

The University of the State of New York

Education



Department

Certificate of Incorporation

PRACTICING INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of The University of the State of New York have,

1. Incorporated Howard N. Blitman, Francis J. Cashin, Robert A. Dennison, Chester C. Delsey, Michael R. Pender, Dolph Rotfeld and Calvin E. Weber, and their associates and successors as an educational corporation under the corporate name of Practicing Institute of Engineering, to be located in the city and county of Albany, State of New York.

2. The purpose for which such corporation is to be formed is to offer courses of instruction, lectures and seminars for members of the engineering profession, engineering school graduates, and ancillary design professionals and other qualified persons in the accepted and most modern techniques employed by engineering and ancillary professionals in their professional activities, and in such related subjects as furnish the background necessary to the understanding of the problems dealt with by practicing engineers, supplementing instruction in engineering theory and science offered by engineering schools, to the end that the practice of engineering may be conducted with that continuing competence, moral integrity and breath of understanding which will enhance the usefulness of the engineering profession to the community and to promote the continuing professional development of engineering by the award of appropriate continuing professional development credits, all as more specifically set forth as follows:

- a. To establish an educational institution in which professional engineers and those in related or ancillary professions, including but not limited to engineering technicians, land surveyors, architects, landscape architects, etc., or those who provide related or ancillary engineering technology, may be taught, by correspondence or otherwise, useful and practical knowledge concerning current developments in their respective fields of endeavor;
- b. To offer, sponsor, review, evaluate and approve courses for the continuing education of professional engineers and related or ancillary professions and for those who provide related or ancillary services and technology to such professions, and to establish a system whereby individuals who have availed themselves of such professional continuing education courses, will receive appropriate recognition for such participation;
- c. To impart instruction to all branches of engineering disciplines and related or ancillary professions and services, including, but not limited to the basic engineering disciplines of chemical engineering, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and all the special subdivisions and/or combinations of the basic engineering disciplines, including but not limited to, aeronautical engineering, mining engineering, nuclear engineering, petroleum engineering, sanitary engineering and structural engineering;

- d. To prepare, sell, and deal in books, maps, charts, lesson papers, stationery, models, casts, drawings, engraving, instruments, and instructional supplies related to professional development;
- e. To publish, print, bind, buy, sell, deal in books, manuscripts, magazines, pamphlets, leaflets and papers, video cassettes, tapes and slides related to professional development, and to copyright articles, stories, sketches, diagrams and discussions appearing therein, all relating to professional development;
- f. To conduct, offer, sponsor, evaluate, review, and approve, seminars, correspondence courses, workshops and/or panel discussions concerning the profession of engineering and related or ancillary professions or services;
- g. To grant awards and certificates of merit and achievement in recognition of outstanding contributions to the profession of engineering and related or ancillary professions or services;
- h. To offer, conduct, sponsor, review, approve and evaluate courses for engineering students preparing for their licensing examinations;
- i. To encourage continuing education among members of all disciplines of engineering and related or ancillary professions and those who provide related or ancillary services and technology to such professions;
- j. To establish criteria for peer recognition of the various technical branches of engineering and related or ancillary professions and to regulate status within such academies; and
- k. To aid the progress of the profession of engineering, related to ancillary professions and engineering technologies; and without limiting the foregoing, to advance and improve the theory and practice of engineering and the allied arts and sciences; to increase the usefulness of the organized engineering and technical societies, and in furtherance of such accomplishments to encourage research and the preparation of papers, documents, reports and books on engineering topics; to develop standards, codes and recommended practices; to endeavor to maintain high technical and cultural standards for the legal right to practice engineering; to cooperate with other engineering and technical societies.

3. The persons named as incorporators shall constitute the first board of trustees. The board shall have power to adopt bylaws, including therein provisions fixing the method of election and the term of office of trustees, and shall have power also, by vote of two-thirds of all the members of the board of trustees, to change the number of trustees to be not more than 25 nor less than 5.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate, the corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, and scientific purposes as specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

5. No part of the income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, or officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the corporation.

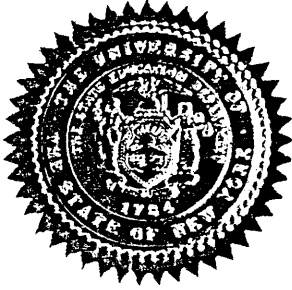
6. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

7. In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organization as shall qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, subject to an order of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

8. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended; and the corporation shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the code; (b) retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the code; (c) make any investment in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under section 4944 of the Code; or (d) make any taxable expenditure as defined in section 4945(d) of the Code.

9. The principal office of the corporation is to be located in the city and county of Albany, State of New York.

10. The Commissioner of Education is designated as the representative of the corporation upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served.



Granted June 19, 1980 by
the Regents of The University
of the State of New York and
executed under the seal of
said University.

Number 17,086.

Willard A. Genrich
Chancellor

John M. O'Neil
President of The University
and Commissioner of Education