

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FOUR CORNERS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION, INC.
(A New Mexico Non-Profit Corporation)
(April, 1996)

We, the undersigned, in order to form a corporation for the purposes herinafter stated, under and pursuant to the laws of the State of New Mexico, make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be FOUR CORNERS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION, INC., a New Mexico non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE II.

The location of the registered office of the corporation in the State of New Mexico shall be 1690 North Butler St., Farmington, New Mexico. ELLIOTT A. RIGGS is designated as the registered agent in charge thereof and upon whom process against the corporation may be served.

ARTICLE III.

The purposes of the corporation are:

1. To establish a permanent entity to conduct educational, charitable and scientific activities related to or allied with the field of geology,
2. To make contributions to any organization described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with the exception of organizations testing for public safety.
3. To conduct research, both directly and through the promotion, assistance, encouragement, support and furtherance of studies and research, in the field of geology and in sciences related thereto.
4. To disseminate information relating to geology and related fields through lectures, seminars, publications, educational courses, teaching aids and by other means and materials.
5. To carry on programs of continuing education in geology and related studies.
6. To assist in career guidance to persons interested in the field of geology or related fields.
7. To assist public or private schools (elementary and secondary), colleges and universities and technical schools in teaching and education in the field of geology and related fields.
8. To provide scholarships, prizes awards, gifts, educational loans and other kinds of support to assist or reward persons engaged in the study of and/or pursuit of the science of geology or related fields.
9. To establish fellowships or "chairs" in colleges and universities in order to further education and knowledge in the field of geology and related fields.
10. To work with and support (including contributions from the Corporation) other organizations with similar objectives which are in themselves tax-exempt educational or scientific organizations under the Internal Revenue Code.

11. To support activities of other organizations with financial assistance so long as the activity supported is one in which the Corporation, as an organization described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, may engage and the financial assistance is so utilized.
12. To buy, sell, hold, build, lease or own real estate and buildings, to furnish and maintain the same, and to exercise any and all powers granted under the laws of the State of New Mexico to non-profit corporations.

ARTICLE IV.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V.

This corporation shall never have any capital stock, being organized solely for non-profit purposes. This corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain to its members.

ARTICLE VI.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. 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, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VII.

The names and addresses of the first Board of Trustees and the incorporators are as follows:

JOHN A. CAMPBELL
Department of Geology
Fort Lewis College
1000 Rim Drive
Durango, Colorado 81301

ELLIOTT A. RIGGS
1690 North Butler St.
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

DAVID SCHODERBEK
c/o Meridian Oil Inc.
3535 East 30th St.
Farmington, New Mexico 87402

WILLIAM R. SPEER
900 Crestview Drive
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

An Affidavit signed by each Trustee consenting to being a Trustee is on file with the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII.

The term of the existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE IX.

This corporation shall be governed by the Articles of Incorporation and also the By-Laws which are to be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE X.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after making provisions for payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets to a charitable organization qualified as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or any amendments hereof) as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 19th day of April, 1996.

Signed by John A. Campbell, Elliot A. Riggs, David Schoderbek and William R. Speer.