



About Terra Advocati

Terra Advocati is a registered non-profit in the State of Texas and has received federally designated tax exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization. The purpose of Terra Advocati is to form a non-profit organization focused on:

- grass-roots environmental activism
- advocating for species protection and resource preservation
- pollution clean-up and recycling
- promoting sustainable energy sources
- addressing issues of bio-diversity

We are currently working towards non-profit status for the State of New Mexico.

By-Laws for Terra Advocati, Inc.

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Unanimously adopted on 10/30/2014

Article One (Name and Purpose)

1. The name of the corporation shall be "Terra Advocati Inc." The principal office of the corporation shall be in the state of Texas, in the city of San Antonio.
2. The corporation is organized exclusively for the non-profit purposes of: a) grass-roots environmental activism b) advocating for species protection and resource preservation c) pollution clean-up and recycling d) promoting sustainable energy sources e) addressing issues of bio-diversity.

3. The corporation is a non-profit, incorporated, membership organization.

Article Two (Membership)

1. Membership shall be open to all who share its purpose and shall not otherwise be restricted.
2. Members shall have voting privileges immediately upon payment of dues.
3. There shall be an annual meeting of general membership. The business of this meeting shall be to set strategy and focus of the corporation for the upcoming year.
4. Decisions by the general membership shall be by consensus, or if that is not possible, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Article Three (Board of Directors)

1. The term of office of each Director shall be two years. Directors may be elected to consecutive terms.
2. The Board of Directors shall make policy decisions of the corporation as well as the fiscal and legal decisions.
3. The initial Directors shall meet at least semi-annually. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee Officers.
4. Decision-making by the Board of Directors shall be by consensus or by two-thirds vote. Philosophical decisions such as those that affect By-Laws, policy or strategy must reflect 100% agreement of all voting. Administrative and other day-to-day decisions must reflect agreement by two-thirds voting.
5. Decisions can be made in person at meetings, on conference call, by email or postal mail.
6. Meetings of the Directors shall be presided over by the Chair. The Chair shall be elected annually by the Board. If the Chair becomes unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the Chair must give written notice to the Board of Directors.
7. Each member of the initial Board of Directors must be notified at least 14 days prior to a meeting of a possible vote to change the strategy decisions of the annual meeting of the general membership.
8. Called meetings of the Board of Directors may be held in person or by telephone conference call.
9. A Board member may designate an alternate to attend meetings with full voting privileges.
10. The Director's Board shall designate committees composed of Directors and others.

11. The initial Directors may form an Advisory Board and appoint members to that Board. The Advisory Board will not make policy or be legally liable for the corporation. Members shall be selected in recognition of their expertise on a particular issue of interest to the corporation and consistent with its goals.
12. No member of the initial Directors shall receive compensation from the corporation.

Article Four (Executive Committee)

1. The interim decision-making body of the corporation shall be the Executive Council.
2. The Executive Council shall consist of at least three positions: President, Treasurer and Secretary. Vice-President may also be a position when necessary.
3. The President shall convene and moderate the meetings of the Executive Council.
4. The meetings of the Executive Council may be held in person or by telephone conference call. Decisions can be made by email or postal mail. Two members of the Executive Council shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Executive Committee meeting.
5. The purpose of the Executive Council is to decide matters of importance to the corporation between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Executive Council shall serve as a personnel committee to guide, support and monitor staff and volunteers of the corporation and shall also interview and recommend candidates to the Board of Directors.
6. The Executive Council may not change the By-Laws, decide strategy or policy or make fiscal decisions of more than \$1,000. However, the Executive Council can make recommendations concerning these matters to the Director's Board.
7. A member of the Executive committee may designate an alternate to attend meetings with full voting privileges.

Article Five (Officer Selection, Election and Term)

1. The Board of Directors shall elect the President and has the discretion to elect other officers.
2. The President's office term shall be two years. Other offices shall also be two years. Terms may be consecutive.
3. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee to select nominees and carry out the election of the President and other officers.

Article Six (Amending the By-Laws)

1. The power to alter, amend or repeal these By-Laws or to adopt new By-Laws, shall be vested in the Board of Directors. Decisions that affect the By-Laws must reflect consensus or 100% agreement of those voting.
2. There shall be a 14 day notice, determined by email date or post mark, of any meeting to amend the By-Laws.

POLICY 1 (adopted unanimously by the TA Board of Directors on 4/7/17)

Institutional discrimination is a reality of American society. Terra Advocati, while working toward healing an ailing planet, seeks to address the widespread social ill of rampant discrimination. We intently and vehemently support a strong anti-discrimination policy. Terra Advocati adheres to the principles of fairness and equality in all its undertakings and furthermore, will support the protection of people regardless of their ability, race, class, immigration status, religion, sexual orientation, gender expression and/or identity. We will actively protect vulnerable populations who suffer discrimination at all levels of society.

***** Terra Advocati's anti-discrimination policy embraces a radical inclusiveness for the 99%. We oppose neo-liberalism, repression and various manifestations of patriarchy and misogyny embedded in cultural practices and state policies. *****

POLICY 2 (adopted unanimously by the TA Board of Directors on 4/7/17)

Knowing that agricultural practices over the last seventy years have diminished the nutritional capacity of crops, have contaminated soils, and waterways and have destroyed large populations of beneficial insects as well as whole species of animals, Terra Advocati works to address the issue of pesticides, herbicides and other chemical applications designed to regulate biological processes solely for corporate profiteering. We also find it necessary to address the genetic modification of plant life, again

designed only to increase the profits of the corporations involved. We believe it is vital to not only call out the true agenda of those institutions involved, but also to encourage consumer awareness in alternatives to corporate agriculture.

***** Terra Advocati supports the consumption of untainted, non-genetically modified and toxic-free organic fruits and vegetables. We vehemently oppose the continued and unhealthy contamination of our food and we work to expose the fraudulent practices of the chemical industry and agri-business as they poison the planet for profit.*****

POLICY 3 (adopted unanimously by the TA Board of Directors on 4/7/17)

There are a number of ways to affect political, social and cultural change. We have the ballot box for the election of public officials; we have our pocket books to let companies know whether their products and services are to our liking; and we have discourse on issues of importance to our country. Terra Advocati supports all of the non-violent means we have at our disposal to address the climate crisis and mark the path to a future where clean air and water are maintained by non-polluting, sustainable and renewable energy sources and business practices take into account the health and safety of consumers and workers over profit making.

***** Terra Advocati believes that civil disobedience is a vital and effective strategy in furthering the discourse toward real change necessary to improve our society and the health of the planet. The world changes largely in response to the actions of citizens. It is a moral imperative that we address the injustices of planetary destruction with concrete action. Non-violent, civil disobedience is a means of action we wholly support.*****