

## Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Incorporation

I, Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: The following business entity has duly complied with the relevant provisions of Minnesota Statutes listed below, and is formed or authorized to do business in Minnesota on and after this date with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions, set forth in that chapter.

The business entity is now legally registered under the laws of Minnesota.

Name: DISTRICT NORTHERN ROCKIES MASTER BREWERS  
ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAS

File Number: 791581100027

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter: 317A

This certificate has been issued on: 11/02/2014



*Mark Ritchie*

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Secretary of State  
State of Minnesota

**Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State**  
**Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation/Articles of Incorporation**  
*Minnesota Statutes, 317A*



The individual(s) listed below who is (are each) 18 years of age or older, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article 1 CORPORATE NAME:

**DISTRICT NORTHERN ROCKIES MASTER BREWERS ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAS**

Article 2 REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT(S), IF ANY AT THAT OFFICE:

Name

Address:

**3340 Pilot Knob Road Saint Paul MN 55121 USA**

Article 3 INCORPORATOR(S):

Name:

Address:

**Tom Eplett**

**3340 Pilot Knob Road Eagan MN 55121**

DURATION: **PERPETUAL**

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

***By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.***

SIGNED BY: **Eve Borenstein**

MAILING ADDRESS:

**None Provided**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**DISTRICT NORTHERN ROCKIES MASTER BREWERS ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAS**

The undersigned incorporator, a natural person 18 years of age or older, in order to form a corporate entity under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317A, adopts the following articles of incorporation.

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME/REGISTERED OFFICE**

The name of this District (corporation) shall be: **DISTRICT NORTHERN ROCKIES MASTER BREWERS ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAS.**

The District's (corporation's) registered office shall be (until such time that the corporation's annual registration or amendment to these Articles alters same): 3340 Pilot Knob Road, St. Paul, MN 55121.

**ARTICLE II**  
**PURPOSE**

This District (corporation) is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as now enacted or hereafter amended. To this end, and in accord with the preceding sentence's dedication to Section 501(c)(3) purposes and operations, the corporation shall be operated exclusively as a District of the Master Brewers Association of the Americas, Inc. (hereafter, "MBAA") and shall engage in efforts within the geographic region the corporation's name delineates to:

*advance, support, promote, and encourage scientific research into brewing malt beverages and related industries and to make the results of that research available to the public through conventions, discussion groups, journals, publications and seminars.*

All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

**ARTICLE III**  
**LIMITATIONS**

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

1. No part of the net earnings of the District shall inure to any member of the District not qualifying as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended (hereinafter, "the Code"), nor to any Director or officer of the District, nor to any other private persons, excepting solely such reasonable compensation that the

District shall pay for services actually rendered to the District, or allowed by the District as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the District;

2. No substantial part of the activities of the District shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public (except as otherwise provided in subsection (h) of Section 501 of the Code), and the District shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office;
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the District shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;
4. The District shall not lend any of its assets to any officer or director of this District, or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or director of this District; and
5. At all times that the District shall intend to qualify as a "subordinate" organization to MBAA (thus obtaining 501(c)(3)-exemption under a "group exemption ruling" afforded MBAA pursuant to Revenue Procedure 80-27, 1980-1 C.B. 677 (or superseding ruling of the U.S. Treasury Department)), the District shall not undertake any actions in contradiction to:
  - a) holding status as an affiliate of MBAA and accordingly being subject to MBAA's general supervision and/or control
  - b) maintaining its books and records on the same accounting period as MBAA
  - c) qualifying as a public charity, rather than as a private foundation, pursuant to Section 509(a)(1)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **DIRECTORS/MEMBERS**

The management and affairs of the District shall be at all times under the direction of a Board of Directors, and the Board's operations in governing the District (including their number) shall be defined by statute and by the District's by-laws. Furthermore, for all times that the District qualifies as a District of MBAA by virtue of holding a "District Chartering Agreement" with that latter entity, the Board shall be required to meet the conditions of such Agreement.

The District shall have no voting members, but may admit individuals or organizations who support the purposes of the District to membership as nonvoting members.

No member or Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the District.

#### **ARTICLE V** **DEBT OBLIGATIONS AND PERSONAL LIABILITY**

No member (whensoever members exist), officer or Director of this District shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this District of any nature whatsoever, nor shall the property

of those parties be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this District, except to the extent that federal or State law shall mandate individual party responsibility for tax obligations or trustee-impresst funds.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**DISSOLUTION**

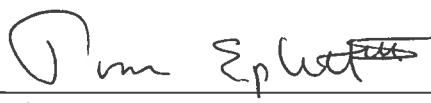
Upon the time of dissolution of the District, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the District, in accord with a plan of dissolution properly noticed to the Attorney General in accord with Minnesota Statutes section 317A.811 (as now enacted or hereafter amended) to the Master Brewers Association of the Americas, Inc. solely for exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code) and specifically restricted to the purposes set out in Article II herein, or, should MBAA at that time not be qualified as a 501(c)(3) organization, be distributed to another 501(c)(3)-qualified entity restricted to the purposes set out in Article II.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The incorporator of this District (corporation) is:

Tom Eplett III, 3340 Pilot Knob Rd, Eagan, MN 55121

The undersigned incorporator certifies both that s/he executes these Articles for the purposes herein stated, and that by such execution, s/he affirms the understanding that should any of the information in these Articles be intentionally or knowingly misstated, s/he is subject to the criminal penalties for perjury set forth in Minnesota Statutes 609.48 as if this document had been executed under oath.

  
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Signature

October 30, 2014  
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