



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



Intangible  
Cultural  
Heritage

**REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE  
ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE**

**DEADLINE 30 APRIL 2017**

*Instructions for completing the request form are available at:*

<http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/forms>

**1. Name of the organization**

**1.a. Official name**

*Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).*

Pacific Traditions Society (PTS) and Vaka Taumako Project of Solomon Islands (VTPSI) Vaka Valo Association Trust Board

**1.b. Name in English or French**

*Please provide the name of the organization in English or French.*

Pacific Traditions Society (PTS)

**2. Contact of the organization**

**2.a. Address of the organization**

*Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, e-mail address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).*

Organization: Pacific Traditions Society

Address: POB 189

Telephone number: 808 9368462

E-mail address: vakataumako@gmail.com

Website: www.vaka.org

Other relevant information: vakataumako on fb

## 2.b Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request.

Title (Ms/Mr, etc.):	Dr
Family name:	george
Given name:	marianne
Institution/position:	Executive Director of VTP, Director of PTS
Address:	POB 189 Anahola, HI 96703
Telephone number:	808 9368462 and 808 9220647
E-mail address:	george.mimi@gmail.com and vakataumako@gmail.com
Other relevant information:	Dr Simon Salopuka text to sat phone mobile +88 16321613570

## 3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out activities.

<input type="checkbox"/> local
<input type="checkbox"/> national
<input type="checkbox"/> international (please specify: )
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> worldwide
<input type="checkbox"/> Africa
<input type="checkbox"/> Arab States
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asia & the Pacific
<input type="checkbox"/> Europe & North America
<input type="checkbox"/> Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) where it is active:

PTS is active in Solomon Islands, but also active in USA and worldwide

VTPSI is active in Solomon Islands and becoming active worldwide

## 4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

Please state when the organization came into existence, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

Pacific Traditions Society (PTS) registered as 501c3 charitable organization in 1988
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Vaka Taumako Project of Pacific Traditions Society of USA started under PTS in 1996

Partner – NGO, Vaka Taumako Project Solomon Islands/Vaka Valo Association Trust Board, was established in 2014.

## 5. Objectives of the organization

*Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be 'in conformity with the spirit of the Convention' (Criterion C). If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.*

*Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information*

- 1) Build Authentic Polynesian Voyaging Canoes of the types called TePuke and TeAlo, using only traditional materials. Designs, and methods.
- 2) Sail Ancient Voyaging Routes and Revive Partnerships and Trade Relationships within the Santa Cruz Group and beyond in order to demonstrate and revive ancient knowledge of self-reliant means of communication and prosperity between island peoples.
- 3) Train a New Generation in Traditional Voyaging Skills and Values.
- 4) Document the Process and Create an Archive of video, written, photo, and other educational materials and products for the benefit of nga Taumako, other Solomon Islanders, other Polynesians, selected researchers who are fully committed to our goals and the public.
- 5) Produce Information and Educational Materials, articles and books, to foster Taumakan educational goals, and generate world awareness of both the practical and spiritual nature of this ancient voyaging heritage, and produce a multi-part archival video production.
- 6) Initiate and Coordinate Cultural Exchanges between Taumako people and the outside world in order to revive ancient voyaging knowledge and wisdom, aid communication between Taumakans and other seafarers, and to increase world awareness of ancient Polynesian seafaring traditions.
- 7) Protect and Benefit Taumako Community- Founding and current agreements honor Taumako copyright and profits from their cultural knowledge. The VTP continues to explore ways to better protect and promote Taumako interests in these matters, including correspondence, participations, and registration with United Nations and indigenous people's initiatives, and bio-cultural efforts, worldwide.

## 6. The organization's activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Sections 6.a to 6.d are the primary place to establish that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having 'proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains' (Criterion A).

### 6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick 'other domains' and indicate which domains are concerned.

- oral traditions and expressions
- performing arts
- social practices, rituals and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- other domains - please specify:  
educational displays in museums and schools

### 6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization's primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick 'other safeguarding measures' and specify which ones are concerned.

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection
- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures – please specify:  
publishing to establish design awareness for Taumako (Vaka Taumako Project of Solomon Islands)

### 6.c. Description of the organization's activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and their relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee. Relevant documentation may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

*Not to exceed 550 words; do not attach additional information*

The Vaka Taumako Project (VTP) of Pacific Tradition Society, with the Vaka Taumako Project of Solomon Islands (VTPSI), have recently;

\*constructed Tealolili canoe and voyaged to various Outer Reef Islands training youth in ancient knowledge of traditional canoe building and navigational methods,,

\*constructed two TePuke canoes in preparation for voyaging to Vanuatu in 2017-18 as training for family and regional reunion to reopen the border between Vanuatu and Solomon Islands (closed by colonial rules),.

\*proposed curriculum for informal education for the Lata Navigational School,

\*created rough-cut 2 hour educational TV documentary, videography 1996 -2017.

\*presented (with 4 from VTPSI) at "Sustainable Sea Transport, conference" 2014,

\*Vaikawi and George presented at PacFest Guam in 2016. Drs Salopuka and George presented at East/West Center 2015. George presented at California Maritime Academy, 2013, Chico State U, 2015, 2016 IUCN conference, East/West Center in 2014 and 2016, and George at Taiwan Pacific History Conference Taiwan, Pac-Fest Guam, 2016, Maritime Archaeology of Hawai'i and Pacific conference and East/West Centre in Honolulu 2011 and 2017. and UCI and UCLA, 2017. The VTPSI was registered in 2014 as a charitable organization in Solomon Islands.

VTP of Pacific Traditions Society started in 1996, and renewed research permits annually with Ministry of Education. Future priorities of VTP are completion of more articles, book, and a TV documentary series.

VTPSI Board of Directors meets periodically and the annual meeting includes all the directors, including M. George from Hawaii, Dr Salopuka meets with Taumako VTPSI leaders and membership at least twice/year. The next annual meeting will be in June, 2017.

A VTPSI Committee has operated since 1996. Since 2006, under Dr Salopukas leadership, VTPSI has faithfully and resourcefully managed over 400,000.USD, and organized programs skillfully and efficiently despite civil war, disasters of government and changing weather. An accountant reviews financial reports to donors and confirms compliance with inland revenue of Solomon Islands government..

#### **6.d. Description of the organization's competence and expertise**

*Please provide information on the personnel and membership of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage, in particular those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee, and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.*

*Not to exceed 200 words; do not attach additional information*

Board Members of Pacific Traditions Society:

Rob Lambden – President, maritime history and design

Marianne George – Vice-President, Ph.D. in cultural anthropology of Voyaging

Heuionalani M. Wyeth – Secretary, oral history and woven arts

Officer but not Board Member: Rich Winegar – Treasurer – business and bookkeeping

Board Members of VTPSI:

Dr Salopuka - Executive Director

Captain Vaikawi -Secretary

Chief Jonas Holani - Director and Supervisor/ Lecturer at Lata Navigational School and Master navigator.

Dr Marianne George - International Director, documentarian of way finding and building knowledge

Ambrose Miki -Director, assistant to Jonas Holani, leader of Vaka Valo Group, skilled vaka builder

Hon. Stanley Tehiahua - educator, teacher, Duffs elected representative and Permanent Secretary of Temotu Provincial Assembly, Former Chair of the Culture and Tourism Committee, member of the delegation that signed an agreement with TORBA Province of Vanuatu to re-open the border

for commerce with Solomons

Hebrew Lovella - Local coordinator and Secretary to both Dr Salopuka and Chief Jonas Holani. Community leader. Skilled vaka builder.

Dixon H. Wia - head videographer for VTP Duffs for 22 years. co-producer of documentary in process.

## 7. The organization's experiences cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners

*The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation 'cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage' (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.*

*Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information*

In 1999, when a group of Doctors and their staffs, and the hospital on Kaua'i donated cataract surgeries to Paramount Chief Kaveia of Taumako, the 7 Taumako people who accompanied Kaveia on Kaua'i for 11 weeks, built the main hull of a vaka moana as a gift for the people of Kaua'i. Whenever voyaging groups request help, such as making a lauhala sail for their vaka, or needing sennit cordage, or wanting to visit Taumako or meet with Taumakan experts in the ancient arts, the VTP/VTPSI has responded as family and without reference to costs.

PTS is careful to respect the knowledge of others and we do not claim to know more than we do. Our goal is to support the VTP and VTPSI to train a new generation, help the youth of the world to experience and learn the voyaging arts that Taumakans, and some other peoples with Austronesian cultural heritage, have kept practicing. Our goal is to revive voyaging partnerships and networks throughout the Pacific, Indian and other oceans.

We do make clear distinctions between the expert use of ancient materials, designs, and methods, and protocols, and the co-opting of these arts by people who have no intention of learning these ways or using these things. We have not given details of our ancient designs to modern proa racers, for example, because they use them to make money and prestige for themselves and they are not interested in crediting the ancients for having figured out and made these things, much less any living person who would help them. They charge people for this knowledge but they do not want to pay anything for it.

We also do not do this for self-benefit. We try to support Taumako needs, including payment of school fees and necessities for our children so that Taumakans can work on becoming sustainable in practicing their voyaging heritage. Our grander goal, shared with VTPSI, is to share and teach and learn for the benefit of the coming generations, and for the sustainability and resilience of the world.

## 8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

The Operational Directives require that an organization requesting accreditation submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated whenever possible into English or French if the originals are in another language. **Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.**

### 8.a. Membership and personnel

Proof of the participation of the members of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.a'.*

### 8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing documents, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.b'.*

### 8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already indicated clearly from the documentation provided for section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs or DVDs, or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.c'.*

## 9. Signature

The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Marianne George

Title: Director

Date: 2017-04-18

Signature:

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Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8 a'.

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Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8 b'.

### 8.c. Duration of existence and activities

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Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8 c'.

## 9. Signature

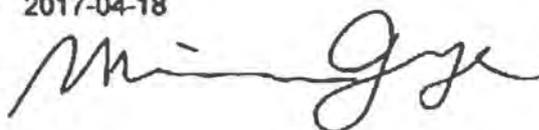
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Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.a'

### 8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar, including evidence of compliance with applicable law, too, the organization has a legal person; if recognized in a country other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal) provide documentation showing flow of legal person (legal person's CSU@s l,;{J

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.b'

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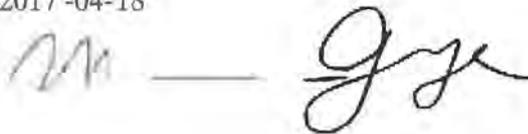
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Name: Marianne George

Function: Director

Date: 2017-04-18

Signature



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
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FOREIGN NONPROFIT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT AS OF January 1, 2017

CORPORATION NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

PACIFIC TRADITIONS SOCIETY  
ATTN: MARIANNE GEORGE  
POB 189  
ANAHOLA HI 96703

Principal Office Address

ATTN: MARIANNE GEORGE  
POB 189  
ANAHOLA HI 96703

1. Incorporated under the laws of: Washington

2. Nature of activities in Hawaii:

THE PRIMARY PURPOSES ARE TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGH COOPERATIVE, MARINE-BASED ACTIVITIES, PERFORM CULTURAL RESEARCH & RELATED EDUCATIONAL PU

3. The name of the registered agent and the registered agent's street address of the place of business in Hawaii of the person to which service of process and other notice and documents being served on or sent to the entity represented by it may be delivered to.

HEU'ONALANI M. WYETH  
4320 KAMANE RD  
ANAHOLA HI 96703

4. Name and address of officers and directors:

Office Held	Full Name	Address
S/D	WYETH, HEU'ONALANI	POB 189, 4320 KAMANE RD, ANAHOLA HI 96703
V/D	GEORGE, MARIANNE	4320 KAMANE RD, POB 189, ANAHOLA HI 96703
T	WINEGAR, RICHARD	4651 KAHILUHOLO RD, KILAUEA HI 96754
D	LAMBDEN, ROBERT	POB 808, HAWALEI HI 96714



NO CHANGES

Checking this box means there are no changes reported. The Department will not be held responsible for any changes made to this report.

CERTIFICATION

I certify under the penalties of Section 414D-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that I have read the above, the information is true and correct, and I am authorized to sign this report.

January 5, 2017

Date

Signature of authorized officer, secretary-in-fact for an officer, or  
manager or trustee (if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver or  
trustee)

Print Name

Marianne George

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STATE of WASHINGTON SECRETARY of STATE

I, Ralph Munro, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby issue this

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

to

PACIFIC TRADITIONS SOCIETY

a Washington Non Profit corporation. Articles of Incorporation were filed for record in this office on the date indicated below.

Corporation Number: 601 130 576

Date: November 23, 1988

Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Washington, at Olympia, the State Capitol.

[Handwritten signature of Ralph Munro]

Ralph Munro, Secretary of State

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Pacific Traditions Society  
94-3099578

Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it must file an income tax return on the Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization's present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

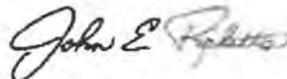
The law requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. You are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of your organization's exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

This letter affirms your organization's exempt status.

Sincerely,



John E. Ricketts  
Director, TE/GE CAS



## Certificate Of Incorporation

*(Pursuant to section 6 of the Charitable Trusts Act (Cap.115))*

I hereby certify that:

**VAKA TAUMAKO PROJECT SOLOMON ISLANDS  
AND VAKA VALO ASSOCIATION TRUST BOARD  
(INCORPORATED)**

**CT 63 OF 2014**

has this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2014 been duly incorporated under provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act subject to the several conditions and directions endorsed hereon:

- 1). There shall be not more than 6 nor less than 2 Trustees on the Board at any one particular time.
- 2). On appointment each trustee shall sign in declaration of accepting his or her appointment and send it to the Registrar of Companies.
- 3). No person who is or becomes mentally disordered, bankrupt, or who has been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty shall become or remain Trustee.
- 4). The common seal shall be kept in safe custody by the trustees and shall be affixed to documents at their discretion and in the presence of any 2 of them.

Edwin Saramo



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SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF WASHINGTON

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
PACIFIC TRADITIONS SOCIETY  
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) states the followings:

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ARTICLE I  
NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Pacific Traditions Society, a non profit corporation.

ARTICLE II  
DURATION

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III  
CORPORATE PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized exclusively for the following purposes:

1. Fostering international peace and understanding through cooperative, marine-based expeditions, and
2. Cultural research and documentation of the traditional initiatives of indigenous peoples, and
3. Educational purposes.

Such purposes are to be conducted within the meaning of subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including for such purposes as follows:

(a) To conduct projects and fieldwork in remote or not well understood geographical and cultural circumstances, including, but not exclusive of, the Bering Straits, the South Pacific, and Antarctica.

(b) To aid and support certain research and development projects in the fields of science, health, anthropology, communication, responsible tourism, and useful fieldwork products and methods.

(c) To aid and foster international good will and understanding by such other purposes and objectives as may be consistent within the meaning of IRC subsection 501(c)(3).

#### ARTICLE IV

##### MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Corporation shall be composed of those persons:

1. Who wish to assist in the work and accomplishment of the Corporation's purposes and goals as specified in the Articles of Incorporation; and

2. Who are approved for membership by the Board of Directors, according to standards adopted by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE V

##### INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall hold harmless from personal liability any director of the Corporation or its members, if any, for monetary damages for conduct as a director or member: provided, that such provision does not eliminate or limit the liability of a director or member for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by a director or member, or a

transaction from which the director or member will personally receive a benefit in money, property or services to which the director or member is not legally entitled.

ARTICLE VI  
BYLAWS

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation, except as provided in these articles, shall be determined and fixed by the bylaws as adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII  
EARNINGS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereinabove.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles.

The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by incorporation exempt from federal income tax under sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for a charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future code, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the registered agent of the Corporation is Mary Jo Thill. The registered office address, which is also the address of the registered agent, is 50 Carey Court, Port Ludlow, Washington 98365, (206) 437-2808.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### DIRECTORS

The number of directors shall be determined from time to time based on the needs and objectives of the Corporation. The initial directors names and addresses are as follows:

Dr. David H. Lewis  
177 Bunnell  
Hozer, AK 99603

Dr. Marianne George  
177 Bunnell  
Hozer, AK 99603

Michael F. Thill  
50 Carey Court  
Port Ludlow, WA 98365

Mary Jo Thill  
50 Carey Court  
Port Ludlow, WA 98365

ARTICLE X

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Mary Jo Thill  
50 Carey Court  
Port Ludlow, Washington 98365

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, the net assets are to be distributed as provided in Article VII herein.

DATED this 23 day of November, 1988.

  
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Incorporator

be used on a longer interisland voyage as well as sailing within Duffs and within Veakau the rest of the year.

**Goal 2) Sail On Ancient Voyaging Routes and Revive Trade Relationships**

**Objectives:**

Take 2 voyages per year with each of the Vaka based at Taumako. Each time a voyage is undertaken the cargo includes exchange foods, goods, valuables, and marriage partners, as appropriate.

**Goal 3) Train a New Generation In Traditional Seafaring Skills and Values**

**Objectives:**

Create an ongoing school of voyaging with ongoing training and canoe maintenance apprentice programs, as well as community education and participation in building and sailing and navigation skills. The crews trained participate in voyages between islands. Preparations and training will result in Holau Vanuatu in 2015 or as soon as possible. The return voyage to Duffs would happen as soon as possible. Further international voyages can be planned.

**Goal 4) Document the Process and Create An Archive**

**Objectives:**

Establish off-site backup storage and archive. Elaborate detailed policies for the protection and use of archival documents, tapes, and other materials. Preserve the super-8, hi-8, and ntsc footage that was shot in 1996-8 by transfer to betacam or digital format, and continue efforts to obtain copies of the digital footage that we paid professionals to shoot in 1998 and 2002 but they have not provided. Enable Taumako video students continue to record each VTP activity and learn to edit their footage into educational products. Purchase of another student camera, computer, and software, for recording, logging, transfers, and editing. Taumako students log and edit the archival video footage toward creation of a longer educational video showing every step of the building of the tepuke, Vaka Taumako, and an educational videos showing sailing and navigation methods. Continue training of Nga Taumako in basic and advanced video production.



**Goal 5) Produce Information and Educational Materials**

**Objectives:**

Write, edit, and self-publish a book account of the Vaka Taumako Project and it's results during 2013. Record, translate, and edit a volume of Taumako voyaging stories and art. Make archival product showing the building of voyaging canoes, and a four hour product on navigational and seafaring knowledge and it's transmission to Taumako students. Professional videographers give advanced training to Taumako students when possible. Produce curricula and workbooks for use in Solomon Islands and other Pacific Islands schools.

**Goal 6) Initiate and Coordinate Cultural Exchanges:**

**Objectives:**

Plan and initiate more cultural exchange visits between the people of Taumako and

Hawaii, and other Polynesian islands, including:

Fly five nga Taumako to Kaua'i to complete the building of the tealolili voyaging canoe and do trial sailing and interisland voyage, and to identify and document Polynesian navigation stars using planetarium facilities.

Taumako youth and Hawaii youth exchange visits, and train each other in traditional knowledge.

#### Goal 7) Protect and Benefit Taumako Community

##### Objectives:

Founding and current agreements honor Taumako copyright and profits from their cultural knowledge. The VTP continues to explore ways to better protect and promote Taumako interests in these matters, including correspondence and registration with United Nations and indigenous people's initiatives worldwide.

#### ARTICLE 4- POWERS

The association acting through its authorized representatives shall have the powers necessary to carryout the objectives expressed in this constitution and are specifically empowered to take the following activities:

4.1 To raise, borrow or lend money in such terms and conditions and for such security as the Executive Committee or the Board of Trustees shall think fit.

4.2 To own real and personal properties and to sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or return to account all or any of the properties of funds vested in the Association as deemed fit.

4.3 To make and pass regulations and rules that governs the operation of the association and its activities (as refers to attached schedules).

#### ARTICLE 5 Membership

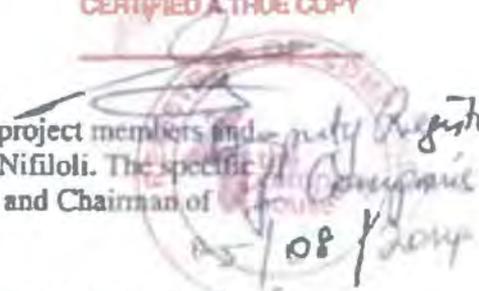
5.1 The membership of the association shall consist of Vaka Valo project members and the native Regatta tribal group of Makapao, Hleitu, Tetoha and Tamno and Mbele in Nifiloli. The specific names of the members will be approved by the Executive Director and Chairman of VTPSI.

5.2 New applicants for membership shall be assessed by the board or executive director and chairman of VTPSI.

#### Article 6 Membership fee

6.1 The Association may require contributing a membership of annual fee which shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

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20-1 The Association shall indemnify the National, Provincial or local authority and other entities from the cost, liability or damages incurred in honest and proper discharged of its officer's duties performed in good faith on behalf of the said authority or entity;

20-2 The Association shall indemnify an agent, an officer or member of the executive committee of the Board of trustees against any cost, liability or damages incurred in honest and proper discharged of its officer's duties performed in good faith on behalf of the Association;

20-3 Where such officer aforesaid is used or prosecuted in respect of anything done or omitted to be done in respect of the performance of his/her duties done in good faith then the Association shall meet any costs, award or fine imposed by the Court;

20-4 We the undersigned certify that this Constitution was adopted at a special general meeting of the Association held on the ...4<sup>th</sup> July.....day of 2013.

20-5 Chairman:..... JAVAS HURANU.....

20-6 Executive Director:.....  
Secretary:.....  
Director:.....

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*Deputy Registrar of Companies*  
*Vaka Vato Association*

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE CHARITABLE TRUST ACT FIRST SCHEDULE (Section 4 Cap.55)**

We hereby incorporated under the Provisions of the Charitable Trust Act.

1. The Name of the Board to be: Vaka Taumako Project Solomon Islands Board of Trustees.
2. The registered Office of the Board to be at: Duff Islands, Temotu Province, Solomon Islands or a P.O.Box in Honiara, Solomon Islands when available.
3. The Names, Addresses and Descriptions of the Trustees:
  - a) Dr Simon Salopuka, Medical Officer and Executive Director of VTPSI, Duff Islands, Temotu Province. Email: s.salopuka@gmail.com
  - b) Jonas Hollani, Captain and Chairman of VTPSI, Duff Islands, Temotu Province.
  - c) Luke Vaikawi, Captain and Secretary of VTPSI P.O.Box G3 Honiara, Solomon Islands.
  - d) Dr Marianne Mimi George, P.O.Box 712, Captain Cook, 96704, Hawaii, USA. Email: [George.mimi@gmail.com](mailto:George.mimi@gmail.com); Fax: 808-823-6741

e) Hebrew Lovela, Farmer, Duff Islands, Temotu Province.

f) Stanley Tehlahua, Provincial Assembly, Duff Islands, Temotu Province.

g) Ambrose Miki, Farmer, Duff Islands, Temotu Province.

4. The said Trustees were duly appointed by a general meeting on the 4th \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ July \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

5. The COMMON SEAL of Vaka Taumako Project Solomon Islands Association is stamped as below;



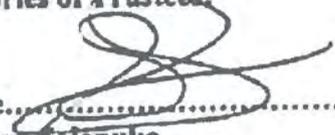
6. The Objectives and aims of the Association see Article 3 of the Constitution.

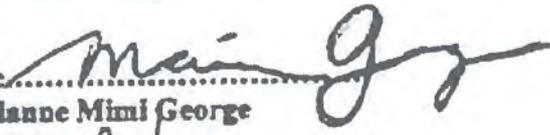
7. A Statement of Property, Real and Personal, in which is possessed by belonging to or held on behalf of the Association;

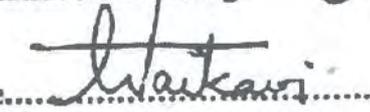
8. A certified copy of the deed of settlement will, or other document constituting the association, and any regulations made there under constitution will be attached if there are any.

Dated at: 26<sup>th</sup> Hoanisee May This: May 26<sup>th</sup> day of 2014.

Signatories of Trustees:

Trustee.....  
Dr Simon Salopuka

Trustee.....  
Dr Marianne Mimi George

Trustee.....  
Luke Vaikawi

Trustee.....JONAS - HOLLAND  
Mr Jonas Holland

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Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

P. O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: July 6, 2000

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Maple Valley, WA 98038

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in response to your request for a copy of your organization's determination letter. This letter will take the place of the copy you requested.

Our records indicate that a determination letter issued in October 1989, granted your organization exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That letter is still in effect.

Based on information subsequently submitted, we classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it is an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

This classification was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in the application. If your organization's sources of support, or its character, method of operations, or purposes have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the exempt status and foundation status of your organization.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid to each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes.

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

8b. attachment, signed VTPSI Articles:

Completion of for ICH-09-2018:

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