

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

World Transhumanist Association Inc.

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned incorporator(s), in order to form a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Connecticut, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ONE: The name of this corporation is World Transhumanist Association Inc..

TWO: The name and address of the registered agent of this corporation are:

James J. Hughes Ph.D.
56 Daleville School Rd.
Willington, CT 06279-2106

THREE: The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is to promote discussion about and public awareness of emerging technologies that may radically change the human condition.

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

FOUR: The number of initial directors of this corporations is nine. Their names and addresses are as follows:

Chair Nick Bostrom Ph.D., Philosophy Dept., Yale University, New Haven CT 06520 USA

Vice-Chair Eugene Leitl, Fasanenstr. 18, D-82008 Unterhaching, Germany

Secretary James Hughes Ph.D., 56 Daleville School Rd., Willington CT 06279 USA

Treasurer Mike Treder , 327 Baldwin Ave, Apt 8, Jersey City, NJ, 07306 USA

Publications Director Mark Walker Ph.D., 168 Mothers St., Hamilton, ON M5H 4E7 Canada

David Pearce, 7 Lower Rock Gardens, Brighton BN2 1PG, United Kingdom

Ziana Astralos, c/o 13428 Maxella, #273, Marina del Rey, CA 90292 USA

Anders Sandberg, Hagalundsgatan 7 14 tr. S-169 65 Solna, Sweden

Eliezer S. Yudkowsky, 878 Peachtree St. NE #528, Atlanta, GA 30309 USA

FIVE: The name(s) and address(es) of the incorporator(s) of this corporation is (are):

James J. Hughes Ph.D.
56 Daleville School Rd.
Willington, CT 06279-2106

Mike Treder
327 Baldwin Ave, Apt 8
Jersey City, NJ, 07306.

SIX: The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

SEVEN: The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications, and obligations of members of this corporation are as follows:

This corporation shall have two classes of membership, basic and full. Basic membership shall be free, and does not include voting privileges. Full membership requires payment of dues, and confers voting rights. Any person, chapter or affiliate shall be qualified to become a full member upon payment of the initial dues, if any, fixed by the board of directors and shall continue as a full member upon paying the annual dues, if any, fixed by the board of directors. All full members, both individual and organizational, will receive one vote. The method and time of payment of dues shall be determined, and may be changed, from time to time, by the board of directors. Additional provisions specifying the rights and obligations of members shall be contained in the Bylaws of this corporation pursuant to, and in accordance with, the laws of this state.

EIGHT: Any additional provisions for the operation of the corporation are as follows:

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this 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 these Articles.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In any taxable year in which this corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the corporation 1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; 2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; 3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; 4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and 5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned incorporators hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated: January 29, 2002

James J. Hughes Ph.D., Incorporator

Secretary, World Transhumanist Association

Michael Treder, Incorporator

Treasurer, World Transhumanist Association

Registered with the State of Connecticut, Office of the Secretary of State February 1, 2002