

Constitution of The Karst Conservancy of Illinois, Inc.

Incorporated in the State of Illinois, 2 November 1998

Article I - Name

1. The name of this organization shall be The Karst Conservancy of Illinois, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "KCI").

Article II - Purpose

1. The purpose of KCI is to conserve karst resources primarily in the state of Illinois. KCI will emphasize the protection, management, and acquisition of karst environments.

Article III - Organization

1. KCI shall be incorporated under the provisions of the "General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1986" of the State of Illinois. The corporation in all respects shall comply with requirements of this act and the law of the State of Illinois.

Article IV - Non-Profit Status

1. KCI shall be a not-for-profit organization. No part of the net earnings of KCI 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 II giving definition of purpose herein.
2. No substantial part of the activities of KCI shall be conducting propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. Further, KCI shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of any statements) any political campaign on the behalf of any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any provision of these Articles, KCI shall not conduct any other activities not permitted by:
 - a. A corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue law).
 - b. A corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue law).

Article V - Government

1. KCI shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have full power to conduct and supervise all business of KCI.
2. The Board of Directors shall consist initially of five (5) persons. The number of Directors can be changed by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors. The minimum number of Directors is three (3). Terms and elections procedures will be specified in Bylaws.
3. A simple majority vote of the Board of Directors may enact Bylaws to govern KCI provided they do not conflict with these articles.

Article VI - Duration and Dissolution

1. The duration of KCI shall be perpetual. However, in the event of dissolution, the assets of KCI shall be distributed to one or more foundation(s), fund(s), or corporation(s) organized and operated for the purposes in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue law).

Article VII - Amendments

1. These Articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. All proposed amendments shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote.