

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
of  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COORDINATORS OF  
STATE PROGRAMS FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

We, the undersigned persons, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a nonprofit benevolent and scientific corporation, pursuant to the provisions of Revised Code of Washington, 24.08 et sequa and declare the following as the Articles of Incorporation of said association.

I.

The name of the corporation shall be the National Association of Coordinators of State Programs for the Mentally Retarded, Inc.

II.

The corporation shall have no capital stock, each member shall have the same voice and vote as every other member, and its period of duration shall be perpetual.

III.

The corporation is organized not-for-profit but for the general and exclusive purpose of conducting educational, benevolent, and scientific activities pertinent to the field of mental retardation. To this end, the corporation shall promote mutual assistance, cooperation and research in the administration of programs in mental retardation, (1) through development of data, studies, and trends in mental retardation, and (2) through encouragement of the exchange of information, experience, and ideas relating to care, treatment, training, research, institutional facilities, financial factors and other relevant data in the administration of public mental retardation programs in the various states. The term "public mental retardation programs" is meant to encompass the total institutional and community programs serving the mentally retarded within those states who are affiliated with this association. The term "states" shall include all the individual states, territories, possessions, and federal districts of the United States of America.

IV.

No substantial part of the corporation's activities shall be to carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in political campaigns on behalf of any candidate for public office.

V.

The corporation shall be empowered to engage in any and all activities to carry out the purposes for which it is incorporated, except that it shall not be empowered to engage in any activity

which would disqualify the corporation from exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) pertaining to exemption of certain charitable, benevolent, educational, and nonprofit organizations.

#### VI.

The corporation shall be without capital stock and no part of its income or assets shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual except as reasonable compensation for services actually rendered to the corporation.

#### VII.

There shall be one class of membership, to-wit:

(a) Regular Members shall be those duly constituted state officials in charge of public mental retardation programs of the various states, it being recognized that there is lack of uniformity as to title and administrative structure among the several states and that the final decision as to the appropriate state representative shall vest in the Board of Directors of this corporation after consultation with and receiving the recommendation of the Governor of such State. Each Regular Member shall have one vote, be responsible for the payment of dues, and is entitled to serve on committees and to hold office.

#### VIII.

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of seven directors, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, and three others, their election to be in the manner and for the terms prescribed by the by-laws of this association. If any officer or director, before the expiration of his term, ceases to be a Regular Member, he shall also cease to serve as an officer or member of the Board, and may be replaced by the Board of Directors for the duration of the term, except that if the office of President shall become vacant it shall be immediately filled by the Vice-President.

#### IX.

The internal affairs of the corporation shall be administered and regulated by the Board of Directors as provided in the By-Laws.

#### X.

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, its assets shall be distributed, in accordance with the direction of the Board of Directors, to the American Association on Mental Deficiency, or any other nonprofit education, scientific, or charitable organizations active in the field of mental retardation, Provided, however, that the organization so selected is qualified as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue laws).

XI.

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation shall be Olympia, Thurston County, State of Washington, and the initial registered agent located at such address shall be Van R. Hinkle, of 3211 Capitol Blvd., Olympia, Washington.

XII.

The names and addresses of those members who are to serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified, are as follows:

Louis Belinson, M.D., President	Missouri
Vernon Stehman, M.D., Vice-President	Michigan
Bert W. Schmickel, Secretary-Treasurer	Connecticut
Van R. Hinkle, (Immediate Past President)	Washington
Charles Acuff, Board Member At Large	Kentucky
William Sloan, Ph.D., Board Member At Large	Illinois
John Zuidema, Board Member at Large	South Carolina

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the incorporators of this corporation, do hereby subscribe our respective names, in triplicate, this 24th day of January, 1963.

*Louis Belinson, M.D.*  
*Van R. Hinkle*

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF THURSTON )

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this 24 day of January, 1964, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and sworn, Louis Belinson and Van R. Hinkle, the incorporators named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, to be known to be the individuals described in and who acknowledged that they signed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this day and year in this certificate first above written.

*Marjorie M. Frazier*  
Notary Public in and for the state of  
Washington, residing at Olympia.