

**Form 1023**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Code No. 1023-0008  
Note: If exempt status is  
approved, this  
application will be open  
for public inspection.

Use the instructions to complete this application and for a definition of all bold items. For additional help, call IRS Exempt Organizations Customer Account Services toll-free at 1-877-829-5626. Visit our website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for forms and publications. If the required information and documents are not submitted with payment of the appropriate user fee, the application may be returned to you.

Attach additional sheets to this application if you need more space to answer fully. Put your name and EIN on each sheet and identify each answer by Part and line number. Complete Parts I - XI of Form 1023 and submit only those Schedules (A through H) that apply to you.

**Part I Identification of Applicant**

1 Full name of organization (exactly as it appears in your organizing document)	3 c/o Name (if applicable)
Baton Rouge Progressive Network	
5 Mailing address (Number and street) (see instructions)	6 Room/Suite
P.O. Box 1842	83-0484853
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4	9 Month the annual accounting period ends (01 - 12)
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-1842	12
10 Primary contact (officer, director, trustee, or authorized representative) a Name: Andrew Weber	b Phone: 225-773-1234
	c Fax: (optional)
11 Are you represented by an authorized representative, such as an attorney or accountant? If "Yes," provide the authorized representative's name, and the name and address of the authorized representative's firm. Include a completed Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, with your application if you would like us to communicate with your representative. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
12 Was a person who is not one of your officers, directors, trustees, employees, or an authorized representative listed in line 11, paid, or promised payment, to help plan, manage, or advise you about the structure or activities of your organization, or about your financial or tax matters? If "Yes," provide the person's name, the name and address of the person's firm, the amounts paid or promised to be paid, and describe that person's role. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
13 Organization's website: <a href="http://www.brownradio.org">www.brownradio.org</a> (specify its radio efforts) and <a href="http://www.brownonline.org">www.brownonline.org</a> (in progress)	
14 Organization's email: (optional) <a href="mailto:brownradio@gmail.com">brownradio@gmail.com</a>	
15 Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exempt, are you claiming to be exempt from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If "Yes," explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.	
16 Date incorporated if a corporation, or formed, if other than a corporation. (MM/DD/YYYY) 08 / 08 / 2000	
17 Were you formed under the laws of a foreign country? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," state the country.	

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**Part III Organizational Structure**

You must be a corporation (including a limited liability company), an unincorporated association, or a trust to be tax exempt. (See instructions.) DO NOT file this form unless you can check "Yes" on lines 1, 2, 3, or 4.

1. Are you a corporation? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of incorporation showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they also show state filing certification.  Yes  No
2. Are you a limited liability company (LLC)? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of organization showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach a copy. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they show state filing certification. Refer to the instructions for circumstances when an LLC should not file its own exemption application.  Yes  No
3. Are you an unincorporated association? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of association, constitution, or other similar organizing document that is dated and includes at least two signatures. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments.  Yes  No
- 4a. Are you a trust? If "Yes," attach a signed and dated copy of your trust agreement. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments.  Yes  No
- b. Have you been funded? If "Yes," explain how you are funded without anything of value placed in trust.  Yes  No
5. Have you adopted bylaws? If "Yes," attach a current copy showing date of adoption. If "No," explain how your officers, directors, or trustees are selected.  Yes  No

**Part III Organizational Structure**

The following questions are designed to ensure that when you file this application, your organizing document contains the required provisions to meet the organizational test under section 501(c)(3). Unless you can check the boxes in both lines 1 and 2, your organizing document does not meet the organizational test. Do not file this application until you have amended your organizing document. Submit your original and amended organizing documents (showing state filing certification if you are a corporation or an LLC) with your application.

1. Section 501(c)(3) requires that your organizing document state your exempt purpose(s), such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement. Describe specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document. Refer to the instructions for exempt purpose language. Location of Purpose Clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph): [Page 1, Article B, Paragraph 1](#)
- 2a. Section 501(c)(3) requires that upon dissolution of your organization, your remaining assets must be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box on line 2a to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement by express provision for the distribution of assets upon dissolution. If you rely on state law for your dissolution provision, do not check the box on line 2a and go to line 2c.
- 2b. If you checked the box on line 2a, specify the location of your dissolution clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph). Do not complete line 2c if you checked box 2a. [Page 1, Article 1, Paragraph 1](#)
- 2c. See the instructions for information about the operation of state law in your particular state. Check this box if you rely on operation of state law for your dissolution provision and indicate the state:  [Alabama](#)

**Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities**

Using an attachment, describe your past, present, and planned activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to the narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors**

- 1a. List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your officers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual compensation, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual/actual or estimated)
Mild Lancaster	Director, Co-Chair of the Board	[REDACTED]	none
Andrew Walker	Director, Co-Chair of the Board	[REDACTED]	none
David R. Brown	Director, Treasurer	[REDACTED]	none
Vernon Bolden	Director, Membership Rep.	[REDACTED]	none
Maxine Grang	Director	[REDACTED]	none

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

- b. List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of each of your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation. Do not include officers, directors, or trustees listed in line 1a.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)

- c. List the names, names of businesses, and mailing addresses of your five highest compensated independent contractors that receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to past, present, or planned relationships, transactions, or agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

- 2a. Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to each other through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.  Yes  No
- b. Do you have a business relationship with any of your officers, directors, or trustees other than through their position as an officer, director, or trustee? If "Yes," identify the individuals and describe the business relationship with each of your officers, directors, or trustees.  Yes  No
- c. Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1b or 1c through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.  Yes  No
- 3a. For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties.  Yes  No
- b. Do any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to you through common control? If "Yes," identify the individuals, explain the relationship between you and the other organization, and describe the compensation arrangement.  Yes  No
4. In establishing the compensation for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, the following practices are recommended, although they are not required to obtain exemption. Answer "Yes" to all the practices you use:
- a. Do you or will the individuals that approve compensation arrangements follow a conflict of interest policy?  Yes  No
  - b. Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements in advance of paying compensation?  Yes  No
  - c. Do you or will you document in writing the date and terms of approved compensation arrangements?  Yes  No

**PART II Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

d. Do you or will you record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on compensation arrangements?

Yes  No

e. Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by similarly situated hospitals or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations? Refer to the instructions for Part X, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.

Yes  No

f. Do you or will you record in writing both the information on which you relied to base your decision and its source?

Yes  No

g. If you answered "Yes" to any item on lines 4a through 4f, describe how you set compensation that is reasonable for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

Yes  No

h. Have you adopted a conflict of interest policy consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If "No," answer lines 5a and 5b.

i. What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you for setting their own compensation?

j. What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you regarding business deals with themselves?

Note: A conflict of interest policy is recommended though it is not required to obtain exemption. Hospitals, see Schedule C, Section 1, line 1d.

k. Do you or will you compensate any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c through spot-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is eligible for such arrangements, whether you place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part X, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.

Yes  No

l. Do you or will you compensate any of your employees, other than your officers, directors, trustees, or your five highest compensated employees, who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$10,000 per year, through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is or will be eligible for such arrangements, whether you place or will place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.

Yes  No

m. Do you or will you purchase any goods, services, or assets from any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such purchases that you made or intend to make, from whom you made or will make such purchases, how the terms are or will be negotiated or determined of arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such purchases.

Yes  No

n. Do you or will you sell any goods, services, or assets to any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such sales that you made or intend to make, to whom you made or will make such sales, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you are or will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such sales.

Yes  No

o. Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8b through 8l.

Yes  No

p. Describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make.

q. Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.

r. Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.

s. Explain how you determine you pay no more than fair market value or you are paid at least fair market value.

t. Attach copies of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

Yes  No

u. Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with any organization in which any of your officers, directors, or trustees are also officers, directors, or trustees, or in which any individual officer, director, or trustee owns more than a 5% interest? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8b through 8l.

Yes  No

**Part VI Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

- b. Describe any written or oral arrangements you made or intend to make.
- c. Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d. Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e. Explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or that you are paid at least fair market value.
- f. Attach a copy of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

**Part VII Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to goods, services, and funds you provide to individuals and organizations as part of your activities. Your answers should pertain to past, present, and planned activities. (See instructions.)

- a. In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals.  Yes  No
- b. In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to organizations? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to organizations.  Yes  No
2. Do any of your programs limit the provision of goods, services, or funds to a specific individual or group of specific individuals? For example, answer "Yes," if goods, services, or funds are provided only for a particular individual, your members, individuals who work for a particular employee, or graduates of a particular school. If "Yes," explain the limitations and how recipients are selected for each program.  Yes  No
3. Do any individuals who receive goods, services, or funds through your programs have a family or business relationship with any officer, director, trustee, or with any of your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c? If "Yes," explain how these related individuals are eligible for goods, services, or funds.  Yes  No

**Part VIII Your History**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to your history. (See instructions.)

1. Are you a successor to another organization? Answer "Yes," if you have taken or will take over the activities of another organization; you took over 50% or more of the fair market value of the net assets of another organization; or you were established upon the conversion of an organization from for-profit to non-profit status. If "Yes," complete Schedule D.  Yes  No
2. Are you submitting this application more than 27 months after the end of the month in which you were legally formed? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.  Yes  No

**Part IX Your Specific Activities**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to specific activities that you may conduct. Check the appropriate box. Your answers should pertain to past, present, and planned activities. (See instructions.)

1. Do you support or oppose candidates in political campaigns in any way? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
2. Do you attempt to influence legislation? If "Yes," explain how you attempt to influence legislation and complete line 2a. If "No," go to line 2b.  Yes  No  
  
 Yes  No
3. Have you made or are you making an effort(s) to have your legislative activities measured by expenditures by filing Form 5768? If "Yes," attach a copy of the Form 5768 that was already filed or which a completed Form 5768 that you are filing with this application. If "No," describe whether your attempts to influence legislation are a substantial part of your activities. Include the time and money spent on your attempts to influence legislation as compared to your total activities.   
  
 Yes  No
4. Do you or will you operate bingo or gaming activities? If "Yes," describe who conducts them, and list all revenues received or expected to be received and expenses paid or expected to be paid in operating these activities. Revenues and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part X, Financial Data.  Yes  No  
  
 Yes  No
5. Do you or will you enter into contracts or other agreements with individuals or organizations to conduct bingo or gaming for you? If "Yes," describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make, identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements, explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or you will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such arrangements.   
  
 Yes  No
6. List the states and local jurisdictions, including Indian Reservations, in which you conduct or will conduct gaming or bingo.

**Part III. Your Specific Activities (Continued)**

- a. Do you or will you undertake fundraising? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct. (See instructions.)
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mail solicitations                         | <input type="checkbox"/> phone solicitations                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> email solicitations                        | <input type="checkbox"/> accept donations on your website                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> personal solicitations                     | <input type="checkbox"/> receive donations from another organization's website |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations | <input type="checkbox"/> government grant solicitations                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> foundation grant solicitations             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
- Attach a description of each fundraising program.
- b. Do you or will you have written or oral contracts with any individuals or organizations to raise funds for you? If "Yes," describe these activities. Include all revenue and expenses from these activities and state who conducts them. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part X, Financial Data. Also, attach a copy of any contracts or agreements.
- c. Do you or will you engage in fundraising activities for other organizations? If "Yes," describe these arrangements. Include a description of the organizations for which you raise funds and attach copies of all contracts or agreements.
- 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.
- e. Do you or will you maintain separate accounts for any contributor under which the contributor has the right to advise on the use or distribution of funds? Answer "Yes" if the donor may provide advice on the types of investments, distributions from the types of investments, or the distribution from the donor's contribution account. If "Yes," describe this program, including the type of advice that may be provided and submit copies of any written materials provided to donors.
- f. Are you affiliated with a governmental unit? If "Yes," explain.
- g. Do you or will you engage in economic development? If "Yes," describe your program.
- h. Describe in full who benefits from your economic development activities and how the activities promote exempt purposes.
- i. Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers develop your facilities? If "Yes," describe each facility, the role of the developer, and any business or family relationship(s) between the developer and your officers, directors, or trustees.
- j. Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers manage your activities or facilities? If "Yes," describe each activity and facility, the role of the manager, and any business or family relationship(s) between the manager and your officers, directors, or trustees.
- k. If there is a business or family relationship between any manager or developer and your officers, directors, or trustees, identify the individuals, explain the relationship, describe how contracts are negotiated at arm's length so that you pay no more than fair market value, and submit a copy of any contracts or other agreements.
- l. Do you or will you enter into joint ventures, including partnerships or limited liability companies treated as partnerships, in which you share profits and losses with partners other than section 501(c)(3) organizations? If "Yes," describe the activities of these joint ventures in which you participate.
- m. Are you applying for exemption as a childcare organization under section 501(k)? If "Yes," answer lines 16 through 30. If "No," go to line 31.
- n. Do you provide child care so that parents or caretakers of children you care for can be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "Yes," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k).
- o. Of the children for whom you provide child care, are 65% or more of them cared for by you to enable their parents or caretakers to be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k).
- p. Are your services available to the general public? If "No," describe the specific group of people for whom your activities are available. Also, see the instructions and explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k).
- q. Do you or will you publish, even, or have rights in music, literature, tapes, artworks, choreography, scientific discoveries, or other intellectual property? If "Yes," explain. Describe who owns or will own any copyrights, patents, or trademarks, whether fees are or will be charged, how the fees are determined, and how any rights are or will be produced, distributed, and marketed.

**Part VIII. Your Specific Activities (Continued)**

11. Do you or will you accept contributions of real property; conservation easements; closely held securities; intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights; stocks of mass or art; fixtures; royalties; automobiles, boats, planes, or other vehicles; or collectibles of any type? If "Yes," describe each type of contribution, any conditions imposed by the donor on the contribution, and any agreements with the donor regarding the contribution.
- Yes  No
- 11a. Do you or will you operate in a foreign country or countries? If "Yes," answer lines 11b through 12d. If "No," go to line 11b.
- b. Name the foreign countries and regions within the countries in which you operate.
  - c. Describe your operations in each country and region in which you operate.
  - d. Describe how your operations in each country and region further your exempt purposes.
- 11b. Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to organization(s)? If "Yes," answer lines 11b through 11g. If "No," go to line 11a.
- b. Describe how your grants, loans, or other distributions to organizations further your exempt purposes.
  - c. Do you have written contracts with each of these organizations? If "Yes," attach a copy of each contract.
  - d. Identify each recipient organization and any relationship between you and the recipient organization.
  - e. Describe the records you keep with respect to the grants, loans, or other distributions you make.
  - f. Describe your selection process, including whether you do any of the following:
    - (i) Do you require an application form? If "Yes," attach a copy of the form.
    - (ii) Do you require a grant proposal? If "Yes," describe whether the grant proposal specifies your responsibilities and those of the grantee, obligates the grantee to use the grant funds only for the purposes for which the grant was made, provides for periodic written reports concerning the use of grant funds, requires a final written report and an accounting of how grant funds were used, and acknowledges your authority to withhold another review grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused.
  - g. Describe your procedures for oversight of distributions that assure you the resources are used to further your exempt purposes, including whether you require periodic and final reports on the use of resources.
- 11c. Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to foreign organizations? If "Yes," answer lines 11b through 14f. If "No," go to line 11.
- b. Provide the name of each foreign organization, the country and regions within a country in which each foreign organization operates, and describe any relationship you have with each foreign organization.
  - c. Does any foreign organization listed in line 11b accept contributions earmarked for a specific country or specific organization? If "Yes," list all earmarked organizations or countries.
  - d. Do your contributions know that you have ultimate authority to use contributions made to you at your discretion for purposes consistent with your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe how you relay this information to contributors.
  - e. Do you or will you make pre-grant inquiries about the recipient organization? If "Yes," describe these inquiries, including whether you inquire about the recipient's financial status, its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, its ability to accomplish the purpose for which the resources are provided, and other relevant information.
  - f. Do you or will you use any additional procedures to ensure that your distributions to foreign organizations are used in furtherance of your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe these procedures, including site visits by your employees or compliance checks by impartial experts, to verify that grant funds are being used appropriately.

**Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)**

18. Do you have a close connection with any organizations? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
19. Are you applying for exemption as a cooperative hospital service organization under section 501(c)(7)? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
20. Are you applying for exemption as a cooperative service organization of operating educational organizations under section 501(c)(7)? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
21. Are you applying for exemption as a charitable risk pool under section 501(h)(7)? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
22. Do you or will you operate a school? If "Yes," complete Schedule B. Answer "Yes," whether you operate it as your main function or as a secondary activity.  Yes  No
23. Is your main function to provide hospital or medical care? If "Yes," complete Schedule C.  Yes  No
24. Do you or will you provide low-income housing or housing for the elderly or handicapped? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.  Yes  No
25. Do you or will you provide scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants to individuals, including grants for travel, study, or other similar purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule H.

Note: Private foundations may use Schedule H to request advance approval of individual grant procedures.

**Part D Financial Data**

For purposes of this schedule, years in existence refer to completed tax years. If in existence 4 or more years, complete the schedule for the most recent 4 tax years. If in existence more than 1 year but less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence and provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. If in existence less than 1 year, provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses for the current year and the 3 following years, based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. (See Instructions.)

**A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

Type of revenue or expense	Current tax year		Other tax years & 3 preceding tax years			Total Period for (a through d)
	(a) From 10/01/	(b) From 10/01/	(c) From 10/01/	(d) From 10/01/	(e) From 10/01/	
	To 10/01/	To 10/01/	To 10/01/	To 10/01/	To 10/01/	
1. Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,500.00
2. Membership fees received	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
3. Gross investment income	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
4. Net unrelated business income	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
5. Taxes levied for your benefit	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
6. Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
7. Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 8-12 below (attach an itemized list)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
8. Total of lines 1 through 7	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,500.00
9. Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
10. Total of lines 8 and 9	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,500.00
11. Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see Instructions)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
12. Unusual grants	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
13. Total Revenue: Add lines 10 through 12	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,500.00
14. Fundraising expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
15. Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
16. Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an itemized list)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
17. Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
18. Other salaries and wages	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
19. Interest expense	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
20. Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
21. Depreciation and depletion	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
22. Professional fees	\$ 0/00/00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
23. Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
24. Total Expenses: Add lines 14 through 23	\$ 0/00/00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

**Part X Financial Data (Continued)****B. Balance Sheet (for your most recently completed tax year)**

	Amount	Year Ended (Whole dollars)
1 Cash . . . . .	\$ 3,223.00	
2 Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	\$ 0	
3 Inventories . . . . .	\$ 0	
4 Bonds and notes receivable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	\$ 0	
5 Corporate stocks (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	\$ 0	
6 Loans receivable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	\$ 0	
7 Other investments (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	\$ 0	
8 Depreciable and depletable assets (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	\$ 0	
9 Land . . . . .	\$ 0	
10 Other assets (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	\$ 0	
<b>11 Total Assets (add lines 1 through 10) . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 3,223.00</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>		
12 Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ 4,381.00	
13 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable . . . . .	\$ 0	
14 Mortgages and notes payable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	\$ 0	
15 Other liabilities (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	\$ 0	
<b>16 Total Liabilities (add lines 12 through 15) . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 4,382.00</b>	
<b>Fund Balances or Net Assets</b>		
17 Total fund balances or net assets . . . . .	\$ 0	
<b>18 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances or Net Assets (add lines 16 and 17) . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 4,382.00</b>	

19 Have there been any substantial changes in your assets or liabilities since the end of the period shown above? If "Yes," explain.

**Part X Public Charity Status**

Part X is designed to classify you as an organization that is either a private foundation or a public charity. Public charity status is a more favorable tax status than private foundation status. If you are a private foundation, Part X is designed to further determine whether you are a private operating foundation. (See instructions.)

- 1a Are you a private foundation? If "Yes," go to line 1b. If "No," go to line 5 and proceed as instructed. If you are unsure, see the instructions.  Yes  No
- b As a private foundation, section 509(a)(1) requires special provisions in your organizing document in addition to those that apply to all organizations described in section 501(c)(3). Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement, whether by express provision or by reliance on operation of state law. Attach a statement that describes specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document or by operation of state law. See the instructions, including Appendix B, for information about the special provisions that need to be contained in your organizing document. Go to line 2.
- 2 Are you a private operating foundation? To be a private operating foundation you must engage directly in the active conduct of charitable, religious, educational, and similar activities, as opposed to indirectly carrying out these activities by providing grants to individuals or other organizations. If "Yes," go to line 3. If "No," go to the signature section of Part XI.  Yes  No
- 3 Have you existed for one or more years? If "Yes," attach financial information showing that you are a private operating foundation; go to the signature section of Part XI. If "No," continue to line 4.  Yes  No
- 4 Have you attached either (1) an affidavit or opinion of counsel, (including a written affidavit or opinion from a certified public accountant or accounting firm with expertise regarding this tax law matter), that sets forth facts concerning your operations and supports a determination that you are likely to satisfy the requirements to be classified as a private operating foundation; or (2) a statement describing your proposed operations as a private operating foundation?  Yes  No
- 5 If you answered "No" to line 1a, indicate the type of public charity status you are requesting by checking one of the choices below. You may check only one box.
- The organization is not a private foundation because it is:
- a 509(a)(1) and 170(a)(7)(A)—a church or a convention or association of churches. Complete and attach Schedule A.
- b 509(a)(1) and 170(a)(7)(B)—a school. Complete and attach Schedule B.
- c 509(a)(1) and 170(a)(7)(C)—a hospital, a nonseparate hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Complete and attach Schedule C.
- d 509(a)(D)—an organization supporting either one or more organizations described in line 6a through c, f, g, or h or a publicly supported section 509(a)(3), (5), or (8) organization. Complete and attach Schedule D.

**Part X** **Public Charity Status (Continued)**

- (a)(1)—an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.**
- (b)(2)(i) and 170(b)(10)(B)(ii)—an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.**
- (b)(2)(v) and 170(b)(10)(B)(vi)—an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.**
- (b)(2)(vii)—an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross investment income and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).**
- i. A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in (g) or (t). The organization would like the IRS to decide the correct status.**
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- ii. If you checked box (g), (t), or i in question 8 above, you must request either an advance or a definitive ruling by selecting one of the boxes below. Refer to the instructions to determine which type of ruling you are eligible to receive.**
- Request for Advance Ruling: By checking this box and signing the consent, pursuant to section 6511(c)(2) of the Code you request an advance ruling and agree to extend the statute of limitations on the assessment of excise tax under section 4940 of the Code. This law will apply only if you do not establish public support status at the end of the 3-year advance ruling period. The assessment period will be extended for the 3 advance ruling years to 5 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first year. You have the right to refuse or limit the extension to a mutually agreed upon period of time or issuance Publication 1035, Extending the Tax Assessment Period, provides a more detailed explanation of your rights and the consequences of the choices you make. You may obtain Publication 1035 free of charge from the IRS web site at [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov) or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3677. Signing this consent will not deprive you of any appeal rights to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you decide not to extend the statute of limitations, you are not eligible for an advance ruling.**

**Consent/Ruling Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 6501 of the Internal Revenue Code****For Organization**

Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or Other  
Authorized Official

(Type or print name of signer)

(Date)

(Type or print title or authority of signer)

**For IRS Use Only****IRS Director, Exempt Organizations**

(Date)

- b. Request for Definitive Ruling:** Check this box if you have completed one tax year of at least 6 full months and you are requesting a definitive ruling. To confirm your public support status, answer line (6a) if you checked box g in line 8 above. Answer line (6b) if you checked box h in line 8 above. If you checked box i in line 8 above, answer both lines (6a) and (6b).
- (a) Enter 2% of line 8, column (d) on Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses.
- (b) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (c) For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 8 of Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each person, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (i) 1% of line 8, Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or \$25,000. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- 7. Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual.**  Yes  No

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PLATINUM**Part III User Fee Information**

You must include a user fee payment with this application. It will not be processed without your paid user fee. If your average annual gross receipts have exceeded or will exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, you must submit payment of \$750. If your gross receipts have not exceeded or will not exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, the required user fee payment is \$500. See instructions for Part XI, for a definition of gross receipts over a 4-year period. Your check or money order must be made payable to the United States Treasury. User fees are subject to change. Check our website at [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov) and type "User Fee" in the keyword box, or call Customer Account Services at 1-877-878-5500 for current information.

1. Have your annual gross receipts averaged or are they expected to average not more than \$10,000?
  Yes  No
   
   If "Yes," check the box on line 2 and enclose a user fee payment of \$500 (Subject to change—see above).
2. Check the box if you have enclosed the reduced user fee payment of \$500 (Subject to change).
3. Check the box if you have enclosed the user fee payment of \$750 (Subject to change).

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying exhibits and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please  
Sign  
Here



*Andrew Weber*  
Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other  
authorized official

Andrew Weber

Type or print name of signer

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Type or print title of signer

12/12/2008  
*(Date)*

Reminder: Send the completed Form 1023 Checklist with your filled-in-application.

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**Schedule E. Organizations Not Filing Form 1023 Within 27 Months of Formation**

Schedule E is intended to determine whether you are eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) from the postmark date of your application or from your date of incorporation or formation, whichever is earlier. If you are not eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) from your date of incorporation or formation, Schedule E is also intended to determine whether you are eligible for tax exemption under section 501(a)(1) for the period between your date of incorporation or formation and the postmark date of your application.

1. Are you a church, association of churches, or integrated auxiliary of a church? If "Yes," complete Schedule A and stop here. Do not complete the remainder of Schedule E.  Yes  No
  
2. Are you a public charity with annual gross receipts that are normally \$5,000 or less? If "Yes," stop here. Answer "No" if you are a private foundation, regardless of your gross receipts.  Yes  No
  
3. If your gross receipts were normally more than \$5,000, are you filing this application within 90 days from the end of the tax year in which your gross receipts were normally more than \$5,000? If "Yes," stop here.  Yes  No
  
4. Were you included as a subordinate in a group exemption application or letter? If "No," go to line 4.  Yes  No
  
5. If you were included as a subordinate in a group exemption letter, are you filing this application within 27 months from the date you were notified by the organization holding the group exemption letter or the Internal Revenue Service that you cease to be covered by the group exemption letter? If "Yes," stop here.  Yes  No
  
6. c. If you were included as a subordinate in a timely filed group exemption request that was denied, are you filing this application within 27 months from the postmark date of the Internal Revenue Service final adverse ruling letter? If "Yes," stop here.  Yes  No
  
7. Were you created on or before October 6, 1987? If "Yes," stop here. Do not complete the remainder of this schedule.  Yes  No
  
8. If you answered "No" to lines 1 through 4, we cannot recognize you as tax exempt from your date of formation unless you qualify for an extension of time to apply for exemption. Do you wish to request an extension of time to apply to be recognized as exempt from the date you were formed? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining why you did not file this application within the 27-month period. Do not answer lines 6, 7, or 8. If "No," go to line 8a.
  
- 8a. Note: Be sure your filing eligibility agrees with your answer to Part X, line 8.  
b. Do you anticipate significant changes in your sources of support in the future? If "Yes," complete line 7 below.  Yes  No

**Schedule E. Organizations Not Filing Form 1023 Within 27 Months of Formation (Continued)**

**T** Complete this item only if you answered "Yes" to line 6a. Include projected revenue for the last two full years following the current tax year.

Type of Revenue	Projected revenue for 2 years following current tax year		
	(b) From _____ To _____	(b) From _____ To _____	(b) Total
1. Dues, grants, and contributions received (do not include proposed grants)			
2. Membership fees received			
3. Gross investment income			
4. Net unrelated business income			
5. Taxes levied for your benefit			
6. Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)			
7. Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 8-12 below (attach an itemized list)			
8. Total of lines 1 through 7			
9. Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold, or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)			
10. Total of lines 8 and 9			
11. Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach an itemized list)			
12. Unusual grants			
13. Total revenue. Add lines 10 through 12			

- B** According to your answers, you are only eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) from the postmark date of your application. However, you may be eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(4) from your date of formation to the postmark date of the Form 1023. Tax exemption under section 501(c)(4) affords exemption from federal income tax, but generally not deductability of contributions under Code section 170. Check the box at right if you want us to treat this as a request for exemption under 501(c)(4) from your date of formation to the postmark date.



Attach a completed Page 1 of Form 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c), to this application.

## Articles Of Incorporation Baton Rouge Progressive Network

The under-signed have this day associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of Louisiana and do hereby adopt the following articles of incorporation.

### Article I

The name of the corporation is Baton Rouge Progressive Network.

### Article II

The location of its principle place of business shall be at 2108 Stanford Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, but it may establish other places of business and other offices at such other places either within or without the State of Louisiana as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

The registered agent for service of process is Lee Abbott who resides at the address listed above.

### Article III

The objects, powers and general nature of the business this corporation proposes to transact are:

- (a) To form a nonprofit cooperative of individuals dedicated to facilitating communication and education as they pertain to progressive ideals within the Baton Rouge community.
- (b) To acquire by gift or purchase, hold, sell, convey, assign, mortgage or lease any property, real or personal, necessary or incidental to the operation of the cooperative.
- (c) To do all other acts reasonably necessary, proper and advisable in carrying out the specific powers and authorities above enumerated.

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code including for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations and section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

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#### **Article IV**

The corporation shall be a nonprofit corporation and shall have no stock. No dividends or pecuniary profits shall be declared nor paid to the directors thereof nor to any other private individuals. All corporate earnings shall be used to further the purposes of this organization as herein set forth.

#### **Article V**

The control and management of the affairs of this corporation shall be vested in a board of directors of not less than three. The following individuals shall serve as directors and their successors shall be chosen in accordance with the bylaws to be adopted:

Lee Alton  
Ana Hernandez  
Jason Todd  
Kyle Strans



#### **Article VI**

The board of directors shall adopt bylaws for the management and operation of the corporation not inconsistent with these articles of incorporation. The objects and purposes of this corporation and a copy of such bylaws and of these articles shall be available to each member in good standing.

#### **Article VII**

The authorized number and qualifications of members, their voting rights and other rights and privileges shall be set forth in the bylaws of this corporation.

#### **Article VIII**

These articles of incorporation may be amended only by the written consent of all members in good standing upon a resolution submitted by the board of directors.

#### **Article IX**

The corporation shall exist perpetually.

#### Article X.

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government for a public purpose.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise noted by section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code) and this corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, it's members, directors, or other private persons except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these articles.

#### Article XI

We, the incorporators of this corporation, have executed these articles on the Twelfth day of May, 2000.

Len Abbott

Ava Hernandez

Jason Todd

Kyle Stevens

Sent to the Colorado BLM on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2000

Nancy  
Alvarado

My signature is for 4k.

# Baton Rouge Progressive Network

## Bylaws

### Article I Identity and Purpose

#### Section 1- Name

The name of this corporation is Baton Rouge Progressive Network, Inc. and shall hereinafter be referred to as BRPN.

#### Section 2- Purpose

The purpose(s) for which BRPN is established and incorporated, as stated in Article III, Section (a) of the Articles of Incorporation, is as follows:

- a. To form a nonprofit cooperative of individuals dedicated to facilitating communication and education as they pertain to progressive ideals within the Baton Rouge community.

Further, as stated in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation,

- b. This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code including for such purposes the making of distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations and Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Furthermore,

- c. BRPN is organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana as a nonprofit organization on a non-stock basis.
- d. BRPN shall have all powers permitted by law, the Articles of Incorporation, and these bylaws.
- e. The activities of BRPN shall be limited so as to qualify BRPN as exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- f. BRPN may pursue a variety of avenues, including but not limited to non-commercial, listener supported, member controlled community radio station broadcasting, to achieve its purpose of facilitating communication and education as they pertain to progressive ideals in the Baton Rouge community.

### **Section 3- Mission Statement**

BRPN shall be defined by the following mission statement:

BRPN shall strive to form a network of individuals and organizations working to improve the Baton Rouge community and to provide quality programming and services to a broad spectrum of the community through:

the promotion of education, communication, and entertainment related to progressive ideals in the Baton Rouge community,

the facilitation of community expression and provision of community access to media for the purpose of sharing news, music, culture, and information,

and the production of unique and diverse programming that challenges the cultural and intellectual assumptions of our audience with a respect for all peoples and a concern for those under-represented by other media.

### **Section 4- Principles**

BRPN is committed to peace and social justice within our cultural, ecological, political, social, and economic environments and seeks to involve in its governance and operations individuals committed to these principles.

BRPN values and works towards promoting environmental stewardship, education, and sustainability.

BRPN shall strive to maintain a cooperative and non-hierarchical spirit among its members and directors and shall be committed to ensuring the involvement of those under-represented in society at large and in our community.

Specifically, BRPN is committed to diversity and inclusion of people of all nations, races, ethnicities, creeds, incomes, classes, genders, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities in its programming, staff, management, committees and governance.

### **Article II Membership**

#### **Section I- BRPN is a membership-based organization.**

#### **Section J- A "member" is:**

- (a) any real person who is an active volunteer or staff person and has pledged to support BRPN and paid at least the basic or sliding scale annual membership fee or completed an approved exchange of service or number of volunteer hours in lieu of fees.

(b) any partner organization that shares a mission or purpose similar to BRPN and has paid at least the basic or sliding scale annual organization level membership fee or completed an approved exchange of service in lieu of fees and has been approved as a partner organization by the Board of Directors. (NOTE: For-profit businesses are not eligible to be considered partnering organizations; however for-profit businesses which support BRPN may be recognized as "Supporting Businesses."

**Section 3-** The BRPN Board of Directors, with input from the Advisory Board, shall determine the annual membership fees and categories of giving levels for both individual persons and partner organizations. Membership fees should be used first to cover fixed operating costs.

**Section 4-** Each member, whether an individual or an organization, is entitled to one vote in Member elections. All individual members shall have the same rights and privileges as each other. All organization members shall have the same rights and privileges as each other.

**Section 5-** No member shall have any right, title or interest in any of the property or assets of BRPN, nor shall such property or assets be automatically distributed to any member upon dissolution of the corporation.

**Section 6-** Any member's membership rights can be revoked by the Board of Directors or an active membership committee at any time with no compensation or reimbursement for fees paid or services rendered for harmful or destructive actions against BRPN's property or mission.

### **Article III**

#### **Board of Directors**

##### **Section 1- Number of Board Members**

The Board of Directors shall consist of at least eight but no more than 16 voting members, not including one voting representative from the Advisory Board, and one voting representative from Active Membership.

##### **Section 2- Quorum**

There shall be a quorum of 2/3 Board members present to conduct business.

##### **Section 3- Terms**

Board members are elected to three year terms. Board members may not serve more than two consecutive full terms. A director who is elected by the Board to fill the remaining portion of a vacated seat on the Board for more than one year shall be regarded as serving one full term on the Board. A director who is elected by the Board to fill a vacated seat of one year or less shall not be regarded as serving a full term. The board is not required to fill vacant seats unless the number of board members drops below the minimum (8).

##### **Section 4- Election to the Board of Directors**

Board candidates shall be nominated by members, Advisory Board members, or Directors, and elected by the Board of Directors.

#### Section 5- Commitment to Diversity of the Board

It is the intent of the Board of Directors to represent a cross-section of the community we serve.

#### Section 6- Qualifications

All board members or persons nominated to the board must:

- (a) have a record of community involvement that complements BRPN's purpose.
- (b) have no interest in any media of mass communications, including without limitation a recognizable interest which is attributable under the applicable rules of the Federal Communications Commission in any broadcast licensee, cable television system or daily newspaper, as the terms "recognizable" and "attributable" are defined therein.
- (c) have no felony convictions.
- (d) be a U.S. resident.

In addition, 90% of the Board of Directors shall have for the preceding two years maintained their primary residence within 25 miles of the reference coordinates of the proposed community of licensee. This standard must be maintained and persons nominated to the board should be able to meet this standard. NOTE: A primary residence is a domicile, and not for example, a vacation home or a student's temporary school address. For example, an address may be a domicile if it is the address from which the board member is registered to vote, maintains his driver's license, and/or files his federal income taxes.

Baton Rouge Progressive Network shall at all times maintain the characteristics necessary to be an "established local entity," pursuant to Section 73.7003(b)(1) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, and to provide "local diversity of ownership" pursuant to Section 73.7003(b)(2) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, with respect to any application filed by Baton Rouge Progressive Network for a permit to construct a noncommercial educational radio station.

#### Section 7- Responsibilities and Duties of the Board of Directors

- (a) The Board shall be responsible for overseeing the finances of BRPN.
- (b) The Board shall establish rules, policies, and guidelines regarding the facilities, equipment, committees, staff, volunteers, and programming of BRPN.
- (c) The Board shall appoint such standing committees as may be necessary for the orderly operation of BRPN.
- (d) Every Board member shall be a current member of BRPN and an active volunteer at BRPN, meaning they give at least 10 approved volunteer hours a month.

#### Section 8- Nominations to the Board of Directors

When there is a vacancy or opening on the Board of Directors, the Board may seek nominations to the board from all of the members. After a reasonable amount of time has been allowed for nominations from members, Advisory Board members, and Directors to be submitted to the board, the Board shall hold an election among themselves to elect a new board member to fill the vacancy or opening. The election of new board members must be placed on the agenda and publicized to the Advisory Board and Active Membership at least five days in advance of the Board meeting when the election will take place.

#### Section 9- Officers of the Board

The Board shall have at least one officer, the Board Chair, who will have the role of facilitating meetings. The Board Chair is elected to a one year term by the Board of Directors. The Board may elect other officers and assign responsibilities as they wish.

#### Section 10- Removal and Resignation of Board Members

A Board Member may submit their resignation at any time. A simple majority vote of the full board with actual cause is all that is necessary for removal of any board member. Actual cause is defined by one or more of the following:

- (a) Failure to attend two consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without excuse is cause for removal from the Board.
- (b) Failure to maintain current member and active volunteer status with BRPN is cause for removal from the Board.
- (c) Failure to uphold BRPN's mission and purpose is cause for removal from the Board.
- (d) Failure to carry out the responsibilities and duties of a member of the Board of Directors is cause for removal from the Board.
- (e) Any board member who moves their primary residence further than 25 miles from the reference coordinates of the proposed community of license may be asked to resign. Such board members are allowed to join the Advisory Board if they wish.

### Article IV Advisory Board

Section 1- Number of members shall be more than 3 and less than 40.

Section 2- There shall be a quorum of 40% of current members in order to conduct formal business.

Section 3- Terms of Advisory Board members are for one year. Members may serve unlimited, consecutive terms.

Section 4- Election to the Advisory Board is upon request of an individual and subsequent acceptance by the current Advisory Board membership, or upon invitation by the Board of Directors or the active Membership. A new member is not eligible to vote on any business until their third consecutive meeting.

Section 7- Removal of an Advisory Board member can be achieved with a simple majority vote of the current Advisory Board membership or the Board of Directors.

## Article V Meetings

### Section 1- Membership Meetings

- (a) There shall be an annual meeting of the active Members for the purpose of nominating their representatives to the Board of Directors and for conducting other business pertinent to their relationship with BRPN.
- (b) The Board of Directors may call other meetings of the active membership as needed.

### Section 2- Board of Director Meetings

- (a) The Board of Directors shall meet at least 6 times a year, but are encouraged to meet monthly or even more often as needed to direct the operations and affairs of BRPN. There shall be a quorum of 2/3 Board members present to conduct business. The date and time of the upcoming meeting shall be set at the previous meeting.
- (b) Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chair of the Board or by three members of the Board or by a resolution of the Members or by a resolution of the Advisory Board. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held upon three days notice delivered in person or by telephone.
- (c) All decisions made by the board of directors shall be made in accordance with ~~common~~ decision making practices except where noted otherwise in the by-laws. If a consensus cannot be reached in a reasonable amount of time, that particular decision reverts to majority rule.

### Section 3- Advisory Board Meetings

- (a) The Advisory Board shall meet annually for regular meetings, but may meet quarterly or more frequently as needed. The Advisory Board may call Special Meetings with the approval of three or more members of the Advisory Board and may send out notice of Special Meetings by email and telephone.
- (b) The Board of Directors may call other meetings of the Advisory Board as needed.

### Section 4- Action in Lieu of a Meeting

Any action that may be taken at any special meeting of the Members or the Advisory Board may be taken without a meeting if the Board of Directors distributes, or otherwise makes available, a written ballot to every Member or Advisory Board Member entitled to vote on the matter. Such written ballot shall set forth the proposed action, provide an opportunity to specify approval or disapproval of any proposal, provide brief written arguments in favor of and against the proposed

action, and provide a reasonable time within which to return the written ballot to the Board of Directors.

#### **Article VI Paid Staff**

Section 1- The Board of Directors with input from the active Membership and the Advisory Board shall be responsible for hiring and firing any paid staff. If possible, paid staff should first be recruited from active, volunteer Membership. All paid staff are required to report to the Board of Directors, to share information with the Advisory Board and to work together with the active Membership in furtherance of BRPN's purpose and mission. Any paid staff member may attend and participate in Board of Directors meetings as an ex-officio member.

#### **Article VII Indemnification**

Section 1- Any current or former director or officer of BRPN shall be indemnified by BRPN against all liabilities, costs and expenses reasonably incurred or imposed arising out of or in connection with any action, litigation, or proceedings in which they may be involved due to their involvement with BRPN. The protection is limited to the lawful conduct of responsibilities of any director or officer. The personal liability of any director or officer shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by state and federal law.

#### **Article VIII Financial Authority**

Section 1- Any contracts or proposals which are negotiated or ratified on behalf of BRPN must be approved by the Board of Directors or the active Membership. To be binding, any contracts must be signed by an authorized agent of the board.

Section 2- No indebtedness for borrowed money shall be contracted on behalf of BRPN, and no evidence of such indebtedness shall be issued in its name, unless authorized by the Board of Directors. Such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3- All checks, drafts, or other orders of payment of money and all notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of BRPN shall be signed by such directors or approved members of BRPN as authorized by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article IX Conflicts of Interest**

Section 1- A conflicts of interests policy shall be written and adopted by the Board of Directors with approval from the Advisory Board and active Membership.

#### **Article X Dissolution**

**Section 1-** Upon the dissolution of BRPN, any and all assets will be used first to pay off all indebtedness and all creditors. Any and all remaining assets shall be given to a non-profit organization, fund or foundation within the broadcast area of the community of license and with a mission similar to that of BRPN and which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes meeting the requirements for exemption and having established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The determination of such recipient shall be made by the Board of Directors at its final meeting.

**Article XI**  
**Policy of Non-Discrimination**

**Section 1-** There shall be no discrimination in membership, employment or services due to race, color, sex, age, lifestyle, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or physical disability. This policy shall not prevent the board of directors from taking action to ensure diverse membership of its board of directors or of other committees.

**Article XII**  
**Amendments and Ratifications to Bylaws**

**Section 1-** Amendments to the bylaws shall be presented to the Board of Directors at a regular meeting and also presented to the Advisory Board at a regular meeting and to the active Membership via email or other effective posting and may be voted on at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors, given that both the Advisory Board and active Membership have received notice in writing of the proposed amendments and been given reasonable time to present any objections to the amendments to the Board of Directors.

**Section 2-** All amendments shall be ratified when approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire board including a vote from the Advisory Board voting member and the active memberships voting member.

**Article XIII**  
**Severability**

**Section 1-** If any section, clause, provision or portion of these bylaws is judged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the bylaws shall not be affected.

**CERTIFICATION OF BYLAWS:**

These bylaws were adopted by the current Board of Directors for BRPN on:

October 13, 2017

In Witness Thereof: Steve Glavin  
Current Chair or Registered Agent

**Part IV. Narrative Description of Your Activities** Using an attachment, describe your past, present, and planned activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

The Baton Rouge Progressive Network (BRPN) is a volunteer-led organization that works to connect individuals and other non-profit organizations in the Baton Rouge area into a broader network where community education efforts can be maximized. The founding vision of BRPN was to form a nonprofit cooperative of individuals dedicated to facilitating communication and education as they pertain to progressive ideals within the Baton Rouge community. BRPN is an organization consisting of groups, organizations and individuals who promote progressive causes in our community. Our partners have included the Baton Rouge House Center for Peace and Justice, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, the Baton Rouge Lambda Group, Baton Rouge Advocates for Safe Streets, Big Buddy's Wordplay Program, the Reilly Center for Media and Public Affairs at Louisiana State University, and the Environmental Conservation Organization at Louisiana State University.

In the past, BRPN has created and distributed a newsletter containing articles and announcements of interest to the Baton Rouge community. BRPN also published a monthly calendar listing upcoming events in the greater Baton Rouge area of interest to our community. In 2000, BRPN applied to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for a low power FM radio license. Volunteers prepared the LPFM application at no expense to the organization. And in 2007, BRPN volunteers sought donations in order to raise funds to hire a professional communications engineer and attorney with experience working with the FCC in order to prepare an application on behalf of BRPN for a full-power FM non-commercial educational radio station license in a highly competitive filing window. To date, the most recent radio project has required the bulk of BRPN's funding. BRPN has not done any significant fund-raising prior to this recent application. These applications for radio licenses further BRPN's exempt purpose and mission to facilitate communication and further education as they pertain to progressive ideals in the Baton Rouge community by allowing BRPN the opportunity to compete for media access that would allow the organization to build community media that informs, educates and engages the community.

BRPN directors and volunteers also work with other community partners to host educational forums, debates and workshops on timely topics of concern to the

general community. In 2007, BRPN co-hosted a panel discussion on collective bargaining in East Baton Rouge Parish Schools at a time when the EBR School Board was debating its policies in relation to collective bargaining and many people in the community were asking for more information. BRPN also co-hosted a debate for all candidates running for the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in order to offer area residents an opportunity to question the candidates about their views and positions and therefore make a more informed vote. The debate was non-partisan and all candidates were invited to participate. BRPN did not endorse any candidates. These forums further BRPN's exempt purpose and mission to facilitate communication and further education as they pertain to progressive ideals in the Baton Rouge community by increasing the availability of information and access to policy-makers for Baton Rouge residents.

BRPN does not adhere to any single definition of progressivism, however there are common commitments that partners and volunteers share including advocating for peace and social justice in our community, promoting environmental sustainability, ensuring the involvement and representation of those underrepresented in our community, and providing community-based media. BRPN is working to build a network that provides online resources while strengthening face to face relationships. To this end, BRPN has a few volunteers who designed and maintain two websites for the organization, [www.brpnradio.org](http://www.brpnradio.org) and [www.brpnonline.org](http://www.brpnonline.org). BRPN is currently working on an online calendar of progressive events in the Baton Rouge community, an online database of progressive organizations in the Baton Rouge community, a quarterly newsletter, social networking events, more public forums, and volunteer-led community workshops. In the event the FCC awards BRPN with a radio license, BRPN plans to create a community-based radio station where residents receive training and assistance in creating their own programs, non-profit partners can expand their outreach efforts, and BRPN can create local news, public affairs, and general educational programming. This would be funded through donations, memberships, grants, and underwriting support.

**Part V. Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors Part V**

List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your officers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual compensation, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

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1a. Continued.

Name	Title	Mailing Address	Compensation
Dr. Aditi Hassan Ghosh	Director	[REDACTED]	none
Paula Henderson	Director	[REDACTED]	none
Jessica Ketcham-Weber	Director	[REDACTED]	none
Marylee Orr	Director	[REDACTED]	none
Robert Thompson	Director	[REDACTED]	none
Jason Wesley	Director	[REDACTED]	none

Part V., 2a Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to each other through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.

Directors Andy Weber and Jessica Ketcham-Weber are husband and wife. They each bring their own specific talents, experiences and opinions to their roles as Directors and so were both elected to serve as Directors.

Part V., 3a For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties.

Name and Title	Qualifications	Average Hours Worked	Duties
Miki Lancaster, Director and Co-chair	Community advocate and media consultant	20 hours a month	Execute the decisions of the board, Maintain ongoing

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			communication with committee chairs, Follow up with Directors who do not fulfill duties, Represent the organization in an official capacity, Direct organizational development, Conduct and facilitate meetings, Compile and send out agendas
Andrew Weber, Director and Co-chair	Community advocate and physician	20 hours a month	Execute the decisions of the board, Maintain ongoing communication with committee chairs, Follow up with Directors who do not fulfill duties, Represent the organization in an official capacity, Direct organizational development, Conduct and facilitate meetings, Compile and send out agendas
David R. Brown, Director and Treasurer	Community advocate and private attorney	20 hours a month	Maintain checking account, Give monthly financial report to board, Take lead on accounting needs, Has the authority at the board's direction to receive debts (pay checks to people, etc.) Serves on the fundraising committee
Merton Bolden, Director and Membership Rep.	Community advocate and school support worker	10 hours a month	Attend board meetings and general meetings and participate in

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			organizational planning and development
Maxine Crump	Community advocate and media consultant	15 hours a month	Attend board meetings and general meetings and participate in organizational planning and development
Dr. Adil Hassan Ghosh	Community advocate and environmental specialist	15 hours a month	Attend board meetings and general meetings and participate in organizational planning and development
Patsy Henderson	Community advocate and women's issues specialist	15 hours a month	Attend board meetings and general meetings and participate in organizational planning and development
Jessica Ketcham-Weber	Community advocate and English doctoral student and instructor	15 hours a month	Attend board meetings and general meetings and participate in organizational planning and development
Marylee Orr	Community advocate and Executive Director of environmental non-profit	15 hours a month	Attend board meetings and general meetings and participate in organizational planning and development
Robert Thompson	Community advocate	15 hours a month	Attend board meetings and general meetings and participate in organizational planning and development

			development
Jason Wesley	Community advocate and law student	15 hours a month	Attend board meetings and general meetings and participate in organizational planning and development

**Part VIII. 4a Do you or will you undertake fundraising? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct. (See Instructions.) Attach a description of each fundraising program.**

**Mail solicitations-**

BRPN may solicit memberships, membership renewals or donations through direct mailings.

**Email solicitations-**

BRPN communicates with its membership most frequently through email and may include a request or a link for members or subscribers to donate to BRPN online through BRPN's website.

**Personal solicitations-**

BRPN directors and members may personally solicit their friends and family for donations or other support for BRPN's programs.

**Vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations-**

BRPN has not currently accepted any such donations but would be open to accepting them in the future either for organizational use or program needs.

**Foundation grant solicitations-**

BRPN may apply to foundations for grant funding for either general operating support or specific programming needs.

**Phone solicitations-**

BRPN may conduct phone banking campaigns to membership in the event of an urgent need for funding by the organization.

**Accept donations on your website-**

BRPN will accept paypal donations on its website.

**Receive donations from another organization's website-**

BRPN does not currently accept donations from another organization's website but is open to doing so in the future through websites such as [www.networkforgood.org](http://www.networkforgood.org).

**Government grant solicitations-**

BRPN has not yet applied for government grants but would be open to doing so in the future if there was a good match of grant funds and our programs available.

**Other-**

BRPN has raised much of its recent donations by hosting free social and educational events, including a progressives' informational dinner, a progressive organizational mixer, and educational workshops, at which a basket was available to collect donations from attendees who wished to make a donation.

**Part VIII, 11 Do you or will you accept contributions of: real property; conservation easements; closely held securities; intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights; works of music or art; licenses; royalties; automobiles, boats, planes, or other vehicles; or collectibles of any type? If "Yes," describe each type of contribution, any conditions imposed by the donor on the contribution, and any agreements with the donor regarding the contribution.**

BRPN has not currently accepted any contributions of real property or intellectual property but would do so in the future if such contribution of property furthered the exempt purposes for which BRPN is organized. Since there have to date not been any such contributions, there have also not been any agreements made with any donors or conditions imposed.

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Part X,  
8b((a)) Enter 2% of line B, column (e) on Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses 120.00 .

(b) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount.

NAME	AMOUNT
Louisiana Environmental Action Network	1,000.00
Bamville House Center for Peace and Justice	1,000.00
Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge	500.00
Masha Cohen	720.00
Jeffrey Shoji	250.00
Milly Gleckler	200.00
Ava Haymon	200.00
Brian Marks	200.00
Anna Hinch	180.00
Jason Wesley	150.00
Andrew Weber	125.00

AFFIDAVIT OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT  
BY DESIGNATED REGISTERED AGENT  
ACT 769 OF 1987

To the State Corporation Department  
State of Louisiana

STATE OF Louisiana

PARISH/COUNTY OF Baton Rouge

On this 25th day of May, '88, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish aforesaid, personally came and appeared Lil' Agent, who is to me known to be the person, and who, being duly sworn, acknowledged to me that he does hereby accept appointment as the Registered Agent of Bear-Lane Business Partners, which is a Corporation authorized to transact business in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of the Title 12, Chapter 1, 2 and 3.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me on the day, month, and year  
first above set forth

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

NOTE: If the Agent is a Corporation authorized to act as an agent then the affidavit must be executed by an officer of the corporation.

**Conflict of Interest Policy of the Baton Rouge Progressive Network**

Adopted by Resolution of the Board of Directors on August 27, 2008

**Article I-Purpose**

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect the Baton Rouge Progressive Network's (BRPN) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interests of an officer or director of BRPN. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable corporations.

**Article II-Definitions**

A conflict of interest is defined as an actual or perceived interest by a staff member/Board member/or member of a committee with board delegated powers in an action that results in or has the appearance of resulting in personal, professional, or financial gain.

**Article III-Procedures**

The Directors of BRPN resolve that no member of the Board of Directors, staff, or member of a committee with board delegated powers shall participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in which he or she or a member of his or her immediate family has any actual or potential conflict of interest due to having material economic involvement regarding the matter being discussed, including any direct or indirect compensation from BRPN for services.

When such a situation presents itself, the director, staff member, or committee member must announce his or her potential conflict, disqualify himself or herself, and be excused from the meeting until discussion is over on the matter involved. The Chair of the meeting is expected to make inquiry if such conflict appears to exist and the member has not made it known.

The minutes of the board and all committees with board-delegated powers shall contain the names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have an actual or potential conflict of interest, the nature of the actual or potential conflict of interest, and the names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection therewith.

**Article IV-Violations of the Conflict of Interest Policy**

If the board or committee has reasonable cause to believe that a member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

If, after hearing the response of the member and making such further investigation as may be warranted in the circumstances, the board or committee determines that the member has in fact failed to disclose an actual or potential conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Article V-Annual Statement:

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms that each person—

- a. has received a copy of the conflict of interest policy,
- b. has read and understands the policy,
- c. has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. understands that the Corporation is a charitable organization and that in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

At this time, I am also a Board member, a committee member, or an employee of the following other organizations: (list)

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These annual statements will be kept on record in BRPN's official files.

**Bringing Peace and Justice to the Airwaves**

By Stacy Sause, BRPN Chair October 2008-May 2009

Published in the Bienville House for Peace and Justice December 2008 Newsletter

Imagine the power of uniting groups and individuals working against racism, sexism, homophobia, violence, imperialism and other forms of oppression through local community radio. Imagine the power of relevant, timely community news and local commentary. Imagine diverse local music shows and radio theatre. Imagine a vibrant, progressive radio station in Baton Rouge run and operated by volunteers from our communities who have a passion for truth and social justice. We can have this.

In October of 2007, the Baton Rouge Progressive Network (BRPN) with the support of our partners and members took advantage of a historic opportunity to apply for one of the last available full power non-commercial, educational radio station licenses in our area during a two-week window for new applications to the Federal Communications Commission. Filing for a station license of this kind is a complex and lengthy process which involves retaining the services of a professional broadcast engineer and an experienced FCC communications attorney. With the support of many individuals and some outstanding organizations, BRPN was able to successfully file our application and is now in competition for the one available license in our area with nine other competing applicants, some of whom are local and some of whom are not. The FCC may take several years deciding who they will finally award the license to based on the technical merits of the applications.

Members of BRPN believe that community-owned and produced media is important and that the benefits of bringing progressive radio to the greater Baton Rouge community are limitless. BRPN wants to serve an otherwise underserved sector of the listening audience by delivering progressive programming, local voices, networking, and opportunities for community building across the radio waves.

BRPN was founded in 1999 and incorporated as a nonprofit under the laws of the State of Louisiana in June of 2000. The founding vision of BRPN was to form a cooperative of individuals dedicated to facilitating communication and education as they pertain to progressive ideals within the Baton Rouge community. Our partners include the Bienville House for Peace and Justice, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, and others. Our current board members include Kayla Bourg, Maxine Crump, David Brown, Paula Henderson, Vicki Lancaster, Marylee Orr, Alma Pate, Shirley Sands, Stacy Sause, Robert Thompson, Jessica Ketcham-Weber, Andrew Weber, Jason Wesley, and William Winters.

We are very excited about the potential of full power broadcasting and look forward to expanding our current network of partners. The community resources and programming we wish to provide will only be at its strongest with participation and support from community allies. We hope you will consider donating to, supporting and affiliating yourself with BRPN. We invite you to be part of this exciting and powerful project for social justice! Please visit our website at [www.hyperradio.org](http://hyperradio.org) to learn more about BRPN and to find out about upcoming events or to make a donation. You may also contact us by email at [hyperradio@gmail.com](mailto:hyperradio@gmail.com). We need your support!

## A Discussion of Collective Bargaining in EBR Schools

Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge  
8470 Goodwood Blvd  
Thursday December 13  
6pm - 8pm

What does "collective bargaining" mean? What's really at stake for workers, our school system, and children? And who has been left out of the debate?

Please join us for an illuminating panel discussion featuring:

- Susan Haynes - Paraprofessional – East Baton Rouge Parish School System – SEIU
- Willie Johnson – Sr. Vice President of Community Development, Baton Rouge Area Chamber
- Cornell Washington - President–East Baton Rouge Federation of Teachers
- Brad Gonzales – Contract Administrator–SEIU
- Monica Taylor - Regional Manager – Louisiana Center for Workforce Recovery

Co-sponsored by  
The Baton Rouge Progressive Network  
And the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge

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**New Member Registration Form****For Individuals**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest:

*Please read and verify the following:*

I have received a copy of the BRPN bylaws and brochure (or waived in favor of reading it online).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have paid my membership dues by (circle one) CASH / CHECK / MONEY ORDER / CREDIT CARD / VOLUNTEER TIME / OTHER .

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Individuals and organizations may substitute volunteer service in lieu of fees. Such substitutions are subject to the following conditions: Any substitution of volunteerism for membership must be approved, in advance, by the board with the exception of ongoing or routine volunteer activities, which will be posted as they are identified and approved by the board. All other volunteerism requires explicit board approval.

(Please see reverse side)

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**New Member Registration Form***For Individuals***Membership Inventory**

In light of BRPN's mission, it is often useful to maintain accurate stock of the experience and resources our members bring to the organization. Please take a moment to provide the following information. Completion of all or any part of this section is not a requirement for membership.

How did you find out about us (circle one or more if applicable)?

Friend	Internet/Website/E-mail	Newspaper/Print Media	BRPN
Literature	Radio	Television	Public Event
Other (please explain):			

Why did you decide to become a member of BRPN?

What experiences or resources do you have that you may be able to contribute to BRPN's community projects or organizational growth?

Do you know anyone who you think would be interested in BRPN?

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## Mission statement:

"The Baton Rouge Progressive Network shall strive to form a network of individuals and organizations working to improve the Baton Rouge community and to provide quality programming and services to a broad spectrum of the community through the promotion of education, communication, and entertainment related to progressive ideals in the Baton Rouge community, the facilitation of community expression and provision of community access to media for the purpose of sharing news, music, culture, and information, and the production of unique and diverse programming that challenges the cultural and intellectual assumptions of our audience with a respect for all peoples and a concern for those under-represented by other media."

Some of BRPN's principles are:

- BRPN is committed to peace and social justice within our cultural, ecological, political, social, and economic environments and seeks to involve in its governance and operations individuals committed to these principles.
- BRPN values and works towards promoting environmental stewardship, education, and sustainability.
- BRPN shall strive to maintain a cooperative and non-hierarchical spirit among its members and directors and shall be committed to ensuring the involvement of those under-represented in society at large and in our community.
- Specifically, BRPN is committed to diversity and inclusion of people of all nations, races, ethnicities, creeds, incomes, classes, genders, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities in its programming, staff, management, committees and governance.

BRPN is a networking, membership-based organization and membership is open to individuals and organizations.

## What is an Organizational Partner? What types of organizations are we looking for?

The Baton Rouge Progressive Network seeks to partner with any organization that shares a mission or purpose similar to BRPN and has paid at least the basic or sliding scale annual organization level membership fee or completed an approved exchange of service in lieu of fees and has been approved as a partner organization by BRPN's Board of Directors.

## Some of our current partners:

- the Bienville House for Peace and Justice
- the Louisiana Environmental Action Network
- the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge
- Big Buddy's WordPlay program for teens

For more information, contact:

Stacy Souza, Chair of the Board, brypnradio@gmail.com

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## What can your organization do to help BRPN's community radio efforts?

### ✓ Fill out a Pledge Letter

By committing a specific monetary contribution to the building, maintenance, and operation of the radio station, your group can literally help to build a community radio station. This pledged commitment is, of course, contingent upon the approval of a broadcasting license from the FCC.

### ✓ Make a direct contribution

Your group can directly provide monetary support to help pay for current expenses incurred and to be incurred throughout the process prior to the FCC's licensing decision. Such fees are generally related to professional services such as legal or engineering fees associated with applying for such a broadcast license.

### ✓ Write a Letter of Support

This is simply a letter stating that your group supports the Baton Rouge Progressive Network in their application for a full-power, non-commercial radio station for the purpose of creating a community radio station.

## Why become an Organizational Partner?

### ✓ Networking & outreach efforts maximized

The Baton Rouge Progressive Network provides organizational infrastructure that facilitates communications and synergistic relationships between member organizations and other institutions by joining them in a common endeavor with shared outcomes.

### ✓ Community asset-building

Radio programming is a powerful tool. Your group will be able to help produce content designed to inform the larger community on your mission, goals, and current events.

## BRPN's Recent Radio Project History:

To apply for a Non-commercial, full power FM Radio Station, BRPN has:

- ✓ Retained a local broadcast engineer
- ✓ Retained a local FCC Communications Attorney
- ✓ Secured a letter of reasonable assurances for the tower lease
- ✓ Raised money and secured pledge letters to build and operate the station
- ✓ Joined national networks of community radio broadcasters and independent media groups
- ✓ Successfully filed our application for a new NCE license with the FCC during the recent historic filing window

We Need Your Support!

For more information, contact:

Stacy Saucier, Chair of the Board, [brpnradio@gmail.com](mailto:brpnradio@gmail.com)

Because of your past support for Progressive radio in Baton Rouge, You are personally invited to a very special dinner to learn about a very special project for the whole Baton Rouge Community. Details below.

# **Imagine a radio station...**

*...owned by and operated for*

*our community...*

*...broadcasting with a mission for  
social justice...*

**...Now Imagine  
YOU helped create it.**

**You CAN! We need YOUR support!**

**Join us for dinner to learn more and maybe even support our cause.**

**When:** Friday, October 5th, please drop in for a seated dinner anytime between 6 p.m.— 9 p.m. to learn more.

**Where:** Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, 8470 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge

**What:** 3-course, Vegetarian friendly dinner, Revolving tables in a restaurant atmosphere with brief, intermittent presentations and music

*To learn more or make a donation online, visit: [www.brprradio.org](http://www.brprradio.org)*

Baton Rouge Progressive Network

Purpose, Mission and Principles

The purpose for which BRPN is established and incorporated, as stated in Article III, Section (a) of the Articles of Incorporation, is as follows:

To form a nonprofit cooperative of individuals dedicated to facilitating communication and education as they pertain to progressive ideals within the Baton Rouge community.

The mission of BRPN is defined by the following mission statement:

BRPN shall strive to form a network of individuals and organizations working to improve the Baton Rouge community and to provide quality programming and services to a broad spectrum of the community through the promotion of education, communication, and entertainment related to progressive ideals in the Baton Rouge community, the facilitation of community expression and provision of community access to media for the purpose of sharing news, music, culture, and information, and the production of unique and diverse programming that challenges the cultural and intellectual assumptions of our audience with a respect for all peoples and a concern for those under-represented by other media.

Some of BRPN's principles are:

BRPN is committed to peace and social justice within our cultural, ecological, political, social, and economic environments and seeks to involve in its governance and operations individuals committed to these principles.

BRPN values and works towards promoting environmental stewardship, education, and sustainability.

BRPN shall strive to maintain a cooperative and non-hierarchical spirit among its members and directors and shall be committed to ensuring the involvement of those under-represented in society at large and in our community.

Specifically, BRPN is committed to diversity and inclusion of people of all nations, races, ethnicities, creeds, incomes, classes, genders, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities in its programming, staff, management, committees and governance.

BRPN is a membership-based organization and membership is open to:

- (a) any real person who is an active volunteer and has pledged to support BRPN and paid at least the basic or sliding scale annual membership fee or completed an approved exchange of service or number of volunteer hours in lieu of fees.
- (b) any partner organization that shares a mission or purpose similar to BRPN and has paid at least the basic or sliding scale annual organization level membership fee or completed an approved exchange of service in lieu of fees and has been approved as a partner organization by the Board of Directors. (NOTE: For-profit businesses are not eligible to be considered partnering organizations; however for-profit businesses which support BRPN may be recognized as "Supporting Businesses."

BRPN began as a loose-knit collective of college students and community activists, but is growing into the expanded networking organization its founding members envisioned and will be governed by a Board of Directors, Advisory Board and active member-volunteers.

## Baton Rouge Progressive Network Prospectus

The Baton Rouge Progressive Network (BRPN) was founded in 1999 and incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of Louisiana in 2000. The founding vision of BRPN was to form a nonprofit cooperative of individuals dedicated to facilitating communication and education as they pertain to progressive ideals within the Baton Rouge community. BRPN was originally, and remains today a non-hierarchical, collectively run umbrella organization consisting of groups, organizations and individuals who promote progressive causes in our community. Our partners either have included or include but are not limited to the Bienville House for Peace and Justice, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, the Lambda Group, and Big Daddy's WordPlay program. We are looking for and welcome new partners as well.

Past actions of BRPN included the creation and dissemination of a group newsletter containing articles, announcements, and advertisements of interest to the progressive community. BRPN also published a monthly calendar containing upcoming events in the greater Baton Rouge area of interest to our community, as well as successfully applying for a low power FM license in the year 2000 filing window.

Recently, the FCC announced through public notice that it would open a filing window for organizations wishing to apply for new Full-Power Non-Commercial, Educational FM radio stations across the nation. BRPN learned that an opportunity to reach most of the city is available and is working quickly to complete an application before the window closes on October 19, 2007. Considering that the FCC has not opened such a filing window in several decades and each time that they do, less and less opportunities are available in future windows, especially in more urban areas like Baton Rouge. BRPN feels that this is truly a unique and valuable opportunity for our community.

BRPN is currently working with a local broadcast engineer and a local communications lawyer to facilitate the application process. We currently estimate our application costs at between \$4,000 and \$7,000. We are also in need of access to at least \$25,000 in capital in order to demonstrate to the FCC in our application that if awarded a license BRPN would be financially able to build and operate a full-power station for three months. One way we are raising this start-up capital is through pledges from community supporters. Pledges will only be collected if we are in fact awarded a license by the FCC, a process that could take between 6 months and two years. However, the more liquid capital (cash on hand or loans) that we have access to at the time of filing, the stronger our application will be to the FCC, among other various evaluation criteria. It cannot be stressed too much how incredible and unique this opportunity is, and truly what a powerful tool for positive change in Baton Rouge it could be. We are receiving more and more community and financial support every day but have just one more week until we file!

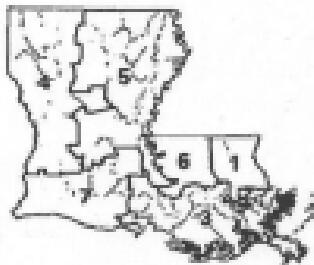
The benefits of bringing progressive radio to the greater Baton Rouge community are limitless. We are striving to serve an otherwise underserved sector of the listening audience by delivering diverse and progressive programming, local voices, community news, local music, issue-centered talk shows, spoken word, radio theater, and much more. We are very excited about the potential of full power broadcasting and look forward to expanding our current network of partners. The community resource and programming we wish to provide will only be at its strongest with participation and support from community allies. We hope you will consider supporting BRPN now as we are preparing to file our application for a full power station. We invite you to be part of this really exciting and powerful project for social justice right from the beginning for the benefit of the whole Baton Rouge community!

You can learn more about us or support this project at [www.brasradio.org](http://www.brasradio.org)

U.S. DISTRICT 6 PRIMARY RACE  
FOR THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Who will you vote  
for on March 8<sup>th</sup>?

Listen to the candidates.  
Ask questions.  
Make an informed decision.



Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
D. Jensen Holliday Forum  
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Louisiana State University

Free to the Public  
Limited Seating

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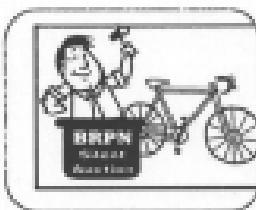


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Event Sponsors: Louisiana State University (LSU) English Department, Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, College Democrats at LSU, LSU Law Democrats, Bonsville House Center for Peace and Justice, Baton Rouge Progressive Network, and Society for Political Interests and Networking

Get in on the Action...  
at the Baton Rouge Progressive Network  
Silent Auction & Social

Saturday May 31st  
5:00-9:00pm



Enjoy complimentary food and wine  
Participate in a Silent Auction  
Learn about BRPN and its initiatives  
Find out about other progressive groups in BR

Bring your Friends!  
Add to the fun--bring an item for the auction!  
(books, art, treasures from around the house, etc.)

Questions? Want to set up a table for your organization?  
contact [directions@ymail.com](mailto:directions@ymail.com)

At the home of Jessica & Andy Weber  
757 Maximillian Street



## What We're Excited About Our New LPFM Radio Station And What YOU Should Be Too

Low-powered FM radio stations are Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensed radios broadcasting at smaller than standard watts, which translates to a broader range of frequencies.

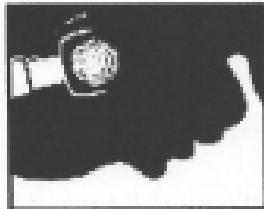
What LPFM does is offer a slice of the radio spectrum to libraries, schools, other groups, community organizations and churches. Individuals cannot apply for these licenses. The stations would be both non-commercial and local.

LPFM is about returning a portion of the airwaves to communities, and it is about increasing stations per population and access to broadcasting. To the casual observer it might be assumed that radio licensing for community organizations would be a source of bureaucratic, cumbersome rules and exemplary processes for the FCC; however, receiving the opportunity for community organizations is normally an enormous ongoing benefit.

In 2003, LPFM applied for a LPFM construction permit which was finally granted in 2004. Only a few hundred LPFM stations are operating across the country. LPFM was very lucky to get the special opportunity to create our own community station and we're going to need you to help make it a success!

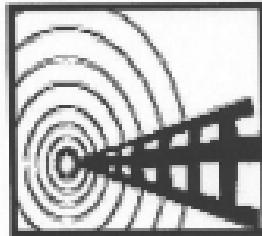
## WHO WE ARE:

"The Baton Rouge Progressive Network is a grassroots organization dedicated to building institutions for community empowerment, decision-making, and creative expression."



**BATON ROUGE PROGRESSIVE  
NETWORK**

**PUTTING A  
COMMUNITY RADIO  
STATION IN YOUR  
HANDS**



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**PUTTING  
PROGRESSIVE VOICES  
ON OUR AIRWAVES**

**Uniting Community Media Together  
to Make a Difference**

## GETTING ON THE AIR...

## AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

BSPN is working to build a URGENT community radio station that will be run by and for residents, youth, artists and local organizations who are part of the larger Baton Rouge progressive community.

Our aim is to introduce a source of alternative local culture from a progressive angle and provide a public service for musical, artistic, and political expression.

In order to get on the air, there are several more things that we have to make happen:

BSPN is working hard to clean up some bad issues with the FCC.

We are looking for a suitable location in the Documentary Old South Baton Rouge area that will work within our financial specifications and provide the community access we're looking for.

We are working to expand our staffed schedule and bring in more people to help oversee this station and plan future programming. We are already incurring significant expenses and will soon need to begin fundraising equipment, lease space, and purchasing dissemination fees, books and community media. We need a lot of help and energy with fundraising, board members, and planning dissemination fees, books and community media. Let's make this all happen.

### We Need Your Help, Your Ideas and Energy, And Your Support!

We are presently looking for volunteers with media skills, programming ideas, writing and grant-writing abilities, radio experience, technical expertise, fundraising skills, website design skills and more to bring their ideas and interests to the table and help us create the most awesome community radio station Baton Rouge could ever have!

We welcome artists, craftspeople, designers and technicians, computer people, and anybody with community commitment and progressive values interested in seeing this thing through!

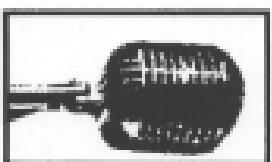
**Call or email us to get involved.  
Tell us how you want to help!**

Because communities deserve their own media, because corporate interests concern us little, because our democracy depends on an exchange of better ideas, and because our survival belongs to the people and can only succeed if used for and by the people!

Help BSPN post a community media vision in the hearts of Baton Rouge people!

Send donations to:

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# Button Rouge Progressive Network

## BRPN VISION

- Diverse and well-organized progressive community that respects and amplifies its diverse voices
- In order to realize the needs of peace, justice, and dignity for all.

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Questions? Comments?  
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# Baton Rouge

# Progressive Network

## Get Involved!

### BRPN: What We Believe

- Progressive ideas on many issues and sites.
- While BRPN ideas are often to keep single institutions of progressives, there are numerous movements that include: peace, ecology, advocating for peace and social justice
- Promoting environmental sustainability
- Ensuring the involvement & representation of those underrepresented in our community
- Providing community-based needs

We believe that there are a wealth of progressive individuals, nonprofits, organizations, and movements in Baton Rouge. Why else believe that more people, even within progressive organizations, don't know about other progressive communities.

### BRPN Projects

- Creating a progressive forum
- For BRPN members
- Forum on the 6th Congressional District Candidates
- Low Power FM Radio Station
- Paid for a Full Power Non-commercial, Educational Radio Broadcast License

### Current and Future BRPN Projects

- A BRPN Website featuring:
  - a calendar of progressive events
  - directions of progressive organizations
- A Community Day-of-Action
- Social Events
- Other [please note]

### What Can BRPN Do For You?

- Provide feedback to your interest in the following topics:
  - Environment
  - Economy/Green-War
  - Health Reform
  - Social Justice
  - Youth Justice
  - Immigration Reform
  - Disability Rights
  - Animal Rights
  - Other (please indicate)

- An Online Colloster of Progressive Books in BR
- A Quarterly Newsletter
- Community Workshops on Various Topics
- Political/Public Forums

### Topics

BRPN envision a cohesive and well-organized progressive community that mentors, supports, and empowers its diverse voices for collective goals, policies, and cultural change.

We imagine the parent of a network that provides coding resources while strengthening their local knowledge.

### Local Issues & Public Issues

### Plan

### Community Workshops

### Team