

## Articles of Association

### Article I Name and Organization

The name of the association is Inland Valley Storytellers, hereafter referred to as the “Association” or “IVS”. The IVS is an unincorporated nonprofit association created under the laws of the State of California.

### Article II Objectives and Purposes

The primary objectives and purposes of the IVS shall be:

1. To increase awareness of and appreciation for storytelling as an art form in a variety of settings: entertainment venues, educational institutions, health care facilities, and community organizations.
2. To provide opportunities for participation in storytelling for all children and adults, from beginners to professionals, through classes, workshops, story swaps, concerts, and storytelling festivals.
3. To serve as a source of information on the art of storytelling and storytelling events in Southern California.
4. The IVS is a dues paying affiliate member of the National Storytelling Network in good standing.

### Article III Office and Duration

1. The office of the IVS shall be located at the address at which the President has official residence; or at such place as IVS may from time to time determine, or as business of IVS may require.
2. The IVS has an official website at [inlandstorytellers.org](http://inlandstorytellers.org).
3. The duration of the IVS shall be perpetual.
4. The death, removal, or resignation of any member of the IVS shall not result in the dissolution of IVS.

### Article IV Structure and Membership

1. The IVS consists of individuals dedicated to the promotion and advancement of storytelling. Membership is open to anyone wishing to render support, guidance, and encouragement to individuals wishing to learn or enhance storytelling skills and activities.

2. The IVS is a purely voluntary organization and membership becomes effective upon payment of the one time membership fee to be set by the Board of Directors.
3. The IVS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religious affiliation, handicap, national origin, or other personal factor.

Article V  
Association Leadership

1. This association shall be governed by the Board of Directors of the Inland Valley Storytellers, which shall consist of at least 5 members of the Inland Valley Storytellers. The President of the Board of Directors will be designated as IVS's agent in the activities and affairs of IVS, under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Inland Valley Storytellers.
2. Any member of IVS may volunteer to serve as a director on the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors of IVS shall choose what officer positions will be appointed as the group requires, changeable as circumstances necessitate.

Article VI  
Accounting and Records

1. The fiscal year of IVS shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.
2. The Treasurer shall prepare a monthly report.

Article VII  
Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of IVS, its property, funds, and other assets shall be transferred to whatever organization or organizations operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as IVS may determine, provided such organization or organizations qualify as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Association on this 10th day of December, 2019.

John St. Clair

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President

ATTEST:

Barbara Rugeley

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Secretary