

**Part II, Line 1: Are you a corporation?**

State certified articles of incorporation are attached

**Part II, Line 5: Have you adopted bylaws?**

Bylaws with signatures and date are attached

**Part IV: Narrative description of your activities.**

The corporation only does business under the name, *The Center for Election Science*.

1.

*Activity:* Creation and distribution of academic material

*Description:* The corporation will publish articles through the electology website, which will be restyled for navigation purposes. Directors, staff, and some members will create and review academic articles using [www.bettermeans.com](http://www.bettermeans.com). Articles will also be transferred and reviewed from [www.rangevoting.org](http://www.rangevoting.org). Articles will vary from technical to layperson-friendly. The organization will also create videos for the general public explaining election-related scholarship. These videos will be displayed on the electology website.

*Who conducts?:* Directors, members

*When conducted?:* Continually

*Where conducted?:* Online ex// [www.electology.org](http://www.electology.org), [www.bettermeans.org](http://www.bettermeans.org).

*Relation to exempt purposes:* This activity relates to the education charitable aspect of our organization. Making information accessible informs the public on various aspects of voting and election-related scholarship.

*Percentage of time dedicated:* Estimated 50%

*How activity is funded:* Donations, membership fees, grants

2.

*Activity:* Creation of election-related software/applications.

*Description:* The corporation will create software which allows users to more easily conduct election-related activities. This software will generate ballots and calculates votes via different voting systems. This would require that the user enter data such as candidate number, names, and voting system details. Other software may be entirely instructional so that users attain a better understanding of strengths and shortcomings of various election systems.

*Who conducts?:* Directors, staff, members

*When conducted?:* Continually

*Where conducted?:* Online ex// [www.electology.org](http://www.electology.org), [www.bettermeans.org](http://www.bettermeans.org).

*Relation to exempt purposes:* Such software will further the corporation's purpose by providing resources to enhance the efficiency of elections. Such software also fulfills the educational component of the corporation's charitable purpose.

*Percentage of time dedicated:* Estimated 25%

*How activity is funded:* Donations, grants, membership fees

3.

*Activity:* Public polling to determine awareness of and attitudes toward election issues

*Description:* The corporation will engage in public polling to keep track of general awareness and acceptance of alternative voting methods. If there are specific voting methods that are gaining public acceptance or specific geographic areas where voting methods are being discussed, the corporation can better direct its educational efforts in that direction. Additionally, success of different educational campaigns can be monitored and compared. Such polling studies can also bring publicity to the organization in news articles and op-eds related to voting and electoral issues.

*Who conducts?:* Directors, staff, members

*When conducted?:* Continually

*Where conducted?:* Telephonically and over the internet.

*Relation to exempt purposes:* As part of the corporation's declared purpose is promoting public awareness of alternative voting methods, public polling will allow us to ascertain current levels of public awareness, analyze the effectiveness of our efforts, and determine where (geographically and ideologically) to focus future efforts.

*Percentage of time dedicated:* Estimated 5%

*How activity is funded:* Donations, grants, membership fees

4.

*Activity:* Helping to organize people interested in voting systems

*Description:* The corporation will compile contact information of people interested in better electoral processes and create resources to facilitate their interaction online. When there is enough interest in a geographical area, the corporation may choose to encourage online interaction among a geographically concentrated subset of persons with such interest, and as the interest and activity grows even further may find it possible to organize physical meetings of like-minded individuals interested in improved voting and governance methods. When voting and governance issues do come up politically and public education about these issues becomes paramount, the corporation hopes to mobilize such local interest groups to lead these public education efforts.

*Who conducts?:* Directors, staff, members

*When conducted?:* Continually

*Where conducted?:* Physically throughout the United States and online ex// [www.electology.org](http://www.electology.org), [www.bettermeans.org](http://www.bettermeans.org).

*Relation to exempt purposes:* Organizing interested people creates a critical mass that generates discussion, research, and experience with better electoral methods. Ultimately, it also leads to political awareness and social influence that can lead to better electoral methods being implemented in organizations and government jurisdictions.

*Percentage of time dedicated:* Estimated 10%

*How activity is funded:* Donations, grants, membership fees

5.

*Activity:* Organization of educational conferences devoted to voting method research

*Description:* The corporation will organize conferences dedicated to voting methods research and education. The conference will be organized around talks on current voting research and workshops for voting system education. Printed proceedings could be produced.

*Who conducts?:* Directors, staff, members

*When conducted?:* Three day conferences, held once a year

*Where conducted?:* Designated conference venues in the United States

*Relation to exempt purposes:* Conferences would stimulate education and research of improved voting methods.

*Percentage of time dedicated:* Estimated 10%

*How activity is funded:* Donations, membership fees, attendance fees, grants

**Part V, Line 5a: Conflict of Interest Policy**

Conflict of interest policy is attached. See bylaws Article 9, Sections 1-3.

**Part VI, Line 1a: Benefits to individuals.**

We will create software and educational goods, which we may sometimes charge for. These goods are for the general public.

**Part VI, Line 1b: Benefits to organizations.**

The corporation may provide elections-related services such as logistics advice or custom software to help other groups perform election-related functions. Examples of advice may be the type of voting procedure for an election, candidate debate format, or ballot interface. Examples of software may include custom web applications or downloadable programs for vote calculation or ballot creation. The corporation may offer services to varied groups including government and nongovernmental organizations.

**Part VIII, Line 2a: Do you attempt to influence legislation?**

The corporation's percentage of total time dedicated to influencing legislation will be less than 20%. At no time will the corporation's expenditures exceed the limitations provided for through form 5768 using the expenditure test. At no time will the corporation ever endorse a party or candidate.

The corporation may, to a limited extent, expressly advocate for or against legislation regarding election-related law. The corporation may directly lobby public officials on election-related matters as permitted by law. An example of such involvement may include contacting state or federal officials to persuade them to adopt specific voting systems such as approval voting. This lobbying would directly further the corporation's purpose by pushing voting systems that best provide for the public welfare.

See example of an educational page advocating for a New Hampshire House Bill for Approval Voting. See attached.

**Part VIII, Line 2b: 5768 Lobbying form**

Filed copy of 5768 form attached.

**Part VIII, Line 4a: Fundraising**

Mail Solicitations

The corporation may use postal mail solicitations to follow-up with those who have donated previously or have made their information available to the corporation. Any mailings will be done within the restrictions of state and federal law.

Email Solicitations

The corporation may use e-mail solicitations to follow-up with those who have donated previously or have made their information available to the corporation. Any e-mailings will be done within the restrictions of state and federal law.

Personal Solicitations

The corporation may make personal solicitations at talks or events prompting attendees to donate at the corporate website.

Foundation Grant Solicitations

The corporation may solicit foundation grants for more information when foundations offer grants to further goals congruent with the corporation. We will primarily seek requests for proposals.

Phone Solicitations

The corporation may use postal mail solicitations to follow-up with those who have donated previously or have made their information available to the corporation. Any phone solicitations will be done within the restrictions of state and federal law.

Website Donations:

The corporation's website ([www.electology.org](http://www.electology.org)) will utilize donate services. This will allow for credit card donations and other secure financial transaction services.

#### Government Grant Solicitations

The corporation may make government grant solicitations when governmental organizations are offering a grant to further goals congruent with the corporation.

#### Third-Party Website Donations

The corporation may also accept donations originated from third-party websites such as Youtube.com, Facebook.com, and Kickstarter.com.

#### Sales/Other

The corporation may also participate in fundraising by selling goods such as calendars and apparel that educates the public on various aspects of election systems. For example, a calendar may include an accessible definition of Approval Voting and its history within a calendar month. A t-shirt may contain an artistic print on the back explaining the downfalls of Plurality Voting systems.

**d. List all states and local jurisdictions in which you conduct fundraising. For each state or local jurisdiction listed, specify whether you fundraise for your own organization, you fundraise for another organization, or another organization fundraises for you.**

The corporation does its own fundraising. At the present, the corporation has no plans to specifically target a particular state to conduct fundraising. Rather, it creates the opportunity for donors through its website.

#### **Part VIII, Line 10: Do you or will you publish, own, or have rights to intellectual property?**

The corporation reserves the rights to intellectual property using Creative Commons licenses demanding only attribution. Given such attribution, the corporation freely allows adaptation, distribution, copying, and transmitting the work. The corporation may choose to charge fees for some material. Such fees will be determined by considering factors of fair market value and accessibility. Such material will be produced by directors, staff or members. It will be distributed and marketed through the electology website. There may be instances, when the corporation decides to use a more restrictive license. But we will more than likely tend towards Creative Commons licenses and open-source code.