

TriLUG Articles of Incorporation Changes

To be put to a vote of the membership at the general meeting on May 8, 2014.

Third Original

Said corporation is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purpose, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) (currently lapsed - 2013) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Third New

Said corporation is organized exclusively for **charitable**, educational, and scientific purpose, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) (currently lapsed - 2013) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The bold is added only to point out the change. TriLUG is attempting to become an exempt nonprofit on charitable grounds, thus it is valuable to emphasize that point. You can read more about this here:

[http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Charitable-Organizations/Exemption-Requirements-Section-501\(c\)\(3\)-Organizations](http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Charitable-Organizations/Exemption-Requirements-Section-501(c)(3)-Organizations)

Seventh Original

Said corporation shall have a membership of professionally and/or personally interested North Carolina residents promoting the practice of and education therein of Linux and the open source movement. A list of its members, and a means by which they may be contacted will be recorded and updated every fiscal quarter. Any membership information gathered, including but not limited to name, contact information, and any optional demographic information, will be treated as confidential information.

Seventh New

Said corporation shall have a membership of professionally and/or personally interested North Carolina residents promoting the practice of and education therein of Linux and the open source movement.

The first sentence was not changed. Everything else was deleted. Membership is now defined in the bylaws.

Eighth Original

There is a Steering Committee comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Webmaster and Public Relations Officer. Steering Committee members must reside in the state of North Carolina.

Members elect the officers at the May general meeting by a majority vote. At the first steering committee meeting, the committee members will elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Webmaster and Public Relations Officer who serve for one year terms and may be reelected. The Chair presides at Steering Committee meetings and general meetings with the Vice Chair presiding in the absence of the Chair. The Chair and the Vice Chair are responsible for providing an account to the members all business accomplished. The Treasurer receives and disburses money at the direction of the Steering Committee and is accountable for the budget. The Treasurer and the Chair are accountable for quarterly tax filing and end of the year filing; however, the Treasurer is responsible for acquiring all the necessary forms and working with a certified public accountant if necessary to file said forms. The Webmaster is responsible for the server where the web site resides. Both the Webmaster and the Public Relations Officer are responsible for all the information on the web site. The Public Relations Officer is responsible for all general information received by the public. The Steering Committee may establish other offices and any sub-committees necessary with the approval of their membership during said Steering Committee's term in office. An individual may be removed from office at a general meeting if the motion to remove has been announced to the membership no more than sixty days nor less than ten days prior to the meeting at which the motion is to be considered, and two-thirds of those present at the meeting vote to remove the individual. Should a member of the Steering Committee vacate their office (by removal, relocation outside the state of North Carolina, resignation or death), the membership will nominate and then vote in a new officer to serve out the remainder of the term. Nominations must be proposed and voted on no more than sixty days nor less than ten days before the meeting at which voting will commence.

Eighth New

There shall be a Steering Committee comprised of at least three members.

The rest is now defined in the bylaws.

Ninth

This section was completely removed and is now described in the bylaws.