



LIMELEDGE BOTANICAL GARDEN AND ARBORETUM

PROVISIONAL CHARTER

This Instrument Witnesseth That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York at their meeting of March 13, 2023,

Voted, that

1. A provisional charter valid for a term of five years is granted incorporating Erik H. Carlson, Phillip M. Crim, David J. DeSimone, Tasha P. Haynes, Alan R. Simmons, Kristopher A. Stone and their associates and successors as an education corporation under the corporate name of Limeledge Botanical Garden and Arboretum, located in Elbridge, county of Onondaga, and state of New York.

2. The purposes for which such corporation is formed are:

To assist in the conservation of plants by providing an accessible, community-oriented and educational reference collection. With an emphasis on rare and endangered species, native taxa, difficult species complexes, and their ecosystem services, visitors will be introduced to the importance biodiversity and the rich tapestry of terrestrial ecosystems. The acquisition of documented, wild-collected material as well as the preservation of genotypes currently within cultivation, will serve as a reservoir for maintaining valuable and noteworthy germplasm for future generations.

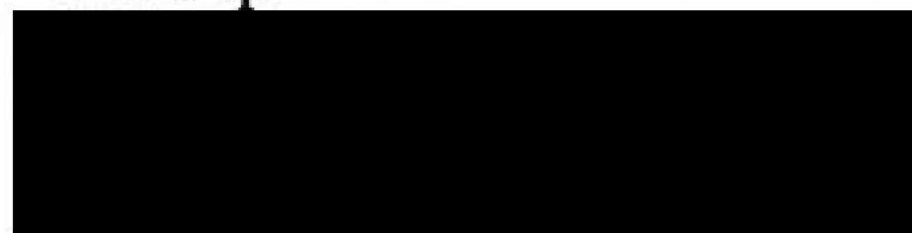
3. The persons named as incorporators shall constitute the first board of trustees. The board shall have power to adopt bylaws, including therein provisions fixing the method of election and the term of office of trustees, and shall have power by vote of two-thirds of all the members of the board of trustees to change the number of trustees to be not more than twenty-five nor less than five.

4. The names and post office addresses of the first trustees are as follows:

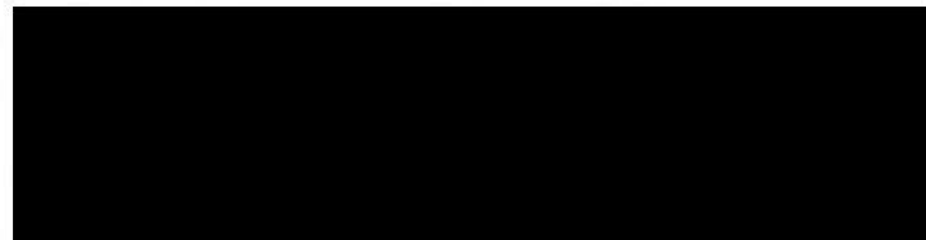
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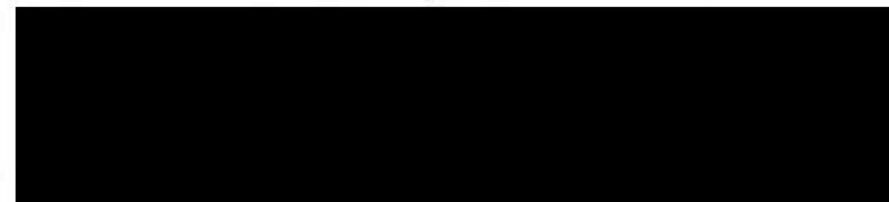
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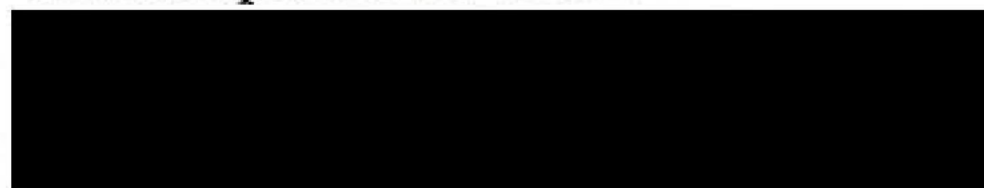
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Alan R. Simmons



Kristopher A. Stone



5. The corporation hereby created shall be a nonstock corporation organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code), and no part of the net earnings or net income shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director or officer of the

corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation), and no member, trustee, director 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.

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code).

7. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be devoted to carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, (except to the extent authorized by Internal Revenue Code section 501(h) as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code, during any fiscal year or years in which the corporation has chosen to utilize the benefits authorized by the statutory provision) and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

8. Upon dissolution of the corporation, the board of trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the remaining assets of the corporation exclusively for one or more exempt purposes, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code), or shall distribute the same to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the judicial district where the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, as said Court shall determine.

9. The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 1686 State Route 321, Elbridge, New York 13060. The mailing address is 5052 Limeledge Rd, Elbridge, New York 13060.

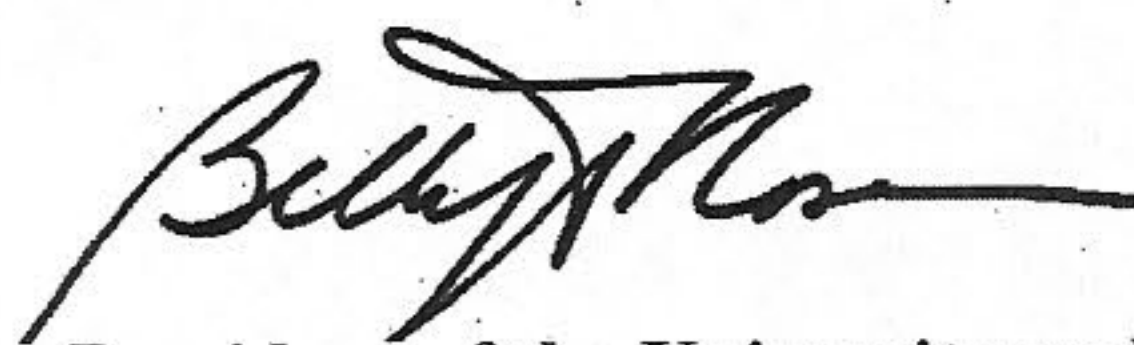
10. The Commissioner of Education is designated as the representative of the corporation upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served.

11. Such provisional charter will be made absolute if, within five years after the date when this charter is granted, the corporation shall acquire resources and equipment which are available for its use and support and which are sufficient and suitable for its chartered purposes in the judgment of the Regents of the University, and shall be maintaining an institution of educational usefulness and character satisfactory to the Regents. Prior to the expiration of said five-year period, an application for the extension of such provisional charter or for an absolute charter will be entertained by the Regents, but in the event that such application is not made, then at the expiration of said term of five years, and upon notice by the Regents, such provisional charter shall terminate and become void and shall be surrendered to the Regents.




Chancellor

Granted, March 13, 2023 by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, and executed under the seal of said University and recorded as Number 27,560.


President of the University and
Commissioner of Education