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CHARTER OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION FOR THE SURGERY  
OF TRAUMA

The undersigned natural person, having capacity to contract and acting as the incorporator of a corporation under the Tennessee General Corporation Act, adopts the following charter for such corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is The Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma.
2. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.
3. The address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Tennessee shall be 1924 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, County of Knox.
4. The corporation is not for profit and will not engage in any activity which would jeopardize its tax-exempt status.
5. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to furnish leadership and to foster advances in the surgery of trauma; to afford a forum for the exchange of knowledge pertaining to injury control, research, practice, and training in prevention, care, and rehabilitation of injury; to stimulate investigation and teaching in the methods of preventing, correcting, and treating injuries from all types of accidents; to enhance the study and practice of the surgery of trauma by establishing lectureships, scholarships, foundations, and appropriate evaluation procedures to afford recognition to individuals working in these fields by extending to them membership in the association; to do and engage in any and all lawful activities that may be incidental or reasonably related to any of the foregoing purposes; and to engage in any lawful business not proscribed in paragraph 4 above for which not-for-profit corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee.
6. This corporation is to have members; the manner of election, appointment, qualifications, and rights of the members are to be as provided in the by-laws of the corporation.

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7. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively educational and scientific within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States revenue statute, as amended from time to time, nor shall it engage in the practice of medicine or render any of the services of a licensed physician.

8. In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors, after paying or making provision for all of the liabilities of the corporation, shall distribute all of the remaining assets to such organization or organizations organized or operated for one or more of the purposes contained in these Articles and at the time qualifying as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the board of directors shall determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has hereunto set his hand this 14th day of NOVEMBER, 1986.

E. William Quinn  
 INCORPORATOR