







# STATE OF CALIFORNIA Office of the Secretary of State ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION CA NONPROFIT CORPORATION PUBLIC BENEFIT

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Corporation Name Corporation Name	Disability Media Funding and Access Consortium
Initial Street Address of Principal Office of Corporation	
Principal Address	3600 WILSHIRE BLVD SUITE 1810 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010
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#### Purpose Statement

This corporation is a Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for: Public purposes

# Additional Statements

The specific purpose of this corporation is to Provide services for disabled media makers

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the purposes set forth within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes set forth herein and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and/or religious purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purpose and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purpose of this corporation.

Additional information and signatures set forth on attached pages, if any, are incorporated herein by reference and made part of these Articles of Incorporation.

Electronic Signature

I declare that I am the person who executed this instrument, which execution is my act and deed.

Brendan Chatham	10/22/2024
Signature	Date

# Attachment to Articles of Incorporation for Disability Media Funding and Access Consortium:

# Additional provisions Re: Purpose

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended (the "Code"), to be operated under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California concerning nonprofit public benefit corporations, including without limitation, the California Nonprofit Corporation Law (the "Law"). The purposes of the Corporation and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are:

- A. The Corporation is dedicated to enhancing the sustainability and operational effectiveness of third party organizations with business models and missions focused on supporting disabled media makers and disabled media industry professionals, which is a group that has been historically underrepresented in the media industry. Specifically, the Corporation intends to: (1) provide educational opportunities offered to third party organizations in the media industry to: (a) help create and foster sustainable ecosystems that address the unique needs of disabled media makers; and (b) initiate and drive systemic change for the benefit of disabled media makers in the media industry; (2) foster community-driven research to develop: (a) educational resources; (b) a database; and (c) other content to be deployed to provide leadership development, capacity building and professional networks for members of the disabled media makers community; and (3) provide grant and other forms of funding to disability-centered third party organizations and projects in the media industry to help facilitate the ability of such organizations to implement their business models and missions.
- B. To take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease or otherwise any property, real, personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation as to amount or value.
- C. To work with other for profit organizations and not-for-profit organizations that are qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code to further the purposes of the Corporation.
- D. In general, to carry on any other business connected with or incidental to the foregoing objects and purposes and to have and to exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of California upon corporations formed under the Law.
- E. To invest, reinvest or deal with the principal or the income thereof in such a manner as in the judgment of the Corporation's Board of Directors (the "Board") which will promote the purposes of the Corporation without limitation, except such limitations, if any, set forth in the instrument pursuant to which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles"), the Bylaws of the Corporation (the "Bylaws"), or any laws applicable thereto.
- F. To receive and administer funds for charitable, scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
- G. To operate at all times in a manner that will assure the qualification of the Corporation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
- H. If any of the foregoing purposes fail to qualify as proper purposes for an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, then the Board is authorized to take such action as is necessary to amend or remove those purposes by adopting an amendment to the Articles.

I. To do any act or thing incidental or connected with the foregoing purposes or an advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of any director serving on the Board or any officers of the Corporation, except to the extent any such person is performing such acts on behalf of the Corporation in his or her capacity as an employee or independent contractor of the Corporation.

# **Additional Provisions to Articles:**

# **POWERS**

In furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation, and subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth below, the Corporation shall have and is permitted to exercise all of the rights, powers, privileges and immunities now or subsequently conferred upon nonprofit corporations organized under the laws of the State of California, including without limitation, the Law. The Corporation is permitted to do everything necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the corporate purposes, either alone or in connection with other organizations, entities or individuals, and either as principal or agent, subject to such limitations as are or may be prescribed by law. The Corporation is permitted to take such actions as are appropriately authorized by its Board.

# RESTRICTIONS ON POWERS AND PURPOSES

- A. The Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and the regulations related thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- B. No solicitation of contributions to the Corporation shall be made, and no gift, bequest, or devise to the Corporation shall be accepted, upon any condition or limitation that in the opinion of the Corporation may cause the Corporation to lose such federal income tax exemption.
- C. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director serving on the Board or any officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation in the promotion of one or more of its purposes), and no director serving on the Board or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Corporation.

# **MEMBERSHIP**

The Corporation will not have members with voting or other rights or powers under the Law.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The corporate powers and management of the Corporation will be vested in and exercised by the Board. The Board will be composed of at least three (3) directors, elected in the manner set forth in the Bylaws. The number of directors, their classifications, if any, and their terms of office shall be determined in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### **OFFICERS**

The Corporation will 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 will be determined according to the Bylaws then in effect.

# LIMITATION ON DIRECTOR 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) the director's assent to a distribution made in violation of the Law (as it may be amended from time to time); and (E) any transaction in which the director received improper personal benefit. If the Law is hereafter amended to eliminate or limit further the liability of a director, then, in addition to the elimination and limitation of liability provided by the preceding sentence, the liability of each director shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Law as so amended. Any repeal or modification of this provision of the Articles shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation under this provision of the Articles as in effect immediately prior to such repeal or modification, with respect to any liability that would have accrued, but for this provision of the Articles, prior to such repeal or modification. Nothing herein will be construed to deprive any director of the right to all defenses ordinarily available to a director nor will anything herein be construed to deprive any director of any right for contribution from any other director or other person.

# INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify and defend, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law in effect from time to time, any person, and the estate and personal representative of any such person, against all expenses (including attorney's fees) incurred by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Corporation or, while serving as a director or officer of the Corporation, he or she is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, employee, fiduciary, or agent of, or in any similar managerial or fiduciary position of, another domestic or foreign corporation or other individual or entity or of an employee benefit plan. The Corporation shall also indemnify any person who is serving or has served the Corporation as director, officer, employee, fiduciary, or agent, to the extent and in the manner provided in any bylaw, resolution of the members or directors, contract, or otherwise, so long as such provision is legally permissible. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this provision of the Articles, such indemnity shall not extend to conduct not undertaken in good faith to promote the best interests of the Corporation, nor to any recklessness or willful misconduct; and, provided further, that this indemnification shall be limited to the total assets of the Corporation.

# NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY

The Corporation will make its services, facilities, and programs available to all persons regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or handicap, and the Corporation will not in any way discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or handicap.

# AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Any amendment to the Articles may be proposed by any director and shall be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors, except that no such amendment shall be made that would: (A) change the nature of the activities to be carried on that would not be permitted by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code; or (B) have the effect of giving any director or officer of the Corporation any proprietary interest in the Corporation's property or assets, whether during the term of the Corporation's existence or as an incident to its dissolution.

#### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is **BRENDAN CHATHAM**.