



**STEM-Trek, Nonprofit Organization**  
**Articles of Incorporation, Adopted July 19, 2012**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the nonprofit laws of the Illinois General Not For Profit Corporation Act (805 ILCS 105/) hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**Article I**

The name of the corporation shall be STEM-Trek Nonprofit.

**Article II**

The term of existence shall be perpetual.

**Article III**

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

STEM-Trek Nonprofit is a grassroots effort to support travel and education opportunities for place-bound STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) scholars who hope to use advanced technologies for their research. Beneficiaries are encouraged to volunteer in their home communities as technology evangelists who help job-seekers (specifically, veterans, people with disabilities, and aging workers) learn vocational technical skills. The program will improve scholars' technical skills, promote multinational research collaborations, improve jobseekers' vocational tech skills, and promote awareness among citizens about STEM research and how it impacts their lives.

STEM-Trek Nonprofit may therefore seek, apply for, and receive donations, grants, loans, and other funding from individuals, organizations, corporations, and others to support and conduct, in any manner, any lawful activities in furtherance of these charitable, scientific, and educational purposes.

STEM-Trek will not seek, apply for, or receive grants or donations from federal sources unless acting in partnership with an existing federally-funded initiative to seek funding that is beneficial to all parties.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-laws, STEM-Trek Nonprofit shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by: (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law); (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law); or (c) a corporation under the Illinois General Not For Profit Corporation Act (805 ILCS 105/).

**Article IV**

The name of the Registered Agent of the corporation is Elizabeth Leake. The street address of the Registered Office and Registered Agent is 624 South Avenue, Sycamore, Illinois 60178.

The mailing address for the Registered Agent is P.O. Box 503, Sycamore, Illinois 60178.

**Article V**

There shall be four officers serving as the founding Board of Directors (or Board of Advisers). Up to eleven additional Advisers do not have officer roles but will be invited to all board meetings, privy to all organizational business, and will have voting privileges.

**Officers:**

Elizabeth Leake, Incorporator and President

David Stack, Adviser and Vice-President

Wa Yuan, Adviser and Secretary

Walter M. Walker, Jr., Adviser and Treasurer

**Additional founding advisers have voting rights, but do not hold officer roles.**

Ian Foster, Adviser

Noshir Contractor, Adviser

Jiayuan Meng, Adviser

Steven Newhouse, Adviser

Catherine Gater, Adviser

**Article VI**

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, the net assets are to be distributed to the Nature Conservancy, as determined by the Board of Directors, which have established tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**Article VII**

The name and address of the sole incorporator follows:  
Elizabeth Leake, 624 South Avenue, Sycamore, Illinois 60178

Signature: .

In witness whereof, the incorporator has affixed their signature on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.