes** **No**

- mail solicitations
- email solicitations
- personal solicitations
- vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations
- foundation grant solicitations
- phone solicitations
- accept donations on your website
- receive donations from another organization's website
- government grant solicitations
- Other

Attach a description of each fundraising program.

b Do you or will you have written or oral contracts with any individuals or organizations to raise funds for you? If "Yes," describe these activities. Include all revenue and expenses from these activities and state who conducts them. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Also, attach a copy of any contracts or agreements. **Yes** **No**

c Do you or will you engage in fundraising activities for other organizations? If "Yes," describe these arrangements. Include a description of the organizations for which you raise funds and attach copies of all contracts or agreements. **Yes** **No**

d List all states and local jurisdictions in which you conduct fundraising. For each state or local jurisdiction listed, specify whether you fundraise for your own organization, you fundraise for another organization, or another organization fundraises for you.

e Do you or will you maintain separate accounts for any contributor under which the contributor has the right to advise on the use or distribution of funds? Answer "Yes" if the donor may provide advice on the types of investments, distributions from the types of investments, or the distribution from the donor's contribution account. If "Yes," describe this program, including the type of advice that may be provided and submit copies of any written materials provided to donors. **Yes** **No**

5 Are you **affiliated** with a governmental unit? If "Yes," explain. **Yes** **No**

6a Do you or will you engage in **economic development**? If "Yes," describe your program. **Yes** **No**

b Describe in full who benefits from your economic development activities and how the activities promote exempt purposes.

7a Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers **develop** your facilities? If "Yes," describe each facility, the role of the developer, and any business or family relationship(s) between the developer and your officers, directors, or trustees. **Yes** **No**

b Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers **manage** your activities or facilities? If "Yes," describe each activity and facility, the role of the manager, and any business or family relationship(s) between the manager and your officers, directors, or trustees. **Yes** **No**

c If there is a business or family relationship between any manager or developer and your officers, directors, or trustees, identify the individuals, explain the relationship, describe how contracts are negotiated at arm's length so that you pay no more than fair market value, and submit a copy of any contracts or other agreements.

8 Do you or will you enter into **joint ventures**, including partnerships or **limited liability companies** treated as partnerships, in which you share profits and losses with partners other than section 501(c)(3) organizations? If "Yes," describe the activities of these joint ventures in which you participate. **Yes** **No**

9a Are you applying for exemption as a childcare organization under section 501(k)? If "Yes," answer lines 9b through 9d. If "No," go to line 10. **Yes** **No**

b Do you provide child care so that parents or caretakers of children you care for can be **gainfully employed** (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). **Yes** **No**

c Of the children for whom you provide child care, are 85% or more of them cared for by you to enable their parents or caretakers to be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). **Yes** **No**

d Are your services available to the general public? If "No," describe the specific group of people for whom your activities are available. Also, see the instructions and explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). **Yes** **No**

10 Do you or will you publish, own, or have rights in music, literature, tapes, artworks, choreography, scientific discoveries, or other **intellectual property**? If "Yes," explain. Describe who owns or will own any copyrights, patents, or trademarks, whether fees are or will be charged, how the fees are determined, and how any items are or will be produced, distributed, and marketed. **Yes** **No**

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

- 11** Do you or will you accept contributions of: real property; conservation easements; closely held securities; intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights; works of music or art; licenses; royalties; automobiles, boats, planes, or other vehicles; or collectibles of any type? If "Yes," describe each type of contribution, any conditions imposed by the donor on the contribution, and any agreements with the donor regarding the contribution. **Yes** **No**
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- 12a** Do you or will you operate in a **foreign country or countries**? If "Yes," answer lines 12b through 12d. If "No," go to line 13a. **Yes** **No**
- b** Name the foreign countries and regions within the countries in which you operate.
- c** Describe your operations in each country and region in which you operate.
- d** Describe how your operations in each country and region further your exempt purposes.
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- 13a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to organization(s)? If "Yes," answer lines 13b through 13g. If "No," go to line 14a. **Yes** **No**
- b** Describe how your grants, loans, or other distributions to organizations further your exempt purposes.
- c** Do you have written contracts with each of these organizations? If "Yes," attach a copy of each contract. **Yes** **No**
- d** Identify each recipient organization and any **relationship** between you and the recipient organization.
- e** Describe the records you keep with respect to the grants, loans, or other distributions you make.
- f** Describe your selection process, including whether you do any of the following:
- (i)** Do you require an application form? If "Yes," attach a copy of the form. **Yes** **No**
- (ii)** Do you require a grant proposal? If "Yes," describe whether the grant proposal specifies your responsibilities and those of the grantee, obligates the grantee to use the grant funds only for the purposes for which the grant was made, provides for periodic written reports concerning the use of grant funds, requires a final written report and an accounting of how grant funds were used, and acknowledges your authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused. **Yes** **No**
- g** Describe your procedures for oversight of distributions that assure you the resources are used to further your exempt purposes, including whether you require periodic and final reports on the use of resources.
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- 14a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to foreign organizations? If "Yes," answer lines 14b through 14f. If "No," go to line 15. **Yes** **No**
- b** Provide the name of each foreign organization, the country and regions within a country in which each foreign organization operates, and describe any relationship you have with each foreign organization.
- c** Does any foreign organization listed in line 14b accept contributions earmarked for a specific country or specific organization? If "Yes," list all earmarked organizations or countries. **Yes** **No**
- d** Do your contributors know that you have ultimate authority to use contributions made to you at your discretion for purposes consistent with your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe how you relay this information to contributors. **Yes** **No**
- e** Do you or will you make pre-grant inquiries about the recipient organization? If "Yes," describe these inquiries, including whether you inquire about the recipient's financial status, its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, its ability to accomplish the purpose for which the resources are provided, and other relevant information. **Yes** **No**
- f** Do you or will you use any additional procedures to ensure that your distributions to foreign organizations are used in furtherance of your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe these procedures, including site visits by your employees or compliance checks by impartial experts, to verify that grant funds are being used appropriately. **Yes** **No**

Part VIII Your Specific Activities *(Continued)*

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|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 15 | Do you have a close connection with any organizations? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 16 | Are you applying for exemption as a cooperative hospital service organization under section 501(e)? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 17 | Are you applying for exemption as a cooperative service organization of operating educational organizations under section 501(f)? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 18 | Are you applying for exemption as a charitable risk pool under section 501(n)? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 19 | Do you or will you operate a school ? If "Yes," complete Schedule B. Answer "Yes," whether you operate a school as your main function or as a secondary activity. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 20 | Is your main function to provide hospital or medical care ? If "Yes," complete Schedule C. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 21 | Do you or will you provide low-income housing or housing for the elderly or handicapped ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 22 | Do you or will you provide scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants to individuals, including grants for travel, study, or other similar purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Note: Private foundations may use Schedule H to request advance approval of individual grant procedures.

Part IX Financial Data

For purposes of this schedule, years in existence refer to completed tax years. If in existence 4 or more years, complete the schedule for the most recent 4 tax years. If in existence more than 1 year but less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence and provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. If in existence less than 1 year, provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses for the current year and the 2 following years, based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. (See instructions.)

A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses

| | Type of revenue or expense | Current tax year | 3 prior tax years or 2 succeeding tax years | | | (e) Provide Total for (a) through (d) |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | (a) From To | (b) From To | (c) From To | (d) From To | |
| Revenues | 1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants) | | | | | |
| | 2 Membership fees received | | | | | |
| | 3 Gross investment income | | | | | |
| | 4 Net unrelated business income | | | | | |
| | 5 Taxes levied for your benefit | | | | | |
| | 6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge) | | | | | |
| | 7 Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9–12 below (attach an itemized list) | | | | | |
| | 8 Total of lines 1 through 7 | | | | | |
| | 9 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list) | | | | | |
| | 10 Total of lines 8 and 9 | | | | | |
| | 11 Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see instructions) | | | | | |
| | 12 Unusual grants | | | | | |
| | 13 Total Revenue Add lines 10 through 12 | | | | | |
| Expenses | 14 Fundraising expenses | | | | | |
| | 15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list) | | | | | |
| | 16 Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an itemized list) | | | | | |
| | 17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees | | | | | |
| | 18 Other salaries and wages | | | | | |
| | 19 Interest expense | | | | | |
| | 20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.) | | | | | |
| | 21 Depreciation and depletion | | | | | |
| | 22 Professional fees | | | | | |
| | 23 Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list) | | | | | |
| | 24 Total Expenses Add lines 14 through 23 | | | | | |

Part IX Financial Data (Continued)

B. Balance Sheet (for your most recently completed tax year)

Year End:

(Whole dollars)

| Assets | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
|------------------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|----|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Cash | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Accounts receivable, net | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Inventories | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Bonds and notes receivable (attach an itemized list) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Corporate stocks (attach an itemized list) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Loans receivable (attach an itemized list) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Other investments (attach an itemized list) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Depreciable and depletable assets (attach an itemized list) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Land | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Other assets (attach an itemized list) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Total Assets (add lines 1 through 10) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities | | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Accounts payable | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. payable | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Mortgages and notes payable (attach an itemized list) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Other liabilities (attach an itemized list) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Total Liabilities (add lines 12 through 15) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fund Balances or Net Assets | | | | 17 | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Total fund balances or net assets | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances or Net Assets (add lines 16 and 17) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Have there been any substantial changes in your assets or liabilities since the end of the period shown above? If "Yes," explain. | | | | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Part X Public Charity Status

Part X is designed to classify you as an organization that is either a **private foundation** or a **public charity**. Public charity status is a more favorable tax status than private foundation status. If you are a private foundation, Part X is designed to further determine whether you are a **private operating foundation**. (See instructions.)

- 1a Are you a private foundation? If "Yes," go to line 1b. If "No," go to line 5 and proceed as instructed. If you are unsure, see the instructions. Yes No
- b As a private foundation, section 508(e) requires special provisions in your organizing document in addition to those that apply to all organizations described in section 501(c)(3). Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement, whether by express provision or by reliance on operation of state law. Attach a statement that describes specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document or by operation of state law. See the instructions, including Appendix B, for information about the special provisions that need to be contained in your organizing document. Go to line 2.
- 2 Are you a private operating foundation? To be a private operating foundation you must engage directly in the active conduct of charitable, religious, educational, and similar activities, as opposed to indirectly carrying out these activities by providing grants to individuals or other organizations. If "Yes," go to line 3. If "No," go to the signature section of Part XI. Yes No
- 3 Have you existed for one or more years? If "Yes," attach financial information showing that you are a private operating foundation; go to the signature section of Part XI. If "No," continue to line 4. Yes No
- 4 Have you attached either (1) an affidavit or opinion of counsel, (including a written affidavit or opinion from a certified public accountant or accounting firm with expertise regarding this tax law matter), that sets forth facts concerning your operations and support to demonstrate that you are likely to satisfy the requirements to be classified as a private operating foundation; or (2) a statement describing your proposed operations as a private operating foundation? Yes No
- 5 If you answered "No" to line 1a, indicate the type of public charity status you are requesting by checking one of the choices below. You may check only one box.
The organization is not a private foundation because it is:
 - a 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)—a church or a convention or association of churches. Complete and attach Schedule A.
 - b 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)—a **school**. Complete and attach Schedule B.
 - c 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)—a **hospital**, a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Complete and attach Schedule C.
 - d 509(a)(3)—an organization supporting either one or more organizations described in line 5a through c, f, g, or h or a publicly supported section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organization. Complete and attach Schedule D.

Part X Public Charity Status (Continued)

- e 509(a)(4)—an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.
- f 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)—an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.
- g 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)—an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.
- h 509(a)(2)—an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross **investment income** and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).
- i A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in 5g or 5h. The organization would like the IRS to decide the correct status.

6 If you checked box g, h, or i in question 5 above, you must request either an **advance** or a **definitive ruling** by selecting one of the boxes below. Refer to the instructions to determine which type of ruling you are eligible to receive.

- a Request for Advance Ruling:** By checking this box and signing the consent, pursuant to section 6501(c)(4) of the Code you request an advance ruling and agree to extend the statute of limitations on the assessment of excise tax under section 4940 of the Code. The tax will apply only if you do not establish public support status at the end of the 5-year advance ruling period. The assessment period will be extended for the 5 advance ruling years to 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first year. You have the right to refuse or limit the extension to a mutually agreed-upon period of time or issue(s). Publication 1035, *Extending the Tax Assessment Period*, provides a more detailed explanation of your rights and the consequences of the choices you make. You may obtain Publication 1035 free of charge from the IRS web site at www.irs.gov or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676. Signing this consent will not deprive you of any appeal rights to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you decide not to extend the statute of limitations, you are not eligible for an advance ruling.

Consent Fixing Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code

For Organization

 (Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official) (Type or print name of signer) (Date)

 (Type or print title or authority of signer)

For IRS Use Only

 IRS Director, Exempt Organizations (Date)

- b Request for Definitive Ruling:** Check this box if you have completed one tax year of at least 8 full months and you are requesting a definitive ruling. To confirm your public support status, answer line 6b(i) if you checked box g in line 5 above. Answer line 6b(ii) if you checked box h in line 5 above. If you checked box i in line 5 above, answer both lines 6b(i) and (ii).

- (i) **(a)** Enter 2% of line 8, column (e) on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses. _____
- (b)** Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (ii) **(a)** For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each **disqualified person**. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (b)** For each year amounts are included on line 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) 1% of line 10, Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) \$5,000. If the answer is "None," check this box.

7 Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual. **Yes** **No**

Part XI User Fee Information

You must include a user fee payment with this application. It will not be processed without your paid user fee. If your average annual gross receipts have exceeded or will exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, you must submit payment of \$750. If your gross receipts have not exceeded or will not exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, the required user fee payment is \$300. See instructions for Part XI, for a definition of **gross receipts** over a 4-year period. Your check or money order must be made payable to the United States Treasury. *User fees are subject to change. Check our website at www.irs.gov and type "User Fee" in the keyword box, or call Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500 for current information.*

- 1 Have your annual gross receipts averaged or are they expected to average not more than \$10,000? **Yes** **No**
 If "Yes," check the box on line 2 and enclose a user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change—see above).
 If "No," check the box on line 3 and enclose a user fee payment of \$750 (Subject to change—see above).
- 2 Check the box if you have enclosed the reduced user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change).
- 3 Check the box if you have enclosed the user fee payment of \$750 (Subject to change).

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please Sign Here



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 (Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

.....
 (Type or print name of signer)

.....
 (Date)

.....
 (Type or print title or authority of signer)

Reminder: Send the completed Form 1023 Checklist with your filled-in-application.

**ATTACHMENT TO THE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MINIMALIST ART**

(A Nonprofit Corporation)

**Article I
Objects and Purposes**

This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and in this connection, subject to the restrictions set forth below, the specific objects and purposes of the Corporation and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are as follows

[a] To foster and promote an appreciation of minimalist art;

[b] To receive, maintain, and administer a fund of real and personal property, derived from all sources whatsoever, and subject to the terms of any specific gift, grant, bequest, or devise and to the restrictions set forth below, to use, apply, and distribute the income from and the principal of such a fund exclusively for the preceding charitable and educational purposes;

[c] To further any other charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

[d] To do and to engage in all lawful activities that further or are consistent with the preceding objects and purposes of the Corporation.

Article II

Powers

In furtherance of the preceding objects and purposes, the Corporation shall have and may exercise all of the rights, powers, privileges, and immunities now or subsequently conferred upon nonprofit corporations organized under the laws of the State of Colorado.

Article III

Restrictions on Powers

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the powers of the Corporation are restricted as follows:

[a] The Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on [1] by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or [2] by an organization the contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170, 642, 2055, or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

[b] No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director or officer of the Corporation or any other private individual whatsoever (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for, and reimbursement may be made for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with, services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its objects and purposes and except that payments may be made to a private individual other than a director or officer of the Corporation in furtherance of the objects and purposes set forth in Article III), and no director or officer of the Corporation or any other private individual whatsoever shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

[c] No substantial part of the Corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Article IV
Prohibited Acts

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, if this Corporation at any time is a private foundation as defined in Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code, the following provisions shall apply:

[a] The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such a manner as not to subject the Corporation to the tax imposed under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code;

[b] The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing, as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code;

[c] The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings, as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;

[d] The Corporation shall not make any investments in such a manner as to subject the Corporation to the tax imposed under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

[e] The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures, as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article V
Membership and Capital Stock

The Corporation shall not have voting members. The Corporation shall have no capital stock.

Article VI
Board of Directors

The affairs and management of the Corporation shall be under the control of a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be composed of not less than one nor more than 13 directors, as may be fixed by the bylaws of the Corporation. Directors shall serve for the terms stated in the bylaws of the Corporation. Article VII.

Limitations on Directors' Liability

No director shall be personally liable to the Corporation for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except that no director's liability to the Corporation for monetary damages shall be eliminated or limited on account of any of the following:

- [a] Any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation;
- [b] Any acts or omissions of the director not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- [c] The director's assent to or participation in a loan by the Corporation to any director or officer of the Corporation;
- [d] Any transaction in which the director received improper personal benefit.

This provision shall not limit the rights of directors of the Corporation for indemnification or other assistance from the Corporation, nor shall this provision restrict or otherwise diminish the provisions of C.R.S. Sections 13-21-115.7(2) and 13-21-116(2)(b) (concerning immunity of directors except in the case of wanton and willful acts or omissions), any amendment or successor provision to such section, or any other law limiting or eliminating the liabilities of directors.

Any repeal or modification of the preceding provisions of this Article or any repeal or modification of the provisions of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act which permits the elimination of liability of directors by this Article shall not adversely affect any elimination of liability, right, or protection of a director of the Corporation with respect to any breach, act, omission, or transaction of such director occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

Article VIII

Bylaws

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, revise, and revoke such bylaws as they may deem proper for the management of the affairs of the Corporation. Such bylaws may prescribe the authority under which conveyance or encumbrance of all or any part of the corporate property may be made, and the persons who shall be authorized to execute the instruments of conveyance or encumbrance.

Article IX

Officers

The Corporation shall have such officers as may from time to time be prescribed by the bylaws. Their terms of office and the manner of their designation or selection shall be determined according to the bylaws then in effect.

Article X

Change in Articles of Incorporation

The Board of Directors shall have the right from time to time to dissolve the Corporation or to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or subsequently prescribed by statute, except that no such amendment, alteration, change, or repeal shall be made which shall:

[a] Amend, alter, change, or repeal the restrictions set forth in Articles V and VI unless the Internal Revenue Code changes so that so amending, altering, changing, or repealing such restrictions would not disqualify the Corporation for federal income tax exemption under Sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or as an organization the contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170, 642, 2055, or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

[b] Operate to permit the use, application, or disbursement of any of the principal or income of all or any part of the corporate property for any purpose other than those expressly provided for in these Articles of Incorporation, or other than exclusively for charitable or educational purposes.

[c] Operate to permit the principal or income of any bequest, devise, grant, or gift to this Corporation to be used contrary to the conditions, limitations, or restrictions contained in any such bequest, devise, grant, or gift.

Article XI

Dissolution

Upon any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or adequately providing for the payment of all the obligations and liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets owned by the Corporation by transferring such assets exclusively to or for the benefit of such organization or organizations as shall at the time qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction, exclusively for such

exempt purposes or to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such exempt purposes, as such court shall determine.

Article XII

Internal Revenue Code

All references to the Internal Revenue Code shall be deemed to mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it presently is constituted, as it may be amended, or any successor statute of similar purpose.

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ARTICLE I – Principal Office and Corporate Seal

Section 1. Principal Office. The principal office and place of business of the Corporation in the State of Colorado shall be in the City and County of Denver, or at such other location as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. Other offices and places of business may be established from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Corporate Seal. The seal of the Corporation shall be inscribed with the name of the Corporation, the year of its incorporation, and the words "Colorado" and "Seal," and shall be in a form approved by the Board of Directors, which may alter the same at pleasure.

ARTICLE II – Board of Directors

Section 1. Qualifications; Appointment; Tenure. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be composed of three directors, who need not be residents of the State of Colorado. In the event that the election of additional individuals to the Board of Directors results in more than three directors serving on the Board of Directors at any time, without these Bylaws having been previously amended to increase the number of authorized directors beyond three directors, then the action of the Board of Directors resulting in such election shall automatically be deemed to constitute an amendment to these Bylaws increasing the number of authorized directors provided for in the preceding sentence to the number of directors actually serving in such capacity.

Not later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the directors of the Corporation, the directors shall nominate a number of individuals for election that is not less than the number of directors whose terms are due to expire, plus the number of vacancies among the Board of Directors that have not previously been filled. The names of the individuals thus nominated shall be stated in the notice of the annual meeting of the directors of the Corporation. At the annual meeting of the directors, the directors shall elect the number of the individuals thus nominated necessary to fill the positions of those directors whose terms are due to expire and any vacancies that have not previously been

filled, provided that if there are more individuals nominated than positions to be filled, then the individuals receiving the greater number of votes shall be elected.

Directors thus elected shall be elected for a term of one year and shall hold office until the annual meeting of the directors occurring at the expiration of their terms and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in each calendar year, on such date and at such time and at such place as the President may determine. Written notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting shall be given personally or mailed to each member of the Board of Directors at least ten days prior to the date fixed for the annual meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Section 3. Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place, day, and hour as the President may determine and as shall be stated in written notice given to each member of the Board of Directors either by mailing such notice at least three days before, or by an oral or written communication personally delivered at least two days before, the date fixed for the meeting. The notice of any regular meeting need not specify the business to be transacted at any such regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. Special meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the authority calling such meeting. Notice stating the place, day, and hour of every special meeting shall be given to each member of the Board of Directors either by mailing such notice at least five days before, or by an oral or written communication personally delivered at least two days before, the date fixed for the meeting. The notice of such special meeting shall specify the business to be transacted at and the purpose of any special meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Quorum; Voting. A quorum at all meetings of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the directors holding office. Less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time without further notice until a quorum is secured. Except as provided specifically to the contrary by these Bylaws, the act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Vacancies. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the directors of the Corporation. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of such person's predecessor in office and until such person's successor is duly appointed and shall have qualified. Any position on the Board of

Directors to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors shall be filled by the directors of the Corporation as soon as practicable after the time such increase is authorized.

Section 7. Committees of the Board. The Board of Directors of the Corporation may designate from among its members, by a resolution adopted by a majority of the entire Board of Directors, an executive committee and one or more other committees, each of which shall have and may exercise such authority in the management of the Corporation as shall be provided in such resolution or in these Bylaws. No such committee shall have the power or authority —

- [a] to authorize any distributions within the meaning of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act;
- [b] to elect, appoint, or remove any director;
- [c] to amend, restate, alter, or repeal the Articles of Incorporation;
- [d] to amend, alter, or repeal these or any other Bylaws of the Corporation;
- [e] to approve a plan or merger;
- [f] to approve a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the property of the Corporation, with or without goodwill, otherwise in the usual and regular course of business subject to approval by the Member;
- [g] or to take any other action prohibited by law.

All committees of the Board shall keep regular minutes of their respective transactions and shall report their actions to the Board at the meeting of the Board next following such actions. The Chairperson of each committee shall be designated at the time of appointment of such committee.

Section 8. Other Committees. The Board of Directors of the Corporation may create, by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors or by any committee of the Board of Directors, such other committees determined to be necessary or desirable for the purpose of assisting with the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, which committees may consist of such individuals as the authority creating the committee deems appropriate and which shall have and may exercise such authority as shall be provided in such resolution, provided that no such committee shall have or exercise any authority regarding the management of the Corporation or have or exercise any of the powers reserved by law to the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Standard of Conduct for Directors. Each director shall perform his or her duties as a director, including without limitation his or her duties as a member of any committee of the board, in good faith, in a manner the director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances. In the performance of his or her duties, a director shall be entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by the persons designated below, unless the director has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted. A director shall not be liable to the Corporation for any action the director takes or omits to take as a director if, in connection with such action or omission, the director performs his or her duties in compliance with this Section. A director, regardless of title, shall not be deemed to be a trustee with respect to the Corporation or with respect to any property held or administered by the Corporation including, without limitation, property that may be subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or transferor of such property.

The designated persons on whom a director is entitled to rely are: [a] one or more officers or employees of the corporation whom the director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; [b] legal counsel, a public accountant, or other person as to matters which the director reasonably believes to be within such person's professional or expert competence; or [c] a committee of the board of directors on which the director does not serve if the director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

Section 10. Conflicts of Interest. The Board of Directors acknowledges that conflicts of interest may occasionally arise and that neither the elimination from the board of all persons who might potentially have any such conflict nor the avoidance of all transactions involving a conflict of interest would necessarily serve the best interests of the Corporation. Nonetheless, each member of the Board of Directors is encouraged to avoid undisclosed conflicts of interest and to refrain from influencing the board's action on a matter in which such director is financially interested. It is therefore the policy of the Corporation to avoid the participation of any director in the Board of Directors' consideration of a matter which poses a conflict of interest for that director.

- [a] For these purposes, a conflict of interest shall be deemed to arise whenever a matter under consideration involves the potential for significant benefit to a director or to any business, financial, or professional organization of which the director or a member of such director's immediate family is an officer, director, member, owner, or employee.
- [b] Whenever any matter comes before a meeting of the Board of Directors which gives rise to a potential conflict of interest, the affected director

shall make known the conflict to the remaining directors present at such meeting, shall, after answering any questions posed by the other directors, withdraw from the meeting for as long as the matter is under consideration, and shall neither be present nor cast a vote.

- [c] If the withdrawal of the affected director results in the absence of a quorum, no action shall be taken on the matter in question until a quorum of disinterested directors can be established.
- [d] The minutes of a meeting at which a conflict of interest arises shall reflect that a disclosure was made, the affected director's withdrawal from the meeting and abstention from voting, and, if action is taken on the matter, the continued presence of a quorum.
- [e] As with all other matters coming before the Board of Directors, the disinterested directors shall pass upon a matter that poses a conflict of interest for another director in a manner which they reasonably and in good faith believe to be in the best interests of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall not authorize under this Section any transaction involving a conflict of interest that would also subject the Corporation or its directors, officers, or employees to liability under Section 4941 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 11 Removal. Any member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation may be removed by the directors whenever in their judgment such removal would serve the best interests of the Corporation.

Section 12. Action Without a Meeting. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, or any other action which may be taken at a meeting of directors, or any committee thereof, may be taken without a meeting if every member of the board in writing either: [a] votes for such action or [b] votes against such action or abstains from voting and waives the right to demand that a meeting be held. Action is taken only if the affirmative votes for such action equals or exceeds the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all of the directors then in office were present and voted. The action shall only be effective if there are writings which describe the action, signed by all directors, received by the Corporation and filed with the minutes. Any such writings may be received by electronically transmitted facsimile or other form of wire or wireless communication providing the Corporation with a complete copy of the document including a copy of the signature. Actions taken shall be effective when the last writing necessary to effect the action is received by the Corporation unless the writings set forth a different date. Any director who has signed a writing may revoke it by a writing signed, dated and stating the prior vote is revoked. However, such writing must be received by the Corporation before the last writing necessary to effect the action is

received. All such actions shall have the same effect as action taken at a meeting and may be stated as such in any document.

Section 13. Telephonic Meetings. The Board of Directors may permit any director (or any member of a committee designated by the board) to participate in a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors or committee thereof through the use of any means of communication by which all directors participating in the meeting can hear one another during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting in this manner shall be deemed to be present in person at such meeting.

Section 14. Compensation. Members of the Board of Directors may receive reasonable compensation for serving in such office. The Corporation shall reimburse any member of the Board of Directors for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with service on the Board.

ARTICLE III – Officers

Section 1. Number; Qualification. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Any individual may hold more than one office. The Board of Directors may elect such other officers as it may deem advisable, who shall be chosen in such manner and hold their offices for such terms and have such authority and duties as from time to time may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Powers and Duties. The officers of the Corporation shall exercise and perform the respective powers, duties, and functions as are stated below and as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

[a] The President shall be the Chairman and a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall, subject to the general direction and control of the Board of Directors, have the general supervision, direction, and control over the business and affairs of the Corporation and its officers, agents, and employees. The President may sign, with the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary or any other proper officer of the Corporation designated by the Board of Directors, any deeds, leases, mortgages, deeds of trust, or other documents of conveyance or encumbrance of any real property owned by the Corporation. He shall also perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors from time to time.

[b] The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and of any committees of the Board of Directors; shall ensure that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; shall be custodian of the records and of the seal of the Corporation and shall attest the affixing of the seal of the Corporation when authorized by the Board of Directors; and shall perform

such additional duties as are incident to such office and as may be assigned to such person by the Board of Directors or the President.

Assistant Secretaries, if any, shall have the same duties and powers subject to the supervision of the Secretary.

[c] The Treasurer shall be the principal finance officer of the Corporation; shall have the charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation; shall deposit such funds in the name of the Corporation in such depositories as shall be designated by the Board of Directors; shall keep accurate books of account and records of financial transactions and the condition of the Corporation and shall submit such reports thereof as the Board of Directors may from time to time require; and in general, perform all duties incident to such office and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to such person by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make an annual financial report to the Corporation at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. With the approval of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall be authorized to engage any firm of certified public accountants to assist him in the performance of any of the duties incident to the Treasurer's office.

Assistant treasurers, if any, shall have the same duties and powers subject to the supervision of the Treasurer.

Section 3. Selection and Terms of Offices. All officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting and shall hold office for one year and until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

Section 4. Compensation. Officers may receive reasonable compensation for serving in such office. The Corporation shall reimburse any officer for all reasonable expenses incurred by such individual in connection with services rendered to or for the Corporation.

Section 5. Removal. Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment such removal will serve the best interests of the Corporation.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of the death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, of an officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 7. Standards of Conduct for Officers. Officers shall observe the same standards of conduct as are applicable to members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV – Contracts, Loan, and Deposits

Section 1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Loans. No loans shall be contracted for on behalf of the Corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in the name of the Corporation unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general if confined to a specific dollar limit determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors and shall otherwise be confined to specific instances. No loan shall be made to any officer or director of the Corporation.

Section 3. Checks, Drafts, and Notes. All checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Deposits. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited to the credit of the Corporation as soon as practicable in such banks, trust companies, or other custodians as the Board of Directors may select.

Section 5. Investment Managers. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to designate any bank, trust company, brokerage firm, or investment advisor to manage, invest, and maintain the custody of the assets of the Corporation.

Section 6. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall end on December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE V – Property

The property of the Corporation, unless otherwise directed by donors, shall be held and applied in promoting the general purposes of the Corporation declared in its Articles of Incorporation. No real estate belonging to the Corporation shall be conveyed or encumbered except by authority of a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Any such conveyance or encumbrance of real estate shall be executed by the President of the Corporation in the name of the Corporation, and such instrument shall be duly attested and sealed by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI – Indemnification

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this Article:

[a] The terms “director or officer” shall include a person who, while serving as a director or officer of the Corporation, is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, other enterprise, or employee benefit plan. A director or officer shall be considered to be serving an employee benefit plan at the request of the Corporation if his duties to the Corporation also impose duties on or otherwise involve services by him to the plan or to participants in or beneficiaries of the plan. The term “director or officer” shall also include the estate or personal representative of a director or officer, unless the context otherwise requires.

[b] The term “proceeding” shall mean any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, whether formal or informal, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding.

[c] The term “party” includes an individual who is, was, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in a proceeding.

[d] The term “liability” shall mean any obligation to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine (including an excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan), or reasonable expense incurred with respect to a proceeding.

[e] When used with respect to a director, the phrase “official capacity” shall mean the office of director in the Corporation, and, when used with respect to a person other than a director, shall mean the office in the Corporation held by the officer or the employment or agency relationship undertaken by the employee or agent on behalf of the Corporation, but in neither case shall include service for any foreign or domestic corporation or for any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise.

Section 2. General Provisions. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), liability, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such proceeding if such person [a] conducted himself in good faith, [b] reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in his official capacity with the Corporation, that his conduct was in the best interests of the Corporation, and, in all other cases, that his conduct was at least not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and [c] with respect to any criminal

proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. However, no person shall be entitled to indemnification under this Section 2 either [a] in connection with a proceeding brought by or in the right of the Corporation in which the director or officer was adjudged liable to the Corporation or [b] in connection with any other proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director or officer, whether or not involving action in his official capacity, in which he is ultimately adjudged liable on the basis that he improperly received personal benefit. Indemnification under this Section 2 in connection with a proceeding brought by or in the right of the Corporation shall be limited to reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not of itself create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith or otherwise failed to meet the standard of conduct set forth in this Section 2.

Section 3. Successful Defense on the Merits; Expenses. To the extent that a director or officer of the Corporation has been wholly successful on the merits in defense of any proceeding to which he was a party, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such proceeding.

Section 4. Determination of Right to Indemnification. Any indemnification under Section 2 of this Article (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in each specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director or officer is permissible under the circumstances because such person met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in such Section 2. Such determination shall be made [a] by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested directors who at the time of the vote are not, were not, and are not threatened to be made parties to the proceeding, or [b] if such a quorum cannot be obtained, by the vote of a majority of the members of a committee of the Board of Directors designated by the board, which committee shall consist of two or more directors who are not parties to the proceeding (directors who are parties to the proceeding may participate in the designation of directors to serve on such committee), or [c] if such a quorum of the Board of Directors cannot be obtained or such a committee cannot be established, or even if such a quorum is obtained or such a committee is so designated, but such quorum or committee so directs, then by independent legal counsel selected by the Board of Directors in accordance with the preceding procedures. Authorization of indemnification and evaluation as to the reasonableness of expenses shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible, except that, if the determination that indemnification is permissible is made by independent legal counsel, authorization of indemnification and evaluation of legal expenses shall be made by the body that selected such counsel.

Section 5. Advance Payment of Expenses; Undertaking to Repay. The Corporation shall pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses (including attorneys'

fees) incurred by a director or officer who is a party to proceeding in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding if [a] the director or officer furnishes the Corporation a written affirmation of his good faith belief that he conducted himself in good faith, [b] the director or officer furnishes the Corporation with a written undertaking, executed personally or on his behalf, to repay the advance if it is determined that he did not conduct himself in good faith, which undertaking shall be an unlimited general obligation of the director or officer but which need not be secured and which may be accepted without reference to financial ability to make repayment, and [c] a determination is made by the body authorizing indemnification that the facts then known to such body would not preclude indemnification.

Section 6. Other Employees and Agents. The Corporation shall indemnify such other employees and agents of the Corporation to the same extent and in the same manner as is provided above in Section 2 with respect to directors and officers, by adopting a resolution by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors specifically identifying by name or by position the employees or agents entitled to indemnification.

Section 7. Insurance. The Board of Directors may exercise the Corporation's power to purchase and maintain insurance (including without limitation insurance for legal expenses and costs incurred in connection with defending any claim, proceeding, or lawsuit) on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of the Corporation against any liability asserted against him or incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

Section 8. Nonexclusivity of Article. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights and procedures to which one indemnified may be entitled under the Articles of Incorporation, any bylaw, agreement, resolution of disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer, and shall inure to the benefit of such person's heirs, executors, and administrators.

ARTICLE VII – Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the directors present at any meeting of the directors at which a quorum is present, and not otherwise, provided that notice of the proposed amendment, alteration, or repeal shall have been delivered to each director of the Corporation with the notice of the meeting at which the proposed amendment, alteration, or repeal will be presented to the directors for action.

The above Bylaws were approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Minimalist Art, on the 2nd day of January, 2010.

Secretary

American Academy of Minimalist Art
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September 1, 2010

ATTACHMENT A TO FORM 1023
Part II, Question 1

Detailed Narrative Description of Activities

The applicant was incorporated on January 1, 2010, as a vehicle through which museums and art galleries, artists and art collectors, and the arts community generally might channel voluntary contributions intended for the preservation and continuation of minimalist art. The applicant's activities will focus, in order of priority, on four areas: conservation, scholarships, research and education, and public education.

Conservation Programs

The applicant has determined that much of the body of minimalist art created during the past quarter century has, through ignorance and neglect, suffered a serious risk of destruction and degradation. In particular, museums, galleries, and artists, not appreciating the aesthetic traditions of minimalist art, have mistaken valuable works of that *oeuvre* for raw artistic materials and have either discarded or recycled those works.

The applicant intends to conduct an inventory of paintings and sculptures of this nature currently on display or maintained in storage within museums and art galleries located in the Rocky Mountain region. This inventory will be conducted by mail and through personal contacts by volunteer members of the applicant's staff. To the extent that the applicant discovers paintings or sculpture believed to consist of formerly notable works of minimalist art that have been painted over or incorporated into more expressive sculptures, the applicant intends to contract with commercial and nonprofit art conservation agencies to remove the subsequently applied paint and to disassemble the later sculptures in order to restore the original works to their pristine state. The applicant will return the works thus restored to their original owners, without charge to those owners.

Scholarship Programs

The applicant hopes to award scholarships and stipends to artists determined to be deserving to enable them to continue the traditions of minimalist art. Artists will be selected through objective criteria on the basis of both demonstrated talent and financial need. The applicant intends to contact art schools, museums, galleries, and homeless shelters to solicit the names of artists both who have developed a reputation for artistic competence and skill and who are in need of financial assistance to continue their chosen careers. Artists receiving awards of this nature will be expected to produce one work per year exemplifying the best traditions of the minimalist movement. The amount of the awards will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year.

Research and Publication Activities

The applicant also intends to solicit from the academic community scholarly monographs relating to minimalist art. The applicant's staff will review and edit each monograph submitted for publication, prepare those that are suitable for publication in recognized national journals, and otherwise ensure dissemination of their content through workshops and seminars. Examples of three articles that have previously appeared in the JOURNAL OF THE SUBLIMINAL ARTS and that are characteristic of the sort of articles that the applicant hopes to solicit and publish in the future are attached.

Educational Activities

Finally, beginning within two years after its formation, the applicant believes that it will have accumulated sufficient resources and have developed sufficient expertise to organize and sponsor educational programs for the artistic community generally in a variety of formats, including large seminars, small group workshops, working luncheons, and discussion group that meet periodically. The sorts of topics that these educational programs are expected to cover will include issues of art appreciation, as well as matters relating to the skills of tact and overcoming skepticism.

At least at the outset, the responsibility for organizing these educational programs will fall upon the members of the applicant's board of directors and those other volunteers whom that board may succeed in recruiting to various ad-hoc committees formed for that purpose. In light of what is expected to be the almost entirely voluntary nature of these initial efforts, the applicant anticipates that it will likely conduct perhaps only one seminar per year, which will probably take the form of a half-day lecture-type program designed to attract the largest possible audience. At a later stage, once the applicant has developed some experience in sponsoring programs of this nature, it may proceed to organize additional programs, most likely workshops, luncheons, or study groups scheduled on a periodic or recurring basis.

The applicant will charge a fee for attendance at its educational programs, but that fee will not exceed the prevailing rate charged by similar nonprofit organizations for comparable sessions.

Financial Support

The applicant also plans to finance its activities by soliciting memberships from the general public. Contributors will receive the following benefits in exchange for their donations:

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| Individual (under \$75) | • monthly newsletter, <i>The Blank Page</i> |
| Sustaining (\$75+) | • monthly newsletter • quarterly journal, <i>Ecce Nihil</i> |
| President's Circle (\$150+) | • monthly newsletter • quarterly journal • preferred seating at monthly cello concerts by a local mime troupe |

Management of the Applicant

The applicant will be managed by a board of directors which is expected to consist entirely of collectors, museum curators, scholars, and connoisseurs.