

Fraternity of Alpha Zeta

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Honorable Rebecca McDowell Cook
Secretary of State
State of Missouri
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

The undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of Missouri, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation is the **Fraternity of Alpha Zeta**.
2. This corporation is a mutual benefit corporation.
3. The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
4. The address of the corporation's initial registered office is **DRAKE & COMPANY**, 1000 Executive Parkway, Suite 220, St. Louis, Missouri 63141, and the name of its initial registered agent at said address is Steven C. Drake.
5. The name and address of each incorporator is: Steven C. Drake, 1000 Executive Parkway, Suite 220, St. Louis, Missouri 63141.
6. The first Board of Directors (High Council) shall be six (6) in number, their names and addresses being as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Rae Wilkinson	P.O. Box 1194, Starkville, MS 39759
Scott D. Johnson	108 Acacia Lane, Monona, WI 53716
Ronald J. Seibel	10441 Edgefield Drive, Adelphi, MD 20783
Robert E. McCorkle	296 Travis Drive, Los Osos, CA 93402
Jennifer Woodward-Greene	25532 Adams Landing Road, Denton, MD 21629
Bill J. Druffel	223 Hulbert Hall Pullman, WA 99163

7. The corporation shall have members.
8. No part of the net earnings of the corporation should enure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any of its members, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions and furtherance in the purposes set forth in Article 9 hereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (9) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions in any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
9. The corporation is formed for the following purposes:

- a. To develop, promote, foster, encourage and stimulate the formation and conduct of professional, service and honorary agricultural fraternities consisting of graduate and undergraduate students who have demonstrated a high degree of scholarship and who reflect those qualities of character and personality which are consistent with the ideals of good citizenship.
 - b. To advance, promote and foster high standards of scholarship, along with the development of leadership potential, strength of character, ethical standards, responsibility, good citizenship and a spirit of fellowship among its members.
 - c. To promote the agricultural profession generally and to strive for a breadth of vision, unity of purpose and the accomplishment of those goals which are not only consistent with the purposes of this corporation but also benefit its members.
 - d. To provide assistance and leadership to, promote character development, responsibility, ethical standards and high ideals among and to otherwise encourage participation and service to educational institutions by its members.
 - e. To accept, receive and acquire by gift, devise, bequest, purchase or any other lawful means, any property or assets or interest therein, and to hold and manage the same either outright or in trust for itself and others in accordance with any lawful conditions, uses or restrictions placed thereon by the transferor which are acceptable to the High Council.
10. The effective date of this document is the date it is filed by the Secretary of State of Missouri.
 11. The corporation shall have all of the powers permitted under the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of the State of Missouri.

In affirmation of the facts stated above,

Signed by Incorporator:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Drake". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Drake