

MOTION TO AMEND THE IGLA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Introductory notes

IGLA was incorporated on 25 June 1998 pursuant to the Utah Nonprofit Corporation and Cooperative Association Act, in 2000 replaced by the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act. Only the text in roman constitutes the motion to amend the Articles of Incorporation. The text in italics contains only explanatory notes. There are only two substantive changes, in the first two sections below. All the others are housekeeping. The entire text of the original Articles is attached. To be adopted this amendment requires a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast to be in its favour.

1. All that part of Article III preceding paragraph (b) be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

<i>Proposed text</i>	<i>Current text</i>
The purposes, powers and authorities of the corporation follow:	<i>The purposes for which this corporation is organized to act as a non-profit corporation with powers and authority includes as follows: SPECIFIC AND GENERAL PURPOSES</i>
(a) The primary purpose is to promote aquatic sports, generally but not exclusively for the benefit of sexual and gender minorities, but without discrimination, particularly but not exclusively on grounds of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or age.	<i>(a) The specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is to operate for the advancement of international amateur swimming competition (but no part of this corporation's activities involve the provision the provision of athletic facilities or equipment). More specifically, this corporation is formed: to promote participation in aquatic sports among lesbians, gay men, and friends of the lesbian and gay community; and to ensure the maintenance of the highest standards for all future Gay Games competitions.</i>

Result of amendment: *Having fewer words effectively expands the possible ways IGLA can achieve any mission or vision it defines for itself. Too many words limit the general purpose. IGLA is already doing more than is covered by the original text. Using the phrase "sexual and gender minorities", originated by our sister organization ILGA, is infinitely better to describe ourselves than LGBTTIQQ2SA!*

2. Article IX be repealed.

Current text of Article IX: *The officers of the corporation shall consist of an Atlantic Co-President, an Atlantic Co-Chair, a Pacific Co-President, a Pacific Co-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Federation of Gay Games Delegate, and a Federation of Gay Games Alternate Delegate, all of whom shall be members of the corporation and shall be elected as specified in the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of the corporation.*

Reason for Repeal: *This repeal is necessary in order to implement the recommendations of the Policy and Procedures Committee which were accepted by the membership at the annual general meeting on 2008-06-18 Wednesday in Washington DC, USA. The report of the Policies and Procedures Committee expressed the rationale for the recommendation follows.*

... due to the perception that Atlantic and Pacific designations for co-chairs/presidents were US centric, and the actual terms were in limited use in the document, they [are to be] struck, and the executive officer positions are to be known as “co-president” and “chair.”

The original dividing line between “Atlantic” and “Pacific”, though never defined in either the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaw or the Policies and Procedures Manual, was apparently assumed to be more or less the boundary between central and mountain time in North America and its equivalent on the other side of the planet. In this was it was expected that the Atlantic co-chairs and co-presidents would originate from the eastern North America, Europe and Africa; whereas their Pacific counterparts would originate from western North America, Asia and Australasia. In practise this concept had never been continuously observed.

3. The name of the corporation be changed by deleting the abbreviation “INC”, the comma and space before it and the period after it.

Reason for change: *Utah law does not require that the name of a nonprofit corporation include an indication of its corporate status. As IGLA has never used and probably will never use the “INC.” in any of its communications, with this change the official name and the name used will be the same.*

4. Article VII be amended by striking out the text in parentheses and adding a comma after the word “adopted”.

The Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of this corporation may be adopted, (by the Trustees-directors named in the Articles of Incorporation and may thereafter be) amended or repealed by any means provided in the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures as allowed by the laws of Utah.

Reason for change: *The original Bylaws and Policies and Procedures were in fact adopted by those “Trustees-directors”. Any new Bylaws and Policies and Procedures are now adopted by the Board or the membership as the case may be.*

5. Articles IV, XI and XII be repealed.

These three articles were necessary to enable IGLA to commence operations. They are consequently all spent. All matters covered by these Articles are now provided for by bylaw.

Article IV named the initial Board of eight members and empowered them to act as the corporation until such time as their successors were chosen in accordance with a bylaw. The eight members were the same as the incorporators, who are listed in Article X, which remains. Article IX provided for the designation of the initial registered agent and address of the registered office of IGLA. Article XII provided for the initial members of the Corporation.

6. Current Articles XIII, and X be renumbered respectively as Articles IV and IX.
