

Stringed Instrument Makers of Southern California  
**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

**Article I      NAME**

This Association shall be known as: **Stringed Instrument Makers of Southern California**, hereinafter "SIMSCal".

**Article II     ORGANIZATION**

SIMSCal shall be structured as a membership organization, in which members approve the direction of the Association, elect officers, approve By-Laws, and authorize expenditures for special purposes.

**Article III    STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purposes for which SIMSCal is formed are -

- to promote association among stringed instrument makers (luthiers) in Southern California,
- to further the understanding of stringed instrument building, and to help improve the instrument-making skills of our members, and
- to bring to the public an increased understanding of and appreciation for the luthier's craft.

**Article IV    COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

It is the policy of SIMSCal to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

**Article V     MEMBERSHIP**

Any person interested in lutherie may become a member.

**Article VI    MEETINGS**

**Section 1    General Meetings**

Meetings of the General Membership shall take place from time-to-time, but in no case less than quarterly.

**Section 2    Annual Meeting**

The first meeting the year shall be the Annual Meeting, at which Officers shall make their annual reports to the membership, and elections for that year shall take place.

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**Article VII OFFICERS**

**Section 1 Officers**

Office holders shall be elected from members in good standing. At minimum, officers of the Association shall include President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director-At-Large.

**Section 2 Duties**

Officers shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices as described in the By-Laws, and other duties as may be approved by the General Membership.

**Section 3 Term of Office**

- The ordinary term of office shall be one year.
- The Treasurer's function shall be limited to non-consecutive terms.

**Article VIII EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers of the Association.

**Section 1 Duties**

- Direct the activities and conduct the ordinary business of the Association in accordance with the Statement of Purpose.
- The Executive Board shall perform the duties described in the By-Laws, and other such duties as may be approved by the General Membership.

**Article IX FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Section 1 Basis of Operation**

The Association shall operate on a cash basis entity, subject to federal and state regulation, with a fiscal year that runs from January 1 through December 31.

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**Article X      CHANGES TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

**Section 1      Procedure**

The following shall be followed for enacting, amending or repealing any portion of these Articles:

- The proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing, with sufficient time for consideration by the members, for approval by the General Membership;
- A favorable vote of the two-thirds of the membership shall be required to amend or repeal any of these Articles of Association.

**Article XI      DISSOLUTION**

**Section 1      Distribution of Assets**

Distribution of assets at dissolution shall be to current and former members based on number of years as a percentage of total cumulative membership years.

Jim Ellsberry	Date	Larry McCutcheon	Date
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