

# **Chamber Governance & Organizational Basics**

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# What do they Govern? Articles of Inc. and Bylaw changes CEO Hire, Fire & Salary,



# Administration, HR, Overhead



**Advisory Boards?** 

Committees?

**Bank Account?** 

**Facilities?** 

Accounting?



## **Board Balance**

How do you balance Board members who want to run the ship and have their fingers in every detail vs the board members who seldom follow through with assignments?





# **Articles of Incorporation**

Name

Location

Purpose

**Incorporators** 

**Registered Agent** 

File with your State Department of Commerce

Keep it simple! Don't put bylaw type details in the articles



# **Bylaws**

Keep your Bylaws simple.

Format them as guidelines, not as restrictive rules you will most likely break.

Be careful with words like shall (a mandate) and may. For example, the board shall meet at least annually but may meet at other times as determined by the board.

**Follow State Guidelines.** 

# **Bylaws**

Name

**Purpose** 

Membership

Meeting Guidelines (Annual + as decided by...)

**Board Structure & Number (Min - Max)** 

**Officers** 

Don't create positions just because

Should some of these bill filled by staff?

**Indemnification of Board Members** 

**Books and Records** 

**Amendments** 

**Dissolution** 



### Other Documents

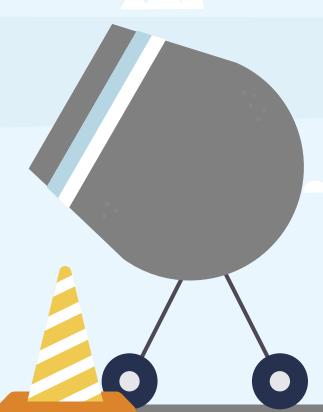
EIN/TIN Needed for bank account and 990 tax filings
State Employer ID If you have employees, you will need this Entity
Registration, Corporate Registration With State offices Filing
Financial Reports With the State Auditor if State funds used



## Form 1023/24 Application

Set up a Pay.gov account
Online application
Prepare a 3-year budget
\$600.00 Application Fee

If you did all the previous steps this is quite simple, because you will have all the answers and documentation needed to attach.



## Other Considerations

#### **Public vs Private Foundation**

**33% 2% 5** years rules

#### **Tax Returns**

990 N, 990 EZ, 990, 990T

### **Expense Categories**

**Programmatic, Administrative, Fundraising** 

#### **Audit**

Consolidate? - State Funds? - Federal Funds? - Single Audit?



