

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF HUA CULTURE & LIFE ASSOCIATION

(Approved and Adopted on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 Hua Culture & Life Association (HCLA, the "Corporation") is incorporated exclusively for charitable, cultural literacy, scientific, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be amended, modified or replaced by any future United States Internal Revenue Law (the "Codes").
- 1.2 In particular, the Corporation aims to be the focal point of cultural heritage from the greater China region that embraces the full life cycle and a place called home; the Corporation strives to be an integral part of society of the United State of America.
- 1.3 The Corporation aims to define, enrich, practice, and promote the culture heritage through activities for individuals, families, and community; and to establish and maintain a culture center, elderly living, and life destiny facilities for members.

## 2. Incorporators

The names and addresses of the incorporators are

- Min Ding ([REDACTED] State College, PA 16803)
- Zi-Kui Liu ([REDACTED] State College, PA, 16803)
- Hong Ma ([REDACTED] State College, PA 16801)
- Yuxi Zheng ([REDACTED], State College, PA 16803)

## 3. Management

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of a Board of Directors of the Corporation. The number, term of office, method of selection and manner of removal of the Board of Directors shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

## 4. Exempt Organization

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would prevent it from qualifying and continuing to qualify as a corporation: (a) described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (hereinafter referred to in these Articles as an "exempt organization"), or (b) contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be devoted to the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided in Section 501(h) of the Code). The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

## 5. Earnings

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, no part of the net earnings or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, trustees, officers or any other private individual; provided, however, the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the extent that such payments do not prevent it from qualifying, and continuing to qualify, as an

exempt organization, and to make such lawful payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article One hereof as may from time to time be either required or permitted by Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

## **6. Foundation Status**

In the event that the Corporation fails to qualify as an organization described in Section 501(a)(1) or (2) or (3) of the Code, then, notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall be prohibited from engaging in any act of self-dealing (as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code); from retaining any excess business holdings (as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code); from making any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code; and from making any taxable expenditures (as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code), to the extent any action therewith would subject the Corporation to tax under one or more of the cited sections of the Code. To the extent required, the Corporation shall make qualifying distributions at such time and in such manner as do not subject the Corporation to tax under section of 4942 of the Code.

## **7. Dissolution**

In the event that the Corporation shall be dissolved or liquidated, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the known liabilities of the Corporation, shall transfer or dispose of the Corporation's property and assets to (a) such one or more corporations, trusts, funds, or other organizations which at the time are exempt from federal income tax as organizations described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code and, in the sole judgment of the Corporation's Board of Directors, have purposes similar to those of the Corporation, or (b) the federal government, or to a state or local government for such purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction exclusively to one or more of such corporations, trusts, funds or other organizations as said court shall determine, which at the time are exempt from federal income tax as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and which are organized and operated for such purposes, or to the federal government or a state or local government for such purposes. No private individual shall share in the distribution of any Corporation assets upon sale or dissolution of the Corporation.

## **8. Personal Liability of Directors and Officers**

### **8.1 Elimination of Liability**

To the fullest extent that the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as now in effect or as hereafter amended, permit elimination or limitation of the liability of Directors or Officers, no Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be personally liable for monetary damage as such for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, as a Director or Officer.

### **8.2 Applicability**

The visions of this Article shall be deemed to be a contract with each Director and Officer of the Corporation who serves as such at any time while this Article is in effect and each such Director and Officer shall be deemed to be so serving in reliance on the provisions of this Article. Any amendment or repeal of this Article or adoption of any bylaw or provision of these Articles which has the effect of increasing Director or Officer liability shall operate prospectively only and shall not affect any action taken, or any failure to act, prior to the adoption of such an amendment, repeal, bylaw or provision.

## **9. Indemnification**

### **9.1 Right to Indemnifications**

- 9.1.1 As used herein, the word "Action" shall mean any action, suit or proceeding, administrative, judicial, investigative or other, (i) to which a Director or an Officer of the Corporation is a party (other than an action by the Corporation) or (ii) in connection with which such person is not a party but is a witness, subject to investigation or otherwise involved, in either case by reason of such person being or having been a Director or Officer of the Corporation.
- 9.1.2 Unless in a particular case indemnification would jeopardize the Corporation's tax exempt status under Section 501(a) of the Code or result in the Corporation's failure to be described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and except as prohibited by law, each Director and Officer of the Corporation shall be entitled as of right to be indemnification by the Corporation against expenses and any liability paid or incurred by such person (i) in the defense of any Action to which such person is a party or (ii) in connection with any other Action.
- 9.1.3 A person who is not a Director or Officer of the Corporation may be similarly indemnified with respect to service provided to the Corporation to the extent the Board at any time designates such person as entitled to the benefits of this Article.
- 9.1.4 As used in this Article, "indemnitee" shall include each Director and each Officer of the Corporation and each other person designated by the Board as entitled to the benefits of this Article: "liability" shall include amounts of judgments, excise taxes, fines, penalties and amounts paid in settlement; and "expenses" shall include fees and expenses of counsel incurred by the indemnitee only (i) if the Corporation has not at its expense assumed the defense of the Action on behalf of the indemnitee with reputable and experienced counsel selected by the Corporation, or (ii) if it shall have been determined pursuant to Section (c) hereof that the indemnitee was entitled to indemnification of the expenses in respect of any action brought under that Section.
- 9.2 Right to Advancement of Expense. Unless in a particular case advancement of expenses would jeopardize the Corporation's tax exempt status under Section 501(a) of the Code or result in the Corporation's failure to be described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, every indemnitee shall be entitled as of right to have his or her expenses in defending any Action paid in advance by the Corporation, as incurred, provided that the Corporation receives a written undertaking by or on behalf of the indemnitee to repay the amount advanced if it should ultimately be determined that the indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses.
- 9.3 Right of Indemnitee to Initiate Action: Defenses
- 9.3.1 If a written claim under Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of this Article is not paid in full by the Corporation within thirty (30) days after such claim has been received by the Corporation, the indemnitee may at any time thereafter initiate an action to recover the unpaid amount of the claim and, if successful in whole or in part, the indemnitee shall also be entitled to be paid the expense of prosecuting such action.

- 9.3.2 The only defenses to an action to recover a claim for indemnification otherwise properly asserted under Section 9.1 shall be (i) that the indemnitee's conduct was such that under applicable law the Corporation is prohibited from indemnifying the indemnitee for the amount claimed or (ii) that indemnification would jeopardize the Corporation's tax exempt status under Section 501(a) of the Code or result in the Corporation's failure to be described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, but the burden of proving any such defense shall be on the Corporation.
- 9.3.3 The only defenses to an action to recover a claim for indemnification otherwise properly asserted under Section 9.2 shall be (i) that advancement of expenses would jeopardize the Corporation's tax exempt status under Section 501(a) of the Code or result in the Corporation's failure to be described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (ii) that the indemnitee failed to provide the undertaking required by Section 9.2, but the burden of proving any such defense shall be on the Corporation.
- 9.4 Non-Exclusivity; Nature and Extent of Rights. The rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses provided for in this Article shall (i) not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which any indemnitee may be entitled, (ii) be deemed to create contractual rights in favor of each indemnitee who serves the Corporation at any time while this Article is in effect (and each such indemnitee shall be deemed to be so serving in reliance on the provisions of this Article), and (iii) continue as to each indemnitee who has ceased to have the status pursuant to which he was entitled or was designated as entitled to indemnification under this Article and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and legal representatives of each indemnitee.

## **10. Code**

References in these Articles to a section of the Code shall be construed to refer to both to such section and to the regulations promulgated thereunder, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code and the regulations thereunder.