

WIDE HORIZON, INC.

BYLAWS

PREAMBLE

This organization was incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado on the ninth day of August, 1946, under the name of Mountain States Home, Inc.

Recognizing the need for a place of refuge where those seeking healing through Christian Science may find a suitable environment, and where the doctrine and practice of Christian Science may be faithfully adhered to, and knowing that through an activity of this kind the cause of Christian Science would be advanced, a group of Christian Science practitioners joined with other earnest Christian Science workers and formed this organization to establish and maintain facilities for the achievement of such purpose.

When the facility was established, it became known as Wide Horizon Sanatorium, and Mountain States Home, Inc. was the governing body. It later became evident that there was no need for two names. Wide Horizon, Inc. then became the name of the Corporation as well as of the facility.

It is expressly declared that this Corporation shall remain forever faithful to the teachings of Christian Science as found in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* and in compliance with the *Manual of The Mother Church* by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

The bylaw “Christian Science Nurse” in the *Church Manual* is a foundational brick for the Organization’s primary purpose. It reads in part, “A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick” (p. 49).

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ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION

1.01 Name

The name of this corporation shall be “Wide Horizon, Inc.”

1.02 Seal

The seal imprinted upon these bylaws shall be the official seal of the Corporation.

1.03 Procedure

The most recent edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order* shall be the parliamentary authority governing all business proceedings not otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE, MISSION, SCOPE, STATUS

2.01 Purpose and Mission

The purpose of Wide Horizon, Inc. is both charitable and religious.

The mission of Wide Horizon, Inc. is to provide Christian Science nursing, facilities, and support for those seeking healing accomplished through complete reliance on Christian Science as taught by Mary Baker Eddy.

2.02 Scope

The scope of services and the facilities to provide them may include, but are not limited to:

- 2.02.1 A Christian Science nursing care facility that provides and maintains an atmosphere conducive to healing in a suitable environment for those in need.
- 2.02.2 A Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service.
- 2.02.3 Wide Horizon’s Christian Science nursing services, including the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service and in-home Christian Science nursing care, are to be operated in accordance with the standards and requirements of The Commission or whatever accrediting body is appointed or established to maintain the standards of Christian Science nursing facilities.
- 2.02.4 Accommodations for Rest and Study, Spiritual Renewal and/or Supervised Residential Living.

2.02.5 Such other services, facilities and activities that will support and extend the cause of Christian Science.

2.03 Non-Profit Status

Wide Horizon, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation and no part of the revenues of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder, individual, or member. No loan shall be made by the Corporation to any of its directors, officers, employees, or members. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Corporation participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

2.04 Tax-Exempt Status

The Corporation shall be operated in such a manner as to remain exempt from Federal income tax under Sect. 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code or such similar statutes as may be passed hereafter as amendments or replacements thereof.

ARTICLE III – CORPORATE OFFICERS

3.01 Officers

3.01.1 A Board of five to seven Directors, herein called the “Board”.

3.01.2 The officers of this Corporation shall consist of a President/Chair, Vice President/Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The same person may act as both Secretary and Treasurer.

3.01.3 All officers shall be members of The Mother Church, a Christian Science branch church or Christian Science Society, and Wide Horizon, Inc.

3.02 Resignation

Voluntary resignation of a Director shall be in writing.

3.03 Automatic Resignation

The absence of a Director from three consecutive regularly scheduled Board meetings shall be equivalent to resignation. The Board, at its discretion, may waive this provision. When a board member is expected to be unavailable for an extended period of up to six months, the Board may appoint an interim Director for that time. The interim Director shall have previously been a board member.

3.04 Removal of a Director

Any Director may be removed by a unanimous vote of all other Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.01 Management of the Corporation

The affairs and management of the Corporation shall be under the control of the Board. The Board shall employ an administrative staff, which shall be responsible for the efficient and purposeful operation of the facility. Clearly defined job descriptions for this administrative staff shall be provided by the Board.

4.02 Frequency of Meetings

The Board shall meet as often as is necessary to transact the business of the Corporation.

4.03 Secretary / Treasurer

The Board shall elect a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary shall be custodian of the corporate records and the seal of the Corporation, and shall affix the seal to all documents when authorized by the Board. The Treasurer shall oversee the timely production of all appropriate financial statements and the custody of all funds and investments. Either the Board President or Secretary may delegate this responsibility to the Executive Director, with full approval of the Board.

4.04 Certified Audit

The Board shall cause the financial records to be audited by a Certified Public Accountant, other than a Director or employee of the corporation, at the close of the fiscal year. A report of this audit shall be made at the annual meeting or at the next membership meeting after the audit is received.

4.05 Standards

The Board shall establish and maintain facilities to conform to the requirements of: The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/ Facilities, Inc. or whatever accrediting body is appointed or established to maintain the standards of Christian Science nursing facilities and organizations; and the laws and regulations of local and federal entities, including the laws and regulations of the State of Colorado, as they pertain to Wide Horizon, Inc.

4.06 Expenditures and Contracts

The Board, and the Executive Director with the Board's approval, may enter into contracts for, and in the name of, the Corporation. The Board may not expend more than a total of \$1,000,000 nor dispose of assets with a value in excess of \$500,000 in any six-month period without the approval of the voting membership at a regular or special meeting, except for the payment of the normal or emergency operating expenses of Wide Horizon, Inc.

4.07 Receipt and Administration of Funds

The Board shall receive and administer funds, and operate and function exclusively for the purposes and within the limitations set forth in these bylaws, and to that end may take and hold, by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease, or otherwise, either absolutely or in trust, any property, real, personal, or mixed, without limitation as to the amount or value unless contrary to applicable law; sell, convey, encumber, and dispose of any such property, including, but not limited to, stocks, bonds, securities, or financial assets of any kind in its full and absolute discretion; deal with and expend the income and principal thereof, directly or indirectly for any of the purposes aforesaid; receive any property in trust under the terms of any will or trust instrument for the foregoing purposes, and in administering the same, carry out the directions and exercise the powers contained in any will, trust, or other instrument transferring such properties.

4.08 Committees

The Board shall appoint annually from the membership such committees as are necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Corporation and designate the duties of said committees.

4.09 Records

The Board shall assure proper preservation of corporate records.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.01 Election of Officers

The Board shall elect a Chair, who shall be President of the Corporation, and a Vice Chair, who shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence or at his/her request.

5.02 Organization Meeting

An organizational meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the annual meeting at which time the new Directors shall assume office. Board officers will be determined at this time.

5.03 Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board shall be set by the Board, to be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such other place as the Board may determine. Any or all Board members may attend by means of videoconferencing when appropriate or necessary.

5.04 Quorum of Directors

Special meetings may be called by the Chair/President of the Board or by two or more of the Directors with at least one day's notice to each Director. Such meetings may be held at any place as specified in the call and notice, and such notice must state the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

5.05 Remote Vote

The Board may conduct business by a telephone vote or vote by email. Such action shall be ratified at the next Board meeting.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

6.01 Nominations

The Board shall nominate one individual to fill each vacancy on the Board.

6.02 Election

The Board shall vote on each individual nominated. The Board shall ratify the election by motion in the Board meeting minutes and announce the results to the Wide Horizon community.

6.03 Term of Directors

Each Director shall be elected for a three-year term and may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms, unless the Director agrees to continue year-to-year up to three years by unanimous election by all other Directors.

6.04 Multiple Terms

Any Director who has served three consecutive terms or more shall not be eligible for re-election until a period of three years shall have elapsed, except as provided in 6.03.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP

7.01 Members

Membership (sometimes herein called “members”) is open to persons contributing to the support of this Corporation and its purpose as defined under 2.01.

7.02 Dues

The Board shall fix the amount of the annual dues.

7.03 Voting

Members who have paid their current annual dues shall have the right to vote on matters such as the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 annually, excepting for normal operations, or the disposal of assets with a value in excess of \$500,000 in a six-month period, or the sale of property, which shall be brought before the membership as defined under 4.06.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

8.01 Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting of this Corporation shall be held in the metropolitan area of Denver, Colorado, within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year. The date, time and location shall be designated by the Board.

8.02 Special Meetings

Special meetings of this Corporation may be called by the Board on its own motion, or shall be called by the Board on the written request of 25 members eligible to vote.

8.03 Notice of Meetings

Written notice of all meetings shall be given to members at least 10 days but not more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The purpose of all special meetings shall be stated in the notice for such meeting.

8.04 Quorum

At all business meetings, a quorum shall consist of 25 members who are eligible to vote.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

9.01 Amendments

The bylaws of this Corporation may be amended at any regular or special business meeting by a two-thirds majority of the members present and eligible to vote, providing there is a quorum as defined in 8.04. The notice of said amendments, stating the substance thereof, shall be sent by First Class Mail to all members not less than 10 days prior to said meeting.

ARTICLE X – POLICY & PROCEDURES

10.01 Policy and Procedures Manual

All duties, policies, procedures, responsibilities and administrative details not specifically described in these bylaws shall be set forth by the Board in a “Policy and Procedures Manual” (or Handbook).

ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION

11.01 Dissolution or Liquidation

In the event of the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, the property of the corporation shall be exclusively and irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes. On dissolution, after the payment of all debt and obligations, none of its assets shall inure to any individual, including any Director or member of the Corporation, for all of its remaining assets shall be distributed or transferred to The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, organized and operated for exempt purposes, and/or shall be distributed or transferred to a Church of Christ, Scientist, or Christian Science Society, or a Christian Science Fund, Foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

XII – SIGNATURE PAGE of BOARD OFFICERS

12.01 – Signature Page

JENNIFER BABCOCK

Name

Chair / President

Signature

Date

DOUGLAS PATTI

Name

Vice Chair / Vice President

Signature

Date

NEIL KEARNEY

Name

Secretary

Signature

Date

DOUGLAS S. IZMIRIAN

Name

Treasurer

Signature

Date