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## REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE

DEADLINE 30 APRIL 2019

Instructions for completing the request form are available at:

<https://ich.unesco.org/en/forms>

### 1. Name of the organization

#### 1.a. Official name

Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

Pacific Traditions Society

#### 1.b. Name in English or French

Please provide the name of the organization in English or French.

Pacific Traditions Society

### 2. Contact of the organization

#### 2.a. Address of the organization

Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).

Organization: Pacific Traditions Society

Address: POB 189

Telephone number: 808 9368462

Email address: vakataumako@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.vaka.org>

Other relevant information: vakataumako on Facebook

## 2.b Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request.

Title (Ms/Mr, etc.): Dr.

Family name: GEORGE

Given name: MARIANNE

Institution/position: PACIFIC TRADITIONS SOCIETY, DIRECTOR AND VAKA TAUMAKO PROJECT OF PACIFIC TRADITIONS SOCIETY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address: POB 189

Telephone number: 808 9368462 AND 808 8220647

Email address: GEORGE.MIMI@GMAIL.COM and VAKATAUMAKO@GMAIL.COM

Other relevant information: The address of our official agent's non-profit office in the USA is 15208 NE 63RD CT  
REDMOND, WA 98052 USA

## 3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out its activities.

- local
- national
- international (please specify: )
- worldwide
  - Africa
  - Arab States
  - Asia & the Pacific
  - Europe & North America
  - Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) in which it is active:

USA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS

#### 4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

*Please state when the organization came into existence, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).*

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#### 5. Objectives of the organization

*Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be 'in conformity with the spirit of the Convention' (Criterion C). If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.*

*Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information*

- 1) Foster world peace
- 2) Support experiential practice and transmission of ancient maritime cultural knowledge
- 3) train new generations to build and navigate, using ancient designs, methods, and materials.
- 4) Sail ancient voyaging routes and revive traditional partnerships and trade relationships within the Santa Cruz Group and in other regions and oceans, in order to demonstrate and revive ancient knowledge of self-reliant means of communication and prosperity between island and coastal peoples.
- 5) Document the practices and create an archive of video, written, photo, and other educational materials and products for the benefit of voyaging students and the public.
- 6) Create cultural exchanges between voyagers and voyaging students.
- 7) Protect and benefit voyaging groups, Explore ways to better protect and promote ancient voyaging knowledge, including correspondence, participations, and registration with United Nations and indigenous people's initiatives, and bio-cultural efforts, worldwide.
- 8) Create and publish educational media and displays for museums, schools, cultural groups, academics, and scientists.

## 6. The organization's activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Sections 6.a to 6.d are the primary place for establishing that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having 'proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains' (Criterion A).

### 6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick 'other domains' and indicate which domains are concerned.

- oral traditions and expressions
- performing arts
- social practices, rituals and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- other domains - please specify:

TRADITIONAL WAYFINDING AND NAVIGATION

### 6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization's primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick 'other safeguarding measures' and specify which ones are concerned.

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection
- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures – please specify:

PUBLISHING, MUSEUM DISPLAYS AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### 6.c. Description of the organization's activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee. Relevant documentation may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

*Not to exceed 550 words; do not attach additional information*

Pacific Tradition Society recent activities include;

\*assisting the Vaka Taumako Project of Solomon Islands (VTPSI)/Vaka Valo Association (VVA) in construction of Tealoli canoes and voyage to, and around, Outer Reef Islands as 2011-13 to train students in ancient knowledge of traditional canoe building and navigational methods,

\*constructing two Tepuke canoes since 2014 in preparation for Holau (Sail) to Vanuatu in 2016/2017 for training of young crews in longer voyages and for family reunion of Taumakoans who lives in Vanuatu after the border between Vanuatu and Solomon Islands was closed by colonial rules.

Developing a curriculum for informal education for the Lata Navigational School, and making proposals with UNESCO for development of voyaging lesson plans and curricula for schools.

\*Assisting Hokule'a' on her 2016-17 round the world voyage as crew on the escort vessel during

three legs of the voyage, and participating in pan-Pacific meetings of voyaging groups that are figuring out how to collaborate and support each other.

Giving presentations in the Fiji conference on Sustainable Seacraft in 2014. Luke Vaikawi and George presented at PacFest in Guam in 2016. Dr George gave multiple presentations at the IUCN, East/West Center, Maritime Archaeology of Hawai'i and Pacific conferences, and Association of Social Anthropologists, as well as Pacific History Association, U. California Irvine, U. California Chico, etc), PACFEST Guam, UNESCO website revision of canoeisthepeople.org, ICHCAP conferences (Honiara Youth Workshop and Melanesian Arts Festival) and Seoul "Maritime Silk Road"), and numerous test screenings of We, the Voyagers documentary at educational, museum, and maritime-related venues on the west coast USA and Canada.

Fund-raising for transport of 4 Taumakan crew to Saipan to participate (with 500 Sails voyaging group) in construction a 40 foot Proa design voyaging canoe, and then when completed the crew will sail it home to Taumako to use in support of sea-training and as a cargo vessel and emergency vessel for the community and the region.

The Vaka Taumako Project of Pacific Traditions Society started in 1996, and renewed research permits annually with Ministry of Education until 2017. Since then PTS has given support to the

Vaka Taumako Project of Solomon Islands/Vaka Valo Association as they continuously develop their capacity to communicate with outsiders and to access funding and administer their own programs.

VPTSI Board of Directors meets periodically and the annual meeting includes all the directors, including M. George from Hawaii, Dr Salopuka meets with Taumako VTPSI leaders and membership at least twice/year.

Since 2006, PTS has worked with Dr Salopuka, whose has faithfully and resourcefully managed over 400,000.USD provided by PTS, and Dr Salopuka and others have organized programs skillfully and efficiently despite effects of civil war, disasters and disfunctions of global economy.

Currently Dr George, H. Wyeth, and Dr Salopuka are writing more articles, a book, and are editing Part 2 and creating Part 3 of a 3 part Documentary film series. Part 1, We, the Voyagers: Our Vaka, is now in final cut form and will be entered in film festivals in 2019.

#### **6.d. Description of the organization's competence and expertise**

*Please provide information on the personnel and members of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage, in particular those that demonstrate the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee, and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.*

*Not to exceed 200 words; do not attach additional information*

#### **Board Members of Pacific Traditions Society:**

Rob Lambden – President, maritime history and sailboat design and construction

Marianne George – Vice-President, Ph.D. in cultural anthropology of voyaging and navigation. Experienced blue water sailor. Director of Vaka Taumako Project and 3 other major research/education projects that were requested by traditional voyaging heritage communities of Kokola, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea 1979-85, St Lawrence Island, Alaska, USA and Chukotka, USSR 1987-96, and Antarctic Winter-over expedition 1982-4 (European voyaging exploration methods). Writer of articles and books about voyaging and culture.

Heuionalani M. Wyeth – Secretary, oral history, Hawaiian culture, and woven arts. Author of numerous articles.

Rich Winegar – Treasurer – business and bookkeeping, charitable organisation management

Simon Salopuka – Honorary Board Member. Coordinator for Vaka Taumako Project for 4 years.

Executive Director of VTPSI/VVA of Solomon Islands for 4.5 years. Born and raised at Taumako. Trained in Lata Voyaging School for 4 years. Author of articles about his resarche of health and voyaging topics. He is a physician.

PTS does not have official membership, which is appropriate in the USA. But we have over 200 active contributors and participants in the USA and internationally. Over 250 people, who are most of the population of Taumako, Duff Islands, are active members of PTS supported programs.

## **7. The organization's experiences in cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners**

*The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation 'cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, practise and transmit intangible cultural heritage' (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.*

*Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information*

PTS has worked with member of Duff Islands community for 25 years. For 20 years PTS did so with a research permit with the Ministry of Education. Since 2017 PTS has done so under agreements with VTPSI/VVA, a charitable organization registered in Solomon Islands since 2014, and administered by Duff Islanders.

In 1999, when a group of Doctors and their staffs, and the hospital on Kaua'i donated cataract surgeries to Paramount Chief Kaveia of Taumako, the 7 Taumako people who accompanied Kaveia on Kaua'i built the main hull of a vaka moana as a gift for the people of Kaua'i. Whenever other voyaging groups request help, such as making a lauhala sail for their vaka, or needing sennit cordage, or visiting Taumako or meeting with Taumakan experts in the ancient arts, PTS responds as family and without reference to costs.

PTS respects the tangible and intangible knowledge of others and does not claim to know more than the knowledge-holders. PTS supports training a new generation of voyagers and helping the youth of the world to learn about voyaging arts that Taumakans, and some other peoples with Austronesian cultural heritage, have kept practicing. Our longer-term goal is to revive voyaging partnerships and networks throughout the Pacific, Indian and other oceans.

PTS distinguishes between the expert use of ancient materials, designs, and methods, and protocols, and the co-opting of these arts by people with no intention of learning these ways or using these things. We never give key details of the ancient voyaging designs to those who intend to use them to make money and prestige for themselves but will not crediting the ancients for having figured out and made these things, or compensate the communities who use them now.

We do not make profit, but support progra, needs, including payment of school fees and necessities for Taumakans as they work on becoming sustainable by practicing their voyaging heritage. Our goal is to share and teach and learn for the benefit of the coming generations, and for the sustainability and resilience of the world.



## 8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

The Operational Directives require that an organization requesting accreditation submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated, whenever possible, into English or French if the originals are in another language. **Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.**

### 8.a. Members and personnel

Proof of the participation of the members of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, a list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of the members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.a'.

### 8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing documents, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.b'.

### 8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already clearly indicated in the documentation provided under section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs, DVDs or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.c'.

## 9. Signature

The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Marianne George

Title: Director

Date: 5 October 2018

Signature:



**Section 8a. Proof of Members and Personnel:**

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
 BUSINESS REGISTRATION DIVISION  
 335 Merchant Street  
 Mailing Address: Annual Filing, P.O. Box 40, Honolulu, HI 96810

FOREIGN NONPROFIT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT AS OF January 1, 2018

**CORPORATION NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS**

PACIFIC TRADITIONS SOCIETY  
 ATTN: MARIANNE GEORGE  
 POB 189  
 ANAHOLA HI 96703

**Principal Office Address**

ATTN: MARIANNE GEORGE  
 POB 189  
 ANAHOLA HI 96703

**1. Incorporated under the laws of:** Washington

**2. Nature of activities in Hawaii:**

THE PRIMARY PURPOSES ARE TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGH COOPERATIVE, MARINE-BASED ACTIVITIES, PERFORM CULTURAL RESEARCH & RELATED EDUCATIONAL PU

**3. The name of the registered agent and the registered agent's street address of the place of business in Hawaii of the person to which service of process and other notice and documents being served on or sent to the entity represented by it may be delivered to.**

HEUI'ONALANI M. WYETH  
 4320 KAMANI RD  
 ANAHOLA HI 96703

**4. Name and address of officers and directors:**

Offices Held	Full Name	Address
S/D	WYETH, HEUI'ONALANI	POB 189, ANAHOLA HI 96703
V/D	GEORGE, MARIANNE	4320 KAMANE RD, POB 189, ANAHOLA HI 96703
T	WINEGAR, RICHARD	4551 KAHILIHOLE RD, KILAUEA HI 96754
D	LAMB DEN, ROBERT	POB 868, HANA LEI HI 96714

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>NO CHANGES</b>                  Checking this box means there are no changes reported. The Department will not be held responsible for any changes made to this report.</p>
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**CERTIFICATION**

I certify under the penalties of Section 414D-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that I have read the above, the information is true and correct, and I am authorized to sign this report.

February 12, 2018	MARIANNE GEORGE	MARIANNE GEORGE
Date	Signature of authorized officer, attorney-in-fact for an officer, or receiver or trustee (if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver or trustee)	Print Name

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PTS is not legally required to have members. PTS has an active roster of participants who support and carry out aims of PTS and who participate in PTS' Vaka Taumako Project programs. These include 200 active supporters of PTS and 250 members of the Vaka Taumako Project of Solomon Islands/Vaka Valo Association (VTPSI/VVA), which we work with in Solomon Islands.



Section 8b: Recognised legal personality: This is a letter from the IRS of USA confirming our determination as a non-profit NGO

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

P. O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: July 6, 2000

Person to Contact:  
Tracy Garrigus #31-07307  
Customer Service Representative  
Toll Free Telephone Number:  
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST  
877-829-5500

Pacific Traditions Society  
% D.J. Robinson  
26601 S.E. 224<sup>th</sup> St  
Maple Valley, WA 98038

Fax Number:  
513-283-3756  
Federal Identification Number:  
94-3099578

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in response to your request for a copy of your organization's determination letter. This letter will take the place of the copy you requested.

Our records indicate that a determination letter issued in October 1969, granted your organization exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That letter is still in effect.

Based on information subsequently submitted, we classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it is an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

This classification was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in the application. If your organization's sources of support, or its character, method of operations, or purposes have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the exempt status and foundation status of your organization.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid to each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes.

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2108, and 2522 of the Code.

Pacific Traditions Society  
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Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it must file an income tax return on the Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization's present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

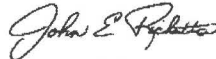
The law requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. You are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of your organization's exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

This letter affirms your organization's exempt status.

Sincerely,



John E. Ricketts  
Director, TE/GE CAS



Washington  
**Secretary of State**  
 KIM WYMAN

James M. Dolliver Building  
 801 Capitol Way South  
 PO Box 40234  
 Olympia WA 98504-0234  
 360.725.0377

**Nonprofit Corporation Annual Report  
 Form Submission Information**

**Business Name** PACIFIC TRADITIONS SOCIETY  
**UBI** 601130576  
**Transaction Submitted Date** 10/23/2017  
**Tracking ID** 3615403  
**Validation ID** 3580202-001  
**Document Type** Annual Report  
**Corporation Type** Non-Profit Corporation  
**Date of Incorporation** 11/23/1988  
**Fee** \$10.00  
**Place of Business Address** 15208 NE 63RD CT  
 REDMOND, WA 98052

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 SECRETARY OF STATE  
 OCTOBER 23, 2017  
 STATE OF WASHINGTON

**Registered Agent Information**

**Name** CYNTHIA HIEGGELKE  
**Address** 15208 NE 63RD CT  
 REDMOND, WA 98052  
**Email**  
**Mailing Address**  
 WA

**Governing Person Information**

**Name** President ROBERT LAMB DEN  
**Address** POB 868  
 HANA LEI  
 HANA LEI, HI 97614

**Name** Vice President MARIANNE GEORGE  
**Address** POB 189  
 ANA HOLA, HI 96703

**Name** Secretary HEUJIONALANI WYETH  
**Address** POB 189  
 ANA HOLA, HI 96703

**Purpose**

FOSTER INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGH COOPERATIVE, MARINE -BASED RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS .

**Signed By**

**Name** Vice President MARIANNE GEORGE  
**Address** POB 189  
 ANA HOLA, HI 96703

**Submitter Name** MARIANNE GEORGE  
**Submitter Email** GEORGE.MIMI@GMAIL .COM

**Cost**

\$10.00

Section 8C. Duration of Existence and Activities:

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF WASHINGTON

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
PACIFIC TRADITIONS SOCIETY  
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 24.03, states the following:

ARTICLE I  
NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Pacific Traditions Society, a non profit corporation.

ARTICLE II  
DURATION

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III  
CORPORATE PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized exclusively for the following purposes:

1. Fostering international peace and understanding through cooperative, marine-based expeditions, and
2. Cultural research and documentation of the traditional initiatives of indigenous peoples, and
3. Educational purposes.

Such purposes are to be conducted within the meaning of subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including for such purposes as follows:

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(a) To conduct projects and fieldwork in remote or not well understood geographical and cultural circumstances, including, but not exclusive of, the Bering Straits, the South Pacific, and Antarctica.

(b) To aid and support certain research and development projects in the fields of science, health, anthropology, communication, responsible tourism, and useful fieldwork products and methods.

(c) To aid and foster international good will and understanding by such other purposes and objectives as may be consistent within the meaning of IRC subsection 501(c)(3).

#### ARTICLE IV

##### MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Corporation shall be composed of those persons:

1. Who wish to assist in the work and accomplishment of the Corporation's purposes and goals as specified in the Articles of Incorporation; and

2. Who are approved for membership by the Board of Directors, according to standards adopted by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE V

##### INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall hold harmless from personal liability any director of the Corporation or its members, if any, for monetary damages for conduct as a director or member: provided, that such provision does not eliminate or limit the liability of a director or member for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by a director or member, or a

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transaction from which the director or member will personally receive a benefit in money, property or services to which the director or member is not legally entitled.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### BYLAWS

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation, except as provided in these articles, shall be determined and fixed by the bylaws as adopted by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### EARNINGS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 hereinabove.

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 provisions of these articles.

The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by incorporation exempt from federal income tax under sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

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Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for a charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future code, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE VIII

REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the registered agent of the Corporation is Mary Jo Thill. The registered office address, which is also the address of the registered agent, is 50 Carey Court, Port Ludlow, Washington 98365, (206) 437-2808.

ARTICLE IX

DIRECTORS

The number of directors shall be determined from time to time based on the needs and objectives of the Corporation. The initial directors names and addresses are as follows:

Dr. David H. Lewis  
177 Bunnell  
Homer, AK 99603

Dr. Marianne George  
177 Bunnell  
Homer, AK 99603

Michael F. Thill  
50 Carey Court  
Port Ludlow, WA 98365

Mary Jo Thill  
50 Carey Court  
Port Ludlow, WA 98365

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ARTICLE X  
NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Mary Jo Thill  
50 Carey Court  
Port Ludlow, Washington 98365

ARTICLE XI  
DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, the net assets are to be distributed as provided in Article VII herein.

DATED this 23 day of November, 1988.

  
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Incorporator

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cont. Section 8c:



**Office of the Honourable,  
Deputy Premier,  
Lata, Santa Cruz  
Temotu Province  
SOLOMON ISLANDS**

Nevele (Santa Cruz)  
Tinakula  
Reef Islands  
Pileni  
Malena  
Nupani  
Niffole  
Duff Islands  
Utubua  
Vanikoro  
Tikopia  
Anusa  
Fesaka

**TEMOTU PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT**

Email: st3h241@gmail.com Telephone: (677) 53039 / 7412433 Date: 23/11 2016

**To Whom It May Concern:**

The Temotu Provincial Government supports *Hohoaki Hikulu o Lata* (Lata Voyaging School) of the Vaka Taumako Project of Solomon Islands/ Vaka Valo Association (VTPSI/VVA). The VTPSI/VVA programs are aimed at perpetuating the practice of ancient voyaging materials, designs, and methods of building, sailing, and wayfinding. These programs engage and educate our youth, who lack employment and opportunity. We encourage VTPSI/VVA to reach out to other communities and islands throughout Temotu, Vanuatu, and beyond, so that the partnerships and networks between island peoples may be rebuilt and extended. We recognize that our sustainability, resilience, and bio-diversity will be enhanced greatly by the perpetuation and revival of ancient voyaging practices. People from different islands can help each other in times of need and by sharing or trading resources that are not available on other islands. The adaptation of the ancient to fit modern circumstances can be considered once the traditional foundation is well laid.

Programs include: 1) building voyaging canocs, sailing them inter-island, and wayfinding using only ancient designs, methods, and materials, 2) documenting the knowledge with video, photos, and written reports and books, 3) creating lesson plans and curricula for traditional voyaging, 4) executing educational exchange programs for voyaging students and teachers/supervisors, 5) creation of displays, presentations, and a conditions-controlled library and archive of voyaging artifacts and history as part of the school "Canoehouse" site, and 6) voyages to and from Vanuatu as part of the Vanuatu/Solomon Islands Trade Link.

An MOU between Temotu Provincial Government is has been in effect for many years and nothing more is required to implement the programs of *Hohoaki Hikulu o Lata*. The forms and content of these Lata Voyaging School programs have been discussed, considered, and implemented for over 20 years. We welcome Solomon Islands and international support for, and participation in, the programs of *Hohoaki Hikulu o Lata*. We are grateful for the support of Pacific Traditions Society since 1996, and we look forward to working with them to achieve the goals stated above.

Sincerely,

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