

Application For A Sister City Relationship*

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION		
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PROPOSED SISTER CITY		
Name	GALWAY	Country IRELAND Population 71,983
EXISTING OR PRIOR U.S. SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS		
Existing	GALWAY IRELAND	
Prior		

Please attach the following information:

Information about the proposed sister city:

- A • Demographics
- B • Geographic description
- C • Historical background
- D • Governmental structure
- E • Educational system
- F • Areas of mutual interest and involvement between Milwaukee and the proposed sister city in the areas of culture and business
- G • Details of communication and consultation with the sister city regarding the proposed relationship
- H • Information regarding the local organizational structure in the proposed sister city that will support the relationship

Information about the applicant organization:

- I • Organizational status (e.g. 501c-3). List Board of Directors and attach bylaws
- J • Number of members and their professional and business background
- K • Goals of the organization regarding the proposed sister city relationship
- L • Current activities of the organization in relation to the proposed sister city
- M • Methods the organization will use to meet the goals of the proposed sister city relationship
- N • Financial base of the organization and funds available to support the sister city relationship
- O • Evidence of local community support for the sister city relationship, including additional financial support and interest in exchange programs

*Note: Prior to filing an application, a letter of intent to establish a sister city relationship should be submitted to the Sister Cities Committee.

Milwaukee Irish Fest

DOCUMENTATION FOR APPLICATION FOR A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN AND GALWAY CITY, IRELAND

- A The population of Galway is largely descended from a mix of native Celt tribes and of Flemish and Norman settlers. There is also significant Spanish ancestry tracing back to the shipwrecks from the Spanish Armada. In recent years Galway has attracted a sizeable immigrant community, largely from Poland and other eastern European states such as Latvia and Lithuania, many of who work in the service industry. A small but growing Nigerian community has also attracted cultural and religious diversity to this West Coast City.
- B Galway City's urban area is the sixth largest on the island of Ireland. It is located on the west coast of Ireland in the Province of Connacht and County of Galway. The coast of Galway City is on the Atlantic Ocean side with numerous inlets along its coastline. The Gulf Stream comes to warm Galway Bay. This rectangular shaped bay, roughly ten miles by six miles in extent, is the most recognizable feature on Ireland's western shoreline.
- C The fort, "Dun Bun na Gaillimhe" was constructed in 1124, by the King of Connacht. A small settlement eventually grew up around this fort. The English crown granted mayoral status in December 1484. During the 16th and 17th centuries Galway remained loyal to the English crown for the most part. By 1642 the city allied itself with the Catholic Confederation of Killkenny. During the Cromwellian conquest of Ireland, Cromwellian forces captured the city. After Cromwell the city did not recover until the great economic boom of the late twentieth century, which now has, experienced phenomenal growth. By the beginning of the 19th century, the Industrial Revolution brought industrialists who brought jobs and industry to the City. In 1845 the potato blight brought about the Great Famine. In a five-year period over 10,000 people perished. Not until the 1950's did the city's fortune's change for the better. An enterprising government plan to encourage urban renewal was placed before Galway Corporation members towards the end of the 1980's. The Tax Incentive Scheme for Designated Areas was innovative and most welcome at the time. New developments brought commerce and people back to the area. Galway's urban renewal has been mostly completed. As of the last census, the population of Galway is 71,983.
- D City services are controlled by a fifteen-member city council elected to five-year terms by proportional representation. Galway City is part of the Galway West constituency of Dail Eireann.
- E Primary schools operate an eight-year program, consisting of two kindergarten years (Junior and Senior Infants), followed by classes 1-6. The Irish primary education sector consists of state-funded primary schools, special schools and private primary schools. The secondary-level education sector comprises secondary, vocational, community and comprehensive schools. All of these schools provide the Certificate courses prescribed by the Department of Education and Science, enter their students for the same national examinations and are subject to inspection by the Department

E Two higher education institutions are located in the city, The National University of Ireland, Galway and the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology. The National University opened in 1849 and now has programs including the Arts, Medicine & Law, Engineering, History, Chemistry, Economy, and Languages and serves over 12,000 students.

G O + We have facilitated Representatives from our Sister City Galway meeting with the Department of Public Works, Department of Economic Development and independent businesses such as Miller Brewing Company, Harley Davidson, the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and a number of small businessmen to discuss mutual interests.

H+N Within Galway City the Ireland West Tourism, County and City governments and Udaras Na Gaeltachta and Gael Saoire (which supports tourism within the Irish speaking regions) have supported Irish Fest by providing funding and resources for exhibits and lectures for the past 11 years at Irish Fest.

+ J/I Irish Fest has an Executive Director and an eighteen member Board of Directors. Irish Fest is not a membership organization, but is a volunteer based group. As a financial base, Irish Fest is a non-profit organization

K+L { Irish Fest and Galway City will continue to enhance global understanding, promote mutual education, develop cultural exchanges and encourage economic development opportunities through visits each year. Irish Fest and Galway City will continue their exchange of ideas, programs, exhibits and entertainment venues.

K+L { Irish Fest will continue to pursue the many enhancements that Galway City has to offer, including the arts and business development. Galway attracts many visitors each year to the Galway Film Fleadh, The Galway Arts Festival, the Galway Races and the Oyster Festival.

K+L { Going forward, our intent is to continue to join these events and the arts organizations to produce mutually beneficial programs, exchanges and relationships.

F+M Representatives from the Galway government and business community attend Irish Fest each year to develop and support the Sister City relationship. In addition, each year representatives from the Irish community go to Galway City to seek cultural and government ties to further the relationship.

I.

IRISH FEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jane	Anderson
Erin	Boyle
Donna	Brady
Lori	Dahm
Kevin	Kendellen
John	Killoren
Joseph	King
Bernie	McCartan
Tadhg	McInerney
Bob	Mikush
Tom	O'Connell
Kristina	Paris
Kathleen	Rave
Pat	Russell
Tom	Tiernan
Chuck	Ward
Cathy	Baker Ward
Ed	Ward

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BY-LAWS
OF
IRISH FESTIVALS, INC.

ARTICLE I

OFFICES

The principal offices of the corporation in the State of Wisconsin shall be located in the County of Milwaukee. The corporation may have other offices either within or without the State of Wisconsin, as the Board of Directors may designate or any business of the corporation shall require from time to time.

ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: General Powers

The Board of Directors shall elect the officers and shall manage the business and affairs of the corporation. The Board of Directors shall have complete control over and management of the property, affairs and business of the corporation with power to borrow money and to authorize its general officers to execute in the corporate name bills, notes, and other evidence of indebtedness and to mortgage the property of the corporation for that purpose. No contract shall be made or expense incurred on behalf of this corporation except in accordance with rules prescribed and approved by the Board of Directors. Additionally, the Board of Directors shall elect the members of the Board of Directors of the corporation.

Section 2: Meetings

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Tuesday of the month of November in each year, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of electing directors and officers and for the transaction of any other business as comes before the meeting. If the day fixed for the annual meeting shall be a legal holiday in the State of Wisconsin, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day. If the election of the directors and officers shall not be held on the day designated herein for the annual meeting of the directors or at the adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors may cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the Board of Directors as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Executive Director, President, Secretary or any five (5) directors.

Section 3: Number, Qualifications and Term Limits

Directors shall be residents of the State of Wisconsin.

The number of voting directors of the corporation shall be eighteen (18). Except as otherwise specified in this section, the term of office for each elected director shall be three (3) years. Each director shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been appointed.

The Incorporator shall be a permanent voting member of the Board of Directors for so long as he may be willing and able to serve. In the event that his position should become vacant for any reason, it shall be filled and thereafter treated as any other elected position on the Board.

The Immediate Past President of the Corporation shall be an ex officio, voting member of the Board of Directors for an indefinite term commencing when he/she leaves the office of President and ending when his/her successor becomes the Immediate Past President. In the event that the Immediate Past President's position on the Board of Directors becomes vacant for any reason, the position shall remain vacant until the next succeeding Immediate Past President qualifies to assume the position.

The Executive Director shall be a non-voting director of the corporation.

All Directors except the Incorporator, the Immediate Past President and Executive Director shall be limited to serving no

more than three (3) consecutive three year terms, provided that those Directors holding office at the time of the May 1996 amendments to these By-Laws shall be limited to serving no more than three (3) consecutive three year terms commencing with their then current three year term at the adoption of the amendments to the By-Laws of May 1996. A former Director may run for an additional term on the Board after not less than a one-year (12 month) absence from the Board.

Section 4: Election

The election of all voting directors, except the Incorporator and the Immediate Past President, shall be conducted at the annual meeting of the corporation. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary for election. Nominations and balloting shall be held in accordance with rules, policies and procedures adopted or amended by the Board of Directors from time, but no less than 30 days prior to any election for which such rules, policies and procedures are to be in effect.

Section 5: Notice

Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours before the start of the meeting, either personally, or by mail, telegram, telephone, e-mail, or by any other means reasonably calculated to give actual notice of the meeting to each director at his or her home or business address. Such notice may be given either orally or in writing. Attendance at any special meeting by a director shall constitute waiver of any deficiency in notice to that director.

Section 6: Quorum

A majority of the number of voting directors holding office at any given time shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers and for the transaction of any business at any meeting of the Board of Directors except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 7: Removal

Any director may be removed from office for cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors at a special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose.

Section 8: Vacancies

Except for the seat designated for the Immediate Past President, a vacancy in any seat on the Board of Directors because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise shall be filled by the Board of Directors not later than the next annual meeting for the unexpired term.

Section 9: Compensation of Directors

No director shall be entitled to compensation for services rendered to the corporation in the course of his or her holding a seat on the Board of Directors. The Board may authorize reasonable compensation for services of value performed by a director independent of his or her position as a member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1: Number

The principal officers of the corporation, all of whom shall be directors, shall consist of an Executive Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Immediate Past President, each of whom shall be elected by the Board of Directors with the exception of the Immediate Past President, whose position shall be ex officio. Such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary by the Board may be designated and elected by the Board at any time, in its discretion. Such other officers and assistant officers need not be directors.

Section 2: Election and Term of Office

The principal officers shall be elected each year by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the corporation. Each such officer shall hold office for one year, or until his or her successor is chosen and qualified, until his or her death, and until he or she shall have resigned, or, until he or she shall have been removed in the manner provided in these By-Laws, whichever shall first occur.

Section 3: Removal

Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of the corporation will be served thereby.

Section 4: Vacancies

A vacancy in any principal office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of office.

Section 5: Duties of Officers

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The Executive Director shall be the principal operating officer of the corporation, reporting to the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and all of the committees of the corporation, and shall carry out the directives of the Board of Directors.

B. PRESIDENT. The president shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation. He/She shall see to it that all resolutions and policies of the Board are carried into effect; he/she shall be ex officio a member of all committees of the corporation; he/she shall have the general powers and duties of supervision usually vested in the Chairman of the Board of a non-stock corporation.

C. VICE-PRESIDENT. The Vice-President shall perform all of the duties of the President during the latter's absence or disability, and shall succeed to the office of President in the event of withdrawal or resignation or removal of the President for any reason. The Vice-President shall also perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Executive Committee.

D. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep the Minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings, see that all notices are given in accordance with the By-Laws, be custodian of the corporate records and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

E. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all of the funds and securities of the corporation and shall report to the Board of Directors concerning the status of the same at each of the regular meetings of the Board of Directors as well as at the annual meeting.

F. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT. The Immediate Past President shall serve as a consultant to the Board of Directors and other Officers of the Corporation, providing the benefit of his/her knowledge and experience to foster and maintain continuity of leadership. He/she may also represent the Corporation in official or ceremonial capacities as requested or authorized by the Board of Directors or the President.

G. ASSISTANT OFFICERS. Each Assistant Officer, if any, shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 6: Compensation of Officers

No officers, with the exception of the Executive Director of the Festival, shall be entitled to compensation for services rendered to the corporation in the course of holding his or her office. The Board of Directors may authorize reasonable compensation for services of value to the corporation performed by an officer independent of his or her office.

ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: Powers

The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise, when the Board of Directors is not in session, the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the affairs of the corporation, except action in respect to the election or removal of officers or board members.

Section 2: Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Executive Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President of the corporation.

Section 3: Meetings

The Executive Committee may hold regular meetings, monthly or as it may otherwise determine, at such places and times and upon such notice, either oral or written, as it may, in its discretion, determine. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the President or Executive Director, or by any two (2) of its members, either personally, or by mail, telegram or telephone. Four members of

the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for all purposes if the Corporation has a serving Immediate Past President. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute such quorum if the Corporation does not have a serving Immediate Past President.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1: Creation and Membership

The Board of Directors may, at its discretion and at any time, create a Board of Trustees composed of individuals interested in the advancement of the purposes of the corporation and who, by reason of their position, education or experience, are well suited in the opinion of the Board of Directors to advise and assist the Board in carrying out its functions.

Section 2: Function, Powers and Duties

The Board of Trustees shall be an advisory body only and shall consult with, advise and assist the Board of Directors of the corporation at such times, in such a manner, and with respect to such affairs of the corporation as the Board of Directors shall from time to time request. The Board of Directors may consult with one, any, or all of the Trustees or request advice or assistance from one, any or all of the Trustees as the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, from time to time determine.

Section 3: Term of Office

Each Trustee shall be appointed for an initial term ending on the date of the first meeting after the annual meeting immediately following the date of their appointment. Each Trustee may be appointed for succeeding one-year terms, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, without limitation.

Section 4: Compensation

No Trustee shall be entitled to compensation for services rendered to the corporation in the course of his or her duties as a Trustee. The Board of Directors may authorize reasonable compensation for services of value rendered to the corporation by a Trustee independent of his or her position as a Trustee.

ARTICLE VI

CONTRACT, LOAN, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

Section 1: Contracts

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of the corporation and on its behalf, and such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2: Loans

No loan shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation or evidences of indebtedness shall be issued by the corporation unless authorized by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3: Checks, Drafts, Etc.

All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in the name of the corporation; shall be signed by and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Deposits

All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as may be selected by or under the authority of the Board of Directors. Surplus funds of the corporation may be invested by the Board of Directors from time to time in such securities as the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, determine are best suited for conservation and growth of the corporation's assets.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1: Creation and Membership

The Board of Directors may create such committees as it shall from time to time, in its discretion, determine as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation. Each committee

shall be composed of such individuals as the Board of Directors may determine including but not limited to members of the Board of Directors. The President of the corporation shall be an ex officio member of each committee of the corporation and may designate one member of the Board of Directors to act as a liaison to a particular committee. The chairperson and all members of any committee shall be appointed by the President of the corporation, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The term of the chairperson and all members of each committee shall expire on the last day of the term of the President who appointed the members of the committee. In the event that the President who appointed the members of the committee withdraws or is removed from office for any reason before the end of his or her term, the term of the members of any committee appointed by that President shall continue until the last day of the term of that President if he or she had served his or her full term in office. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors may remove the chairperson or any member of any committee, or may dissolve any committee at any time, in its discretion.

Section 2: Powers and Duties

The committees created under Article VII, Section 1 of these By-Laws shall have such duties and shall exercise such powers as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time in its discretion. Each committee shall, by its chairperson or other designated representative, report to the Board of Directors at each regular meeting of the Board.

Section 3: Compensation

No member of any committee of the corporation shall be entitled to compensation for services rendered to the corporation in the course of his or her duties as a member of such committee. The Board may authorize reasonable compensation for services of value performed by a member of a committee independent of his or her position on a committee of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Each present and future director and officer of the corporation shall be entitled, without prejudice to any other rights he or she may have, to be indemnified and held harmless by the corporation from any and all liabilities and associated expenses, including cost of defense, arising in any way out of

their activities for or on behalf of the corporation, to the full extent allowed by Chapter 181, Wis. Stats. with respect to directors, as may be amended from time to time. For purposes of this article, officers and directors shall be treated identically.

ARTICLE IX

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the 1st day of November and end on the 31st day of October in each year.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended or any part thereof repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at a previous meeting of the Board of Directors and notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to the directors at least twelve(12) days before the meeting at which the amendment will be considered for adoption.

ARTICLE XI

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The rules of procedure at meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and any other committees of this corporation shall be according to Robert's Rules of Order, so far as applicable and when not inconsistent with these By-Laws. The rules of procedure may be suspended by a majority vote of those present and voting at any meeting.

Article XII

DERIVATIVE ACTIONS

Members of the Board of Directors, individually or otherwise, shall not under any circumstances be authorized or permitted to

bring derivative actions against the Board of Directors, the corporation, or any of its officers.

ARTICLE XIII

STATUS

This corporation is a non-stock, not for profit corporation organized under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, 1977, as may be amended from time to time, and is not conducted for pecuniary profit. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these By-Laws, all aspects of the operation of the corporation shall be conducted in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations for tax exempt organizations, including but not limited to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as may be amended from time to time.

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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JUL 18 2001

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Employer Identification Number:
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Contact Person:
GREGORY K OLWINE ID# 31382
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(877) 829-5500
Our Letter Dated:
June 1982
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

[Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect.] Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(2).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(2) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(2) organization.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

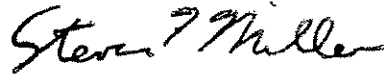
Letter 1050 (DO/CG)

IRISH FESTIVALS INC

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven T. Miller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Steven T. Miller
Director, Exempt Organizations