

## **NAACP Articles of Incorporation**

We, the undersigned, being of full age and desirous of associating ourselves together for the purpose herein below specified, pursuant to and in conformity with the Acts of the Legislature of the State of New York relating to membership corporations, do hereby certify and declare that we are of full age and two-thirds of us citizens and residents of the United States and residents of the State of New York, and further as follows:

That the principal objects for which the corporation is formed are voluntarily to promote equality of rights and eradicate caste or race prejudice among the citizens of the United States; to advance the interests of colored citizens; to secure for them impartial suffrage; and to increase their opportunities for securing justice in the courts, education for their children, employment according to their ability, and complete equality before the law.

To ascertain and publish all facts bearing upon these subjects and to take any lawful action thereon; together with any and all things which may lawfully be done by a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York for the further advancement of these objects.

To take, receive, hold, convey, mortgage or assign all such real estate and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes of the corporation.

The corporate name by which the corporation shall be known is NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

The territory in which the operations of the corporation are principally to be conducted shall be the United States of America.

The principal office of the corporation and the center of its operations shall be in the City, County and State of New York, but the directors may establish branch or auxiliary offices elsewhere in the United States for the purpose of carrying on the work of the corporation, each to be managed by its local organization under such powers as lawfully may be prescribed in the by-laws of the corporation.

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City, County and State of New York.

The number of directors of the corporation shall be thirty.

The names of the persons to be directors of the corporation until its first annual meeting are as follows:

Mr. Moorfield Storey, Mr. John E. Milholland, Bishop Alexander Walters, Oswald Garrison Villard, Mr. Walter E. Sachs, Dr. William E. B. DuBois, Mary White Ovington, Rev. William H. Brooks, Dr. John Lovejoy Elliott, Mr. Thomas Ewing, Jr., Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Mrs. Florence R. Keyser, Mr. P. Kennaday, Mrs. Frances R. Keyser, Mrs. Mary D. MacLean, Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Mr. Charles Edward Russell, Prof. Joel E. Spingarn, Miss Lillian D. Wald, Mr. William English Walling, Dr. Owen M. Waller, Mr. W. I. Bulkley, Mr. Albert E. Pillsbury, Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett, Dr. Charles E. Bentley, Dr. Noah F. Mossell, Dr. William A. Sinclair, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Rev. J. Milton Waldron.

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the first Monday of January in each year.

In Testimony Whereof, we have made and signed this certificate in duplicate and have hereunto set our hands and affixed our respective seals this 25th day of May, 1911.

W. E. B. DuBois

John Haynes Holmes

Oswald Garrison Villard

Walter E. Sachs

Mary White Ovington