

Just Abundance, Inc.
A Massachusetts Not for Profit Company

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Article I

Mission

1. The mission of Just Abundance is to research, develop, publish and promote a new science of money and economics based on a spiritual-scientific understanding of human nature and the natural world. Just Abundance means economic justice and the sustainable abundance that nature and the human spirit can produce together.
2. The mission of Just Abundance is to research and develop a vision, an imagination, an inspiration, of community which honors our interdependence with each other and with the natural world.
3. Members of the Board of Directors, who shall be known as Research Fellows, pursue this mission by:
 - a. participating in the activities, events and conferences of the new economy movement, in particular, but not limited to those put on by the Social Science Section of the School of Spiritual Science, Business Alliance for Local Living Economies, New Economics Institute, Public Banking Institute, Society to Benefit Everyone, Governance Alive, Cutting Edge Capital, the Zeitgeist movement, the Venus Project, Transition Towns, Yes Magazine, The Michael Journal, Cooperative Development Institute; and Sociocracy.info;
 - b. collaborating with various spiritually oriented organizations that help us imagine a new society, such as, but not limited to: the Intenders of the Highest Good, the Heart Math Institute, Monroe Institute, Community Forge; Divine Cosmos, Taroscopes, and Thrive;
 - c. collaborating with various authors and researchers such as, but not limited to, Bernard Lietaer, Thomas Greco, Ellen Brown, Stephen Zarlenga, David Korten, Charles Eisenstein, David Graeber, Richard Douthwaite, David Boyle, Michael Shuman; Rich Kotlarz, David Wilcock, Michael Tellinger, and Michael Tsarion;
 - d. reading and reviewing books and articles expressing the new economy ideas, and publishing those reviews as well as bibliographies with recommendations;
 - e. collaborating with new economy organizations to research their efforts to create a Just Abundance;
 - f. writing and publishing books and articles about Just Abundance; and

- g. holding meetings, retreats and conferences for people working on the new economy.
4. Just Abundance, Inc. will bring its research to practical expression by collaborating with the Society to Benefit Everyone, Inc. to organize Common Good Communities in Berkshire County, Massachusetts and Columbia County, New York.

Article II

Limitations

Just Abundance will operate exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes under the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as described in Article 1 and it may relieve poverty and grant scholarships as well.

Article III

Board of Directors ("Board")

1. The Just Abundance Board of Directors "Board" consists of at least three but not more than nine members who will determine unanimously who will serve as President, Treasurer and Clerk. The Board may delegate any of its work to committees it appoints but remains responsible for the work of the committees.
2. The Board will be made up only of Research Fellows. Research Fellows are persons who are actively engaged in the work of Just Abundance to create a new economy, and who engage other similar organizations in the work of Just Abundance. Research Fellows are recognized as such by the Board, but need not be invited to join the Board.
3. Board members serve as long as the other Board members consider them Research Fellows doing the work of Just Abundance.
4. The Board will meet as needed and any two members of the Board may call a special meeting of the Board to address any concerns they may have about the conduct of Just Abundance.
5. Any members of the Board who are unable to attend a meeting in person, may attend by telephone or internet or their opinions can be represented by a member they designate. Minutes of meetings will be circulated or posted on the website within one week of the meeting.
6. The Board will hold an Annual General Meeting ("AGM") once a year when the financial accounts are completed and available for review (anticipated to be in October) Specifically:
 - a. In preparation for the AGM, the Board will review the accounts, review the conduct of its members, review the conduct of the company, and nominate any new Research Fellows;

- b. the AGM will approve the reports submitted, and elect any nominated Research Fellows to the Board.
 - c. The inaugurating Board of Directors envisions that the AGM will be an event to which the public is invited, especially people who have received grants, participated in meetings, events, conferences, and collaborations, made donations, or engaged in significant correspondence.
 - d. The minutes and selected notes from the AGM will be published on the website within a month of the meeting.
7. Decisions are made by consent and each Board Member agrees to express any doubts or qualms about a proposal clearly and promptly as opportunities to improve the proposal or decision. If a decision is made in spite of concerns, because of urgency or peer pressure, the minutes of the meeting will reflect this prominently and the decision will be reviewed at the next meeting.
 8. Conflicts of interest will be handled on a case by case basis with the expectation that each member will be diligent in revealing any conflict of interest. Since Research Fellows who are members of the Board will be receiving grants from Just Abundance the member receiving the grant will not vote to approve the grant. This policy will be revisited every year before the Annual General Meeting and revised as needed.
 9. Vacancies which would bring the Board of Directors to less than three members may be filled by persons not qualified as Research Fellows, until the next Annual General Meeting can elect a new member.

Article IV

Officers

1. The President, Treasurer and Clerk are appointed by the Board from among its members.
2. The President is responsible for the overall functioning of Just Abundance, calls and presides over the meetings, represents it to the public and donors, and has authority to sign checks on behalf of the company.
3. The Clerk takes, disseminates, and keeps the minutes of all Board meetings and has charge of all corporate books, records and papers, other than financial. The Clerk performs the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
4. The Treasurer has custody of all money of the company, has authority to sign checks on its behalf, keeps regular books of accounts and submits them, together with all vouchers, receipts, records and other papers, to the Board for examination and approval as often as the Board may require and at a minimum at the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer completes and files any reports required by law or by an organization that makes a grant or funds the company.

Article V

Committees

The Board may establish committees at its discretion, including an Executive Committee empowered to act on its behalf. Any committee except the Executive Committee may include people who are not members of the Board. Committees such as Publications, Outreach, Fundraising, Finance, Peer Review, Conflict of Interest, are expected to be established as the work grows.

Article VI

Amendments

The Board of Directors may make new, amend existing and repeal existing Bylaws in whole or in part by consensus, or a two thirds vote if consensus fails after three consecutive meetings.

Article VII

Dissolution

In the event the company is dissolved all remaining assets will be distributed to those similar organizations with 501 (c) (3) status with preference going to the Society to Benefit Everyone, Inc or Sociocracy for All, Inc.

Approved this Tenth Day of August, Two thousand Twelve by

John G Root Jr President

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