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Medical Use of Marijuana Program Department of Public Health 99 Chauncy Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02111 MAY 02 2017

MA Dept. of Public Health 99 Chauncy Preet Boston, MA 02111

# Re: Response to DPH's February 22, 2017 Request for Information to Northeast Alternatives, Inc. (Application 1 of 1)

To Whom It May Concern:

May 2, 2017

On behalf of Northeast Alternatives, Inc. ("NAI"), we are writing in response to the Department of Public Health's ("DPH") February 22, 2017 Request for Information. The DPH requested the following information:

1. **DPH Request:** Applicant did not submit a copy of its Articles of Organization. Please submit a copy of the Articles of Organization.

NAI Response: Please find enclosed NAI's Articles of Organization.

2. **DPH Request:** It is unclear whether the Comprehensive Information Security Policy is intended only to apply to personnel or also to information retained regarding patients and personal caregivers. Particularly, Section IV.C of the Comprehensive Information Security Policy only discusses protecting information about dispensary agents, rather than all the parties protected under 105 CMR 725.200(D). Please submit information clarifying the scope of the policy.

**NAI Response:** NAI's Comprehensive Information Security Policy ("CISP"), including Section IV.C, applies to all confidential information obtained by NAI regarding registered qualifying patients, personal caregivers, and dispensary agents. For the purpose of clarity, please find enclosed NAI's amended Bylaws, which include a revised CISP making clear that the CISP applies to information regarding registered qualifying patients, personal caregivers, and dispensary agents.

3. **DPH Request:** In response to Question C.11 the applicant has stated that it plans to enter into a management agreement. Please submit a copy of this agreement. Please also submit an independent legal opinion that the agreement is in compliance with the non-profit requirements of 105 CMR 725.100(A)(1) and the Guidance for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Regarding Non-Profit Compliance.

VGR Law Firm P.C Phone: (617) 307-4728 Fax: (617) 307-4729 Vicente Sederberg LLC Phone: (617) 934-2121 Fax: (617) 514-0008 NAI Response: Please find enclosed an updated response to Question C.11.

4. **DPH Request:** In its response to Question C.12 the applicant describes an agreement with Jeffrey Johnson. Please submit a copy of the agreement. Please also submit an independent legal opinion that the agreement is in compliance with the non-profit requirements of 105 CMR 725.100(A)(1) and the Guidance for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Regarding Non-Profit Compliance.

**NAI Request:** Please find enclosed an updated response to Question C.12, along with a loan agreement between Jeffrey Johnson and NAI and a corresponding independent legal opinion indicating that such loan agreement is in compliance with the non-profit requirements of 105 CMR 725.100(A)(1) and the Guidance for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Regarding Non-Profit Compliance.

5. **DPH Request:** In response to Question C.14, the applicant states that should it enter into contracts with any management company, investor, or other third party in the future, that it will supplement its response to that question as necessary. Please submit a copy of those agreements. Please also submit an independent legal opinion that the agreements are in compliance with the non-profit requirements of 105 CMR 725.100(A)(1) and the Guidance for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Regarding Non-Profit Compliance.

NAI Response: Please find enclosed an updated response to Question C.14.

6. **DPH Request:** Applicant has indicated both "Yes" and "No" in response to Question *E.38.* Applicant must resubmit its response to Question *E.38* by choosing one of the two responses.

NAI Response: Enclosed please find a corrected Question E.38.

7. **DPH Request:** Applicant has indicated both "Yes" and "No" in response to Question *E.38.* Applicant must resubmit its response to Question *E.39* by choosing one of the two responses.

NAI Response: Enclosed please find a corrected Question E.39.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeremy M. Shaw, Esq.

38. Will the Corporation provide worker's compensation coverage to the RMD's Dispensary Agents?

Yes 🛛 No 🗍

39. Will the Corporation obtain professional and commercial insurance coverage?

Yes 🛛 No 🗆

40. Describe the Corporation's plan to obtain liability insurance or place in escrow the required amount to be expended for coverage of liabilities.

NAI plans to obtain general liability insurance coverage for no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence & \$2,000,000 in aggregate annually & product liability coverage for no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence & \$2,000,000 in aggregate annually. The policy deductible will be no higher than \$5,000 per occurrence.

If adequate coverage is unavailable in the marketplace at a reasonable rate, NAI will place in escrow at least \$250,000 to be expended for coverage of liabilities. Any withdrawal from escrow will be replenished within 10 business days.

NAI will carry automobile coverage, as well as property and casualty coverage. Coverage to include business interruption protection. Replacement cost will be used to value all property ensuring a full recovery in event of catastrophe. Business interruption coverage will allow NAI to continue paying employees, vendors, taxes, & fees during reconstruction, if necessary. It will also provide capital for any necessary emergency inventory purchases from another RMD.

NAI will also carry personal & advertising injury insurance, as well as employment practice liability coverage for directors & officers, Staff that transports cash or medical marijuana/MIPs will be bonded. RMD will consider additional coverage based on availability & cost-benefit analysis.

NAI will keep reports documenting compliance with 725.105(Q) made in a manner & form determined by the DPH pursuant to 725.105(M).

Information on this page has been reviewed by the applicant, and where provided by the applicant, is accurate and complete, as indicated by the initials of the authorized signatory here: JJ

## SECTION C. NON-PROFIT COMPLIANCE

Answer each of the questions below to explain how the Corporation will remain in compliance with the nonprofit requirements of Ch. 369 of the Acts of 2012, the regulations at 105 CMR 725.000, and "Guidance for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Regarding Non-Profit Compliance." Please refer to the "Guidance for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Regarding Non-Profit Compliance" document in completing this form.

11. Please identify any management company that the applicant intends to utilize and summarize the terms of any agreement or contract, executed or proposed, with the management company.

Northeast Alternatives, Inc. ("Northeast Alternatives") has not engaged any management company and there are no agreements or contracts, executed or proposed, with any management company. Northeast Alternatives is in compliance with the non-profit requirements of Ch. 369 of the Acts of 2012, the regulations at 105 CMR 725.000 et seq, and the Guidance for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Regarding Non-Profit Compliance.

Information on this page has been reviewed by the applicant, and where provided by the applicant, is accurate and complete, as indicated by the initials of the authorized signatory here:

12. Please identify any agreements or contracts, executed or proposed, in which the applicant will engage in a Related Party Transaction and summarize the terms of each such agreement.

is the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Clerk, a Director and Member of Northeast Alternatives, Inc. ("Northeast Alternatives") and is also a capital contributor to Northeast Alternatives of greater than 5%. Northeast Alternatives has executed a loan agreement with in the amount of \$500,000, with an annual interest rate of 12%. Enclosed herewith, Northeast Alternatives has provided an independent legal opinion stating that the loan complies with the non-profit requirements of Ch. 369 of agreement between Northeast Alternatives and the Acts of 2012, the regulations at 105 CMR 725.000, & the DPH's "Guidance for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Regarding Non-Profit Compliance.\*

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14. Please identify whether any members of the Board of Directors are serving as officials, executives, corporate members or board members for any management company, investor or other third party proposed to contract or otherwise conduct business with the proposed RMD.

There are no members of the Board of Directors that are serving as officials, executives, corporate members, or board members for any management company, investor, or other third party proposed to contract or otherwise conduct business with the RMD.

Information on this page has been reviewed by the applicant, and where provided by the applicant, is accurate and complete, as indicated by the initials of the authorized signatory here:

	alth of Massachusetts Minimum Fee: \$35.00 Francis Galvin	
One Ashbur Boston, J	onwealth, Corporations Division ton Place, 17th floor MA 02108-1512 e: (617) 727-9640	
Articles of Organization (General Laws, Chapter 180)		
Identification Number: 001251472		
	ARTICLE I	
The exact par	ne of the corporation is:	
NORTHEAST	ALTERNATIVES, INC.	
The purpose of the corporation is t	o engage in the following business activities:	
THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED AND AT ALL TIMES SHALL BE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, CIVIC, RELIGIOUS, LITERARY, OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO MGL CHAPTER 180 § 4.		
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A corporation may have one or more classes of members. If it does, the designation of such classes, the manner of election or appointments, the duration of membership and the qualifications and rights, including voting rights, of the members of each class, may be set forth in the by-laws of the corporation or may be set forth below: <u>MAY BE SET FORTH IN THE BY-LAWS.</u>		
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Other lawful provisions, if any, for the conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the corporation, for its voluntary dissolution, or for limiting, defining, or regulating the powers of the corporation, or of its directors or members, or of any class of members, are as follows: (If there are no provisions state "NONE")		
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NG THEREOF, AS AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW IMPOSING SUCH LIABILITY, HOWEVER, TO THE EXTENT THAT APPLICABLE LAW IMPOSES L IABILITY, THE FOREGOING SHALL NOT ELIMINATE OR LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF AN OFFICE R OR DIRECTOR (I) FOR A BREACH OF THE OFFICER'S OR DIRECTOR'S DUTY OF LOYALTY T O THE CORPORATION OR ITS MEMBERS, (II) FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR WHICH INVOLVE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR A KNOWING VIOLATION OF THE LA W, OR (III) FOR ANY TRANSACTION FROM WHICH THE OFFICER OR DIRECTOR DERIVED AN IMPROPER PERSONAL BENEFIT. TO THE EXTENT LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE, THE CORPORATIO N SHALL INDEMNIFY EACH PERSON WHO MAY SERVE OR WHO HAS SERVED-AT ANY TIM E-AS AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION AGAINST ALL EXPENSES AND LI ABILITIES WITHOUT LIMITATION, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, COUNSEL FEES, JU DGMENTS, FINES, EXCISE TAXES, PENALTIES AND SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS, REASONABLY INCURRED BY OR IMPOSED UPON SUCH PERSON IN CONNECTION WITH ANY THREATENE D, PENDING OR COMPLETED ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING IN WHICH HE OR SHE MAY BE COME INVOLVED BY REASON OF HIS OR HER SERVICE IN SUCH CAPACITY. HOWEVER, NO INDEMNIFICATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY SUCH PERSON WITH RESPECT TO ANY M ATTER IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL HAVE BEEN FINALLY ADJUDICATED TO HAVE N OT ACTED IN GOOD FAITH WITH THE REASONABLE BELIEF THAT SUCH ACTION WAS IN TH E BEST INTERESTS OF THE CORPORATION IN ANY PROCEEDING. FURTHER, A MAJORITY V OTE OF A QUORUM OF DIRECTORS WHO ARE NOT AT THAT TIME PARTIES TO THE PROCEE DING SHALL APPROVE ANY COMPROMISE OR SETTLEMENT PAYMENT THERETO, THE INDE MNIFICATION HEREUNDER PROVIDED WILL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE HEIRS, EXECUT ORS. AND ADMINISTRATORS OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED TO INDEMNIFICATION. U NDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS ARTICLE, THE RIGHT OF INDEMNIFICATION SHALL BE IN A DDITION TO-NOT EXCLUSIVE OF-ALL OTHER RIGHTS TO WHICH ANY INDIVIDUAL MAY BE ENTITLED. AS BETWEEN THE CORPORATION AND ITS INDEMNIFIED OFFICERS AND DIR ECTORS, THIS ARTICLE CONSTITUTES A CONTRACT. AMENDMENTS TO OR REPEALS OF TH E PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE THAT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF AN INDEMNIFI ED OFFICER OR DIRECTOR SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY SUCH OFFICER OR DIRECTOR WITH RESPECT TO THOSE ACTS OR OMISSIONS THAT OCCURRED AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO SUCH AMENDMENT OR REPEAL.

Notes: The preceding four (4) atricles are considered to be permanent and may only be changed by filing appropriate Articles of Amendment.

#### **ARTICLE V**

The by-laws of the corporation have been duly adopted and the initial directors, president, treasurer and clerk or other presiding, financial or recording officers, whose names are set out on the following page, have been duly elected.

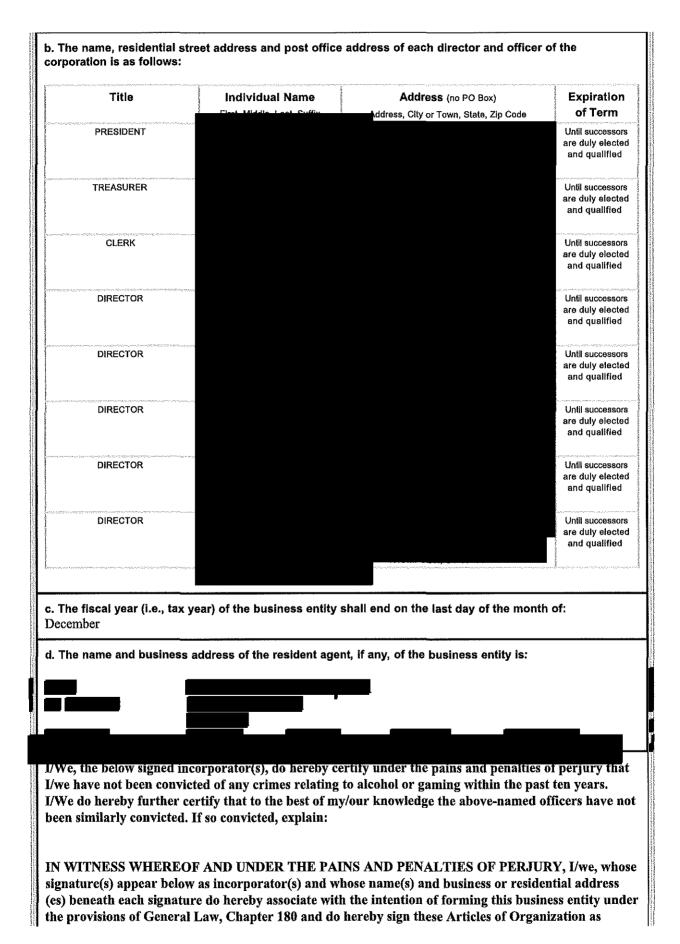
#### **ARTICLE VI**

The effective date of organization of the corporation shall be the date approved and filed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. If a *later* effective date is desired, specify such date which shall not be more than *thirty days* after the date of filing.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

The information contained in Article VII is not a permanent part of the Articles of Organization.

a. The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the principal office of the corporation in Massachusetts is:



incorporator(s) this 13 Day of December, 2016. (If an existing corporation is acting as incorporator, type in the exact name of the business entity, the state or other jurisdiction where it was incorporated, the name of the person signing on behalf of said business entity and the title he/she holds or other authority by which such action is taken.)

VICENTE SEDERBERG, LLC 109 STATE STREET, SUITE 404 BOSTON, MA 02109 BRANDON KU RTZMAN, ESQ. - ATTORNEY FOR NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES, INC.

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## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

I hereby certify that, upon examination of this document, duly submitted to me, it appears that the provisions of the General Laws relative to corporations have been complied with, and I hereby approve said articles; and the filing fee having been paid, said articles are deemed to have been filed with me on:

December 13, 2016 11:01 AM

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WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth

## AMENDED BY-LAWS OF NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES, INC. A MASSACHUSETTS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

## ARTICLE I: General

<u>Section 1</u>. Name and Purposes. The name of the Corporation is Northeast Alternatives, Inc. The purpose of the Corporation shall be as set forth in the Corporation's Articles of Organization as adopted and filed with the Office of the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (as now in effect or as hereafter amended or restated from time to time, the "Articles of Organization"). As permitted by law, the Corporation may engage in any and all activities in furtherance of, related to, or incidental to these purposes, the activities being lawful for a non-profit corporation formed under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of Massachusetts ("Chapter 180"). The Corporation shall at all times operate on a non-profit basis for the benefit of registered qualifying patients and shall ensure that revenue of the Corporation is used solely in furtherance of its non-profit purpose.

<u>Section 2</u>. Articles of Organization. These Bylaws (these "*Bylaws*"), the powers of the Corporation and its Board of Directors, and all matters concerning the conduct and regulation of the business of the Corporation shall be subject to the provisions in regard thereto that may be set forth in the Articles of Organization. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the Articles of Organization and these Bylaws, the Articles of Organization shall control.

<u>Section 3</u>. Corporate Seal. The Board of Directors may adopt and alter the seal of the Corporation. The seal of the Corporation, if any, shall, subject to alteration by the Board of Directors, bear its name, the word "Massachusetts" and the year of its incorporation.

<u>Section 4</u>. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence on January 1, and end on December 31 of each year, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Location of Offices of Corporation. The principal office of the Corporation shall be  $881 \text{ E } 2^{\text{nd}}$  Street, #16, Boston, MA 02127. The Board of Directors may approve a change of the location of the principal office in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts effective upon the filing of a certificate indicating the new location with the Office of the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Corporation may establish and maintain offices in such other locations, within and outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as the Board of Directors may determine.

## **ARTICLE II: Members**

<u>Section 1</u>. Identity of Initial Members. The initial members of the Corporation shall be Christopher Harkins and Jeffrey Johnson (hereinafter referred to herein as the "Original Members"). In the event an Original Member dies or becomes incapacitated and, at that time, the legal representative of the estate of the Original Member shall be vested with exclusive authority to appoint a substitute Member, subject to such terms and conditions, including terms and conditions with respect to voting rights, as such legal representative may determine to be appropriate at the time of such appointment.

Section 2. Additional and Substitute Members. The Original Members may increase the number of members of the Corporation and may appoint additional members and substitute members on such terms and conditions, including terms and conditions related to voting rights, as the Original Members may from time to time determine ("Additional Members"). Rights conferred upon an Additional Member by the Original Members, including voting rights, need not be uniform for all Additional Members. As used in these Bylaws, the term "Member(s)" shall refer only to the Original Members act to designate one or more Additional Members as specified in these Bylaws, at which time the term "Member(s)" shall refer to the Original Members and until the Original Members act to designate one or more Additional Members as specified in these Bylaws, at which time the term "Member(s)" shall refer to the Original Members and the Additional Members collectively.

<u>Section 3.</u> Tenure. Unless a different term is designated at the time an Additional Member is admitted by the Original Members, for so long as a Member continues to comply with the qualifications, rules and regulations applicable to Membership as shall be established from time to time by the Members, each such Member shall continue to be a Member in good standing until such Member dies, resigns, withdraws, dissolves, becomes incapacitated or disqualified.

<u>Section 4</u>. Resignation. Any Member may resign by delivering a written resignation to the President or Clerk of the Corporation, to the Board of Directors, or to the principal office of the Corporation. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt (unless specified to be effective at another time), and acceptance thereof shall not be necessary to make it effective; *provided*, *however*, that the non-resigning Members may act to accept such resignation immediately or at any other time sooner than the time specified by such resigning Member in his, her, or its resignation.

<u>Section 5</u>. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Members shall be held on such day and at such hour as may be named in the notice of such meeting designated by the Members. In the event that the annual meeting is not held on such date, a special meeting in lieu thereof may be held with all of the force and effect of an annual meeting.

<u>Section 6.</u> Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called by the Members, the President or by a majority of the Directors, and shall be noticed by the Clerk, or in the case of the death, absence, incapacity or refusal of the Clerk, by any other officer.

<u>Section 7.</u> Notice. A written notice of the date, place, and hour of all meetings stating the purposes of the meeting shall be given by the Clerk (or by any other officer) at least seven calendar (7) days before the meeting to the Members. The Members may waive notice either before or after a meeting.

<u>Section 8</u>. Action by Written Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Members may be taken without a meeting and without notice if the Members consent to the action in writing and the written consent is filed with the records of the meetings of the Members. Such consent shall be treated for all purposes as a vote at a meeting.

<u>Section 9</u>. Action at Meetings; Proxy Voting Not Permitted. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Organization or these Bylaws, at all meetings of the Members, a unanimous vote of the Members then in office shall constitute a transaction of business, and the unanimous vote of the Members shall be the act of the Members. A Member may adjourn any meeting to

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Corporate Bylaws

another time, date and place. Each Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter that comes before the Members. There shall be no voting by proxy.

<u>Section 10</u>. Presence through Communications Equipment. Unless otherwise provided by law or the Articles of Organization, Members may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment so that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

<u>Section 11</u>. Powers of the Members. In addition to and without limiting the powers, rights and privileges the Members shall have that are afforded to "members" of a Corporation organized under Chapter 180, the Articles of Organization, these Bylaws and other applicable law, the actions and powers of the Corporation listed below shall be reserved exclusively to the Members:

- (a) Amend or amend and restate the Articles of Organization;
- (b) Adopt, amend or repeal these Bylaws;
- (c) Appointment, removal or suspension of any Director of the Corporation;
- (d) Change in the number of members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation;
- (e) Approval of any sale or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the assets or operations of the Corporation;
- (f) Approval of any merger or consolidation of the Corporation;
- (g) Approval of any plan of dissolution of the Corporation, or other action related to dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation; and
- (h) Appointment, suspension or removal of a Member of the Corporation; and
- (i) Authorize the Corporation to enter into any agreement to do any of the foregoing.

<u>Section 12.</u> For any action requiring a vote of the Members under these Bylaws, in the event of a tie vote, the matter shall be resolved by a vote of the Board of Directors. In such case, a majority vote of the disinterested Directors shall function as a vote of the Members under these Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE III: Directors

<u>Section 1</u>. Enumeration; Qualifications. The Corporation shall have a Board of Directors that shall serve as the governing body of the Corporation and shall have all the powers and duties of a board of directors under Massachusetts law, subject to Section 11 of Article II and Section 6 of this Article. The Board of Directors shall consist of such number of Directors as shall be determined initially by the incorporator, and thereafter by the Members (but not less than the

minimum number required by law). Directors shall possess such qualifications as may be determined by the Members.

<u>Section 2</u>. Election of Directors; Term of Office. Directors shall be elected by the Members at an annual meeting of the Members or at any special meeting held in lieu thereof by the affirmative vote of the Members or by unanimous written consent of the Members. Subject to other provisions of these Bylaws, unless the Members specify a different term at the time of election or appointment, each Director shall, subject to these Bylaws, serve until the next annual meeting of the Members, or special meeting held in lieu thereof, and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified, or until he or she sooner dies, becomes incapacitated, resigns, is removed or becomes disqualified.

<u>Section 3</u>. Vacancies. Any vacancy at any time existing in the Board of Directors (including any newly created seats on the Board) may be filled by the Members at any meeting of the Members or by unanimous written consent of the Members. Unless the Members specify a different term at the time of election or appointment, each successor Director shall hold office for the remainder of his or her predecessor's unexpired term and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified, or in each case until he or she sooner dies, resigns, is removed or becomes disqualified.

<u>Section 4</u>. Resignation. Any Director may resign by delivering his or her written resignation to the Corporation at its principal office, to any meeting of the Board of Directors, or to the President or Clerk of the Corporation. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt (unless it is specified to be effective at some other time or upon the happening of some other event) and acceptance thereof shall not be necessary to make it effective unless it so states; *provided, however*, that the Board of Directors may act to accept such resignation immediately or at any other time sooner than the time specified by such resigning Director in his or her resignation.

<u>Section 5.</u> Removal. A Director may be removed from office, with or without cause, by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Members. A Director may be removed for cause only after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard prior to action thereon. For the purpose of this Section "Cause" shall mean if any director: (1) fails to qualify as a dispensary agent as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health ("DPH"); (2) is found unsuitable or unqualified to sit as director of a registered marijuana dispensary as determined by DPH pursuant to written notice to the Non-profit; or (3) engages in any negligent, reckless, or intentional action or inaction that causes substantial financial or reputational injury to the Non-profit, or jeopardizes the Non-profit's ability to receive or renew a marijuana dispensary registration, as determined in a written opinion of the Non-profit's legal counsel.

<u>Section 6</u>. Powers. The Board of Directors shall manage, control and be responsible for oversight of the affairs and property of the Corporation, and at all times may exercise on behalf of the Corporation all lawful powers, rights and privileges of the Corporation under Chapter 180 and any other applicable law, except those powers reserved to the Members by law, the Articles of Organization or these Bylaws. The Board of Directors, in its discretion, may from time to time establish committees, appoint individuals to serve as members of any such committee, define or limit the powers and duties of any such committee, and thereafter may disband the same. The Board of Directors may delegate its powers, or a portion thereof, to committees that

either consist solely of Directors or give voting power only to Directors on any such committee, except that the Board of Directors may not delegate the powers specified in Section 55 of Chapter 156B of the Massachusetts General Laws or other actions under Massachusetts law that require action by the Board of Directors including, without limitation, the Board may not delegate the power to:

- (a) Change the location of the principal office of the Corporation;
- (b) Adopt, amend or repeal these Bylaws;
- (c) Change the number of Directors;
- (d) Appoint, elect, suspend or remove Directors or officers;
- (e) Amend or amend and restate the Articles of Organization;
- (f) Authorize any sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation;
- (g) Authorize any merger or consolidation of the Corporation; or
- (h) Authorize the dissolution of the Corporation.

Subject to these Bylaws and applicable law, the Board of Directors may authorize officers, attorneys or agents of the Corporation to act on its behalf subject to such limitations as the Board of Directors determines.

<u>Section 7</u>. Compensation of Directors. Directors as such shall not receive any salaries for their services on the Board of Directors, but Directors shall not be precluded from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation for any such services. The Corporation may reimburse Directors for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties to the Corporation as approved by the Board of Directors. A Director, solely because of being a member of the Board of Directors, shall not be precluded from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation for any such other service.

## ARTICLE IV: Meetings of the Board of Directors

<u>Section 1</u>. Place. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place within or outside of Massachusetts as may be determined by the Board and identified in the notice of any such meeting.

<u>Section 2</u>. Regular and Special Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such hour as may be determined by the Board and identified in the notice of such meeting. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Members, the President or by a majority of the Directors, and shall be noticed by the President or the Clerk, or in the case of the death, absence, incapacity or refusal of the President or the Clerk, by the Members or any other officer.

Section 3. Notice. Unless otherwise required by law, the Articles of Organization or these Bylaws, notice of each meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given, not later than two (2)

business days before the meeting is scheduled to commence, by the President or the Clerk (or the Members or other officer as set forth in Section 1 above) and each such notice shall state the place, date and time of the meeting. Notice of each meeting may be delivered to a Director by hand or given to a Director orally (either by telephone or in person) or mailed, sent by electronic mail or sent by facsimile transmission to a Director at his residence or usual place of business. If mailed, the notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid; if sent by electronic mail, the notice shall be deemed given when directed to an electronic mail address at which the Director has consented to receive notice; and if sent by facsimile transmission, the notice shall be deemed given when transmitted with transmission confirmed. Notice of any meeting need not be given to any Director who shall submit, either before or after the time stated therein, a signed waiver of notice or who shall attend the meeting, other than for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning thereof to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Notice of an adjourned meeting, including the place, date and time of the new meeting, shall be given to all Directors not present at the time of the adjournment, and also to the other Directors unless the place, date and time of the new meeting are announced at the meeting at the time at which the adjournment is taken.

<u>Section 4</u>. Quorum; Action at Meetings; Proxy Voting Not Permitted. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Organization or these Bylaws, at all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the total number of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum and the vote of a majority of the Directors present and voting at a meeting when a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board. A majority of the Directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any meeting to another time, date and place. Each Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter that comes before the Board of Directors. There shall be no voting by proxy.

<u>Section 5.</u> Action by Unanimous Written Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Directors may be taken without a meeting and without notice if all the Directors consent to the action in writing and the written consents are filed with the records of the meetings of the Directors. Such consents shall be treated for all purposes as a vote at a meeting.

<u>Section 6</u>. Presence through Communications Equipment. Unless otherwise provided by law or the Articles of Organization, members of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment so that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE V: Officers and Agents**

<u>Section 1</u>. Enumeration. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Treasurer, a Clerk, and such other officers, if any, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The Corporation may also have such agents, if any, as the Board of Directors may appoint from time to time and each shall have such powers as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 2</u>. Term of Office. Subject to other provisions of these Bylaws, unless the Board of Directors indicate a different term at the time of election or appointment, officers of the Corporation shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and until their respective successors are elected and qualified, or in each case until he or she sooner dies, resigns, is removed or becomes disqualified.

<u>Section 3</u>. Qualifications. An officer of the Corporation may but need not be a Director of the Corporation. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person. The Clerk shall be a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts unless the Corporation has a resident agent appointed for the purpose of service of process. Any officer may be required by the Directors to give bond for the faithful performance of his or her duties to the Corporation in such amount and with such sureties as the Directors may determine. The premiums for such bonds may be paid by the Corporation. Officers shall meet such other qualifications as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time.

<u>Section 4</u>. Vacancies. Any vacancy at any time existing in any office of the Corporation may be filled by the Directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors and such successor shall serve at the at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and until his or her successor is chosen and qualified, or in each case until he or she sooner dies, resigns, is removed or becomes disqualified.

<u>Section 5</u>. Resignation. Any officer or agent may resign by delivering his or her written resignation to the Corporation at its principal office, to any meeting of the Board of Directors, or to the President or Clerk of the Corporation, and such resignation shall be effective upon receipt (unless it is specified to be effective at some other time or upon the happening of some other event) and the acceptance thereof shall not be necessary to make it effective unless it so states; *provided, however*, that the Board of Directors may act to accept such resignation immediately or at any other time sooner than the time specified by such resigning officer in his or her resignation.

<u>Section 6</u>. Removal. The Board of Directors may remove any officer, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the total number of Directors then in office at any regular meeting or special meeting of the Board of Directors. An officer may be removed for cause only after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard prior to action thereon. Each agent appointed by the Board shall retain his or her authority at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and each agent so appointed may be removed, with or without cause, at any time by the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 7</u>. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and as such shall have charge of the affairs of the Corporation subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors. Subject to limitations that the Board of Directors may approve generally or in any specific instance, all checks drawn on bank accounts of the Corporation may be signed on its behalf by the President or such other persons as may be authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President shall also have such other powers and duties as customarily belong to the office of the chief executive or as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President shall be responsible for the administration of the Corporation in all its activities subject to such policies as may be adopted and such orders as may be issued

by the Board of Directors from time to time, or by any committees of the Board to which the authority for such action has been specifically delegated.

<u>Section 8</u>. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have such powers and duties as customarily belong to the office of Treasurer or as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall have the power to endorse for deposit or collection all notes, checks, drafts and similar documents that are payable to the Corporation or its order, provided that the Treasurer shall not deposit any funds of the Corporation in any banking institution unless such institution has been designated as a depository by a vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors, exclusive of any Director who is an officer or Director of the depository so designated. Subject to limitations that the Board of Directors may approve generally or in any specific instance, all checks drawn on bank accounts of the Corporation may be signed on its behalf by the Treasurer or such other persons as may be authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 9</u>. Clerk. The Clerk shall record all proceedings of the Members and the Board of Directors in a book or books to be kept therefor and shall have custody of the seal of the Corporation. If the Clerk is absent from any meeting of the Board of Directors, a temporary Clerk shall be chosen at the meeting who shall keep a true record of the proceedings thereof.

<u>Section 10</u>. Additional Powers and Duties. Each officer shall, subject to these Bylaws and to any applicable provisions of law and the Articles of Organization, have, in addition to the duties specifically set forth in these Bylaws, such duties and powers as are customarily incident to such officer's office and such additional duties and powers as the President or the Directors may from time to time designate.

<u>Section 11</u>. Compensation of Agents and Employees. The Corporation may pay compensation in reasonable amounts to its officers, agents and employees for services rendered, such amount to be fixed by the Board of Directors, or, if the Board of Directors delegate power to any officer or officers, then by such officer or officers; *provided*, *however*, any such officer or officers authorized by the Board of Directors to fix compensation may not be authorized to fix his or her own compensation. The Directors may require officers, agents or employees to give security for the faithful performance of their duties.

#### ARTICLE VI: Inspection of Records

Books, accounts, documents and records of the Corporation shall be open to inspection by any Director for any proper purpose during the usual hours of business. The original, or attested copies, of the Articles of Organization, these Bylaws and records of all meetings and actions of the Members, the Board of Directors and its committees, and records which shall contain the names of all Directors and their record addresses, shall be kept in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the principal office of the Corporation, or at an office of the Clerk, attorney of record or the resident agent, if any, of the Corporation.

#### **Execution of Instruments; Evidence of Authority** ARTICLE VII:

Section 1. Checks, Notes, Drafts and Other Instruments. Unless the Board of Directors shall otherwise generally or in any specific instance authorize: (i) all checks, notes, drafts, and other instruments for the payment of money drawn or endorsed in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer of the Corporation or such other officers and/or agents as shall be authorized to do so from time to time by the Board of Directors; and (ii) contracts, leases, transfers, conveyances, deeds, notes, bonds and all other written instruments shall be signed in the name and on behalf of the Corporation by the President or the Treasurer of the Corporation or such other officers and/or agents as shall be authorized to do so from time to time by the Board of Directors, and such person or persons so signing such instrument may also seal, acknowledge, and deliver the same. Any instrument purporting to affect an interest in real estate, executed in the name of the Corporation, shall be executed by any two (2) officers of the Corporation, at least one of whom shall be the President or the Treasurer of the Corporation and shall be binding on the Corporation in favor of a purchaser or other person relying in good faith on such instrument, notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of the Articles of Organization, Bylaws, resolutions or votes of the Corporation.

Section 2. Evidence of Authority. A certificate executed by the Clerk, an assistant clerk or a temporary clerk as to any action taken by the Board of Directors, or any officer or representative of the Corporation shall, as to all persons who rely thereon in good faith, be conclusive evidence of such action.

## **ARTICLE VIII:** Conflict of Interest; Transactions with Interested Parties

Section 1. Conflict of Interest Policy. All Directors, officers and other persons in a position of significant authority designated by the Board of Directors or the President of the Corporation shall adhere to such policies on conflicts of interest as may be adopted from time to time by the Directors and the Members.

Section 2. Transactions with Interested Parties. Nothing shall prevent the Corporation from entering into any contract or transaction between the Corporation and one or more of its Member(s), Directors or officers, or between the Corporation and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of the Corporation's Member(s), Directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest. In addition, no contract or transaction between the Corporation and one or more of its Member(s), Directors or officers, or between the Corporation and any other corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of the Corporation's Member(s), Directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Members, Director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board of Directors or committee thereof which authorizes the contract or transaction or solely because the votes of such Members, Director or officer are counted for such purpose, if:

> (a) The material facts as to his, her or its relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board of Directors or the committee, and the Board of Directors or committee

authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative votes of a majority of the disinterested Directors, even though the disinterested Directors be less than a quorum; or

- (b) The material facts as to his, her or its relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Members (provided that the Member is disinterested), and the contract or transaction is specifically approved by vote of the Members; or
- (c) The contract or transaction is fair as to the Corporation as of the time it is authorized, approved or ratified, by the Board of Directors, a committee thereof, or the Members.

## ARTICLE IX: Personal Liability; Indemnification

<u>Section 1</u>. Personal Liability. The Members, Directors and officers of the Corporation shall not be personally liable for any debt, liability or obligation of the Corporation. All persons, corporations or other entities extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against, the Corporation, may look only to the funds and property of the Corporation for the payment of any such contract or claim, or for the payment of any debt, damages, judgment or decree, or of any money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the Corporation.

<u>Section 2</u>. Indemnification. The Corporation shall, to the fullest extent legally permissible, indemnify each Indemnified Person (as defined below) against all liabilities and losses, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines, penalties, excise taxes, court costs, witness fees, and Costs and Expenses (as defined below) incurred by, or imposed upon, the Indemnified Person in connection with or arising out of the defense or disposition of any Proceeding (as defined below) in which the Indemnified Person is or may become involved or with which the Indemnified Person may be threatened, while in office or thereafter, as a party, witness or otherwise, by reason of his or her being or having been an Indemnified Person.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, as to any matter disposed of by a compromise payment by an Indemnified Person, pursuant to a consent decree or otherwise, no indemnification for said payment shall be provided unless such compromise and indemnification therefor shall be approved:

- (a) By a majority vote of a quorum consisting of disinterested Directors;
- (b) If such a quorum cannot be obtained, then by a majority vote of a committee of the Board of Directors consisting of all the disinterested Directors then in office;
- (c) By the Members if they are disinterested;
- (d) If there are not two or more disinterested Directors in office, then by a majority of the Directors then in office, provided they have obtained a written finding by Independent Legal Counsel (as defined below) appointed by a majority of the Directors to the effect that, based upon a Northeast Alternatives, Inc. Corporate Bylaws

reasonable investigation of the relevant facts as described in such opinion, the Indemnified Person appears to have acted in good faith and in the reasonable belief that the Indemnified Person's actions were in the best interests of the Corporation (or, to the extent that such matter relates to service with respect to a Related Entity, in the best interests of the Related Entity (and, if the Related Entity is an employee benefit plan, in the best interests of the participants or beneficiaries of such plan)); and with such care as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position with respect to a similar corporation organized under Chapter 180 would use under similar circumstances; or

(e) By a court of competent jurisdiction.

Costs and Expenses incurred by an Indemnified Person in connection with the defense or disposition of any Proceeding shall be paid promptly by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition thereof upon receipt of an undertaking by such Indemnified Person to repay the amounts so paid by the Corporation if it is ultimately determined that indemnification for such Costs and Expenses is not authorized by law or under this Article. Such undertaking shall be accepted without reference to the financial ability of such Indemnified Person to make repayment.

If both the Corporation and the Indemnified Person are parties to a Proceeding (other than a claim, action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor), counsel representing the Corporation therein also may represent such Indemnified Person (unless such dual representation would involve such counsel in an actual or potential conflict of interest in violation of applicable principles of professional ethics), and the Corporation shall pay all Costs and Expenses of such counsel incurred during the period of dual representation.

The right of indemnification hereby provided shall not be exclusive. Nothing contained in this Article shall affect any rights to indemnification to which such Indemnified Person or other corporate personnel may be entitled by contract, by vote of the Board of Directors or otherwise under law.

Section 3. Definitions. As used in this Article, the terms:

(a) "Costs and Expenses" means all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by an Indemnified Person in investigating, defending or appealing any Proceeding, including attorneys', accountants', experts' and other professional fees and disbursements; reasonable compensation for time spent by the Indemnified Person on behalf of the Corporation during which he or she is not otherwise compensated by the Corporation or a third party; any premium, security for, and other costs relating to any costs or other appeal bond or its equivalent, whether such Proceeding is of a civil, criminal, arbitrational, administrative or investigative nature, whether formal or informal, including an action by or in the name of the Corporation. Costs and Expenses shall include all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by an Indemnified Person, including attorneys', accountants', experts' and other professional fees and disbursements, in connection with successfully establishing his or her right to indemnification, in whole or in part, hereunder.

- (b) *"Indemnified Person"* means each person who:
  - (i) Shall be, or at any time shall have been, a Member, a Director or officer of the Corporation, or
  - (ii) At the request of the Corporation, shall serve, or at any time shall have served, as an incorporator, director, trustee, officer, employee, agent, member, manager or in any other capacity with respect to any Related Entity, or
  - (iii) The Board of Directors by vote shall designate, who shall be, or at any time shall have been, an employee or agent of the Corporation or who shall serve, or at any time shall have served, at the request of the Corporation, in any capacity with respect to any Related Entity.
- (c) "*Proceeding*" means any threatened, pending or completed claim, action, suit or proceeding or any alternative dispute resolution mechanism (including an action by or in the right of the Corporation or an affiliate of the Corporation) or any formal or informal inquiry, hearing or investigation, whether conducted by the Corporation or an affiliate of the Corporation or any other party, and any other action that an Indemnified Person in good faith believes might lead to the institution of any such action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, arbitrational, administrative, investigative or other, including any appeal relating to any of the foregoing.
- (d) "Related Entity" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust or other entity or enterprise in which the Corporation is in any way interested in, or as to which an Indemnified Person is serving or shall have served at the Corporation's request or on its behalf, as a director, officer, partner, employee, agent, fiduciary, member, manager or representative including, but not limited to, any employee benefit plan or any corporation of which the Corporation or any Related Entity is, directly or indirectly, a stockholder, member, limited or general partner, beneficiary or creditor.
- (e) "Independent Legal Counsel" means a law firm, or a member of a law firm, that is experienced in matters of corporation law and neither presently is, nor in the previous five (5) years has been retained to represent: (A) the Corporation or the Indemnified Person in any other matter material to either party, or (B) any other party to the threatened, pending or completed proceeding or action giving rise to the claim for

indemnification hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Independent Legal Counsel" shall not include any person who, under the applicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing, would have a conflict of interest in representing either the Corporation or the Indemnified Person in a proceeding or action to determine the Corporation's obligations or such Indemnified Person's rights hereunder.

(f) "Person," "director," "officer," "employee," "agent" and "Indemnified Person" shall include their respective heirs, executors and administrators, and an "interested" director, officer, employee or agent is one against whom in such capacity the Proceedings in question or other Proceedings on the same or similar grounds is then pending.

Section 4. Enforceability. It is the intention of the Corporation that the obligations of the Corporation, and the rights and benefits of Indemnified Persons shall vest upon the date of adoption of these Bylaws. It is the further intention of the Corporation to provide for indemnification in all cases under all circumstances where to do so would not violate applicable law (and notwithstanding any limitations permitted, but not required by statute or common law) and the terms and provisions of this Article shall be interpreted and construed consistent with that intention. Nonetheless, if any term or provision of this Article, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Article, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Article shall be held valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law. Any amendment, alteration or repeal of this Article or Chapter 180 that adversely affects any right of an Indemnified Person (or his or her respective heirs, executors and administrators), shall be prospective only and shall not limit or eliminate any such right with respect to any Proceeding involving any occurrence or alleged occurrence of any action or omission to act that took place prior to any such amendment, alteration or repeal.

<u>Section 5</u>. Insurance. The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any Indemnified Person against any liability asserted against or incurred by him or her in such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify or advance expenses to him or her against such liability.

## **ARTICLE X: Advisory Boards or Committees**

The Board of Directors may determine to establish one or more advisory boards or committees to further the goals of the Corporation. Advisory boards or committees may be constituted of persons who are not Directors, but have an interest and willingness to advance the purposes of the Corporation. Any advisory board or committee may be discontinued by the Board of Directors at any time. An advisory board or committee shall be required to make at least annual reports to the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XI: Nondiscrimination Policy

Persons of all races, religions, genders, sexual orientations and national origins shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges generally made available by the Corporation through the activities and programs that it conducts, and the Corporation shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

## **ARTICLE XII:** Amendments

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, solely by the Members.

## ARTICLE XIII: Policies

The Members may adopt policies that shall be incorporated into these Bylaws. The following policies have been adopted and incorporated herein:

Appendix 1: Conflict of Interest Policy Appendix 2: Whistleblower Policy Appendix 3: Document Retention and Destruction Policy Appendix 4: Compensation Setting Policy Appendix 5: Comprehensive Information Security Policy Appendix 6: Antitrust Policy

## Appendix 1

## NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES, INC. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### I. PURPOSE

NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES INC. (the "Corporation") must be aware of and diligently address and manage all conflicts of interest and appearances of any conflicts of interest in order to protect the best interest of the Corporation when it is contemplating entering a transaction that might benefit the private interest of directors, members, officers or the executive management team. The Board of Directors shall follow the procedures set forth herein to address and evaluate conflicts of interest to determine whether it is in the best interest of the Corporation to enter into the proposed transaction and, if so, to ensure that the terms of the transaction are fair and reasonable.

## II. **DEFINITIONS**

An *Insider* is a member, director or officer of the Corporation or a person on the executive management team.

An *Interest* means any material financial interest, direct or indirect, including, but not limited to, a sale, loan or exchange with the Corporation whereby the Insider would derive a material financial benefit, but shall not include compensation in the form of salary, such compensation being governed by the Compensation Setting Policy.

A *Managerial Position* is a member, director, officer, executive, trustee, or other managerial role in an entity other than the Corporation or a person who has significant influence over the management or operating policies of an entity other than the Corporation.

Transaction means any transaction, agreement, or arrangement with the Corporation.

A *Conflict of Interest* is present when an Insider, or an immediate family member of an Insider, has an Interest in a Transaction or is in a Managerial Position with an entity involved in a Transaction.

*Disinterested Directors* are the members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation that do not have a Conflict of Interest.

## III. PROCEDURES

## 1. Duty to Disclose

Promptly upon learning of the proposed Transaction, each Insider that has a Conflict of Interest shall promptly disclose to the Board of Directors the existence of the Conflict of Interest and all material facts regarding their Interest in the Transaction, including relevant Managerial Positions. Such disclosure shall be made prior to the Board of

Directors taking any action on the Transaction or substantially discussing the Transaction. In the event that the Insider is unsure as to whether a Conflict of Interest exists, the Insider shall disclose the circumstances to the Disinterested Directors, who shall determine whether there exists a Conflict of Interest that is subject to this policy.

2. No Participation

An Insider who has a Conflict of Interest shall not take part in any negotiations regarding the Transaction and shall not participate in or be permitted to attend the Board's or any committee's discussion of the matter except to disclose material facts and to respond to any questions regarding the Insider's Conflict of Interest. The Insider with the Conflict of Interest shall not exert his or her personal influence or lobby the Board of Directors with respect to the matter, either at or outside the meeting, and shall not vote on the Transaction. An Insider who is a member of the Board of Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at such meeting, however, the interested Directors may not be present during any discussion or vote on the Transaction.

3. <u>Due Diligence</u>

The Disinterested Directors shall hold a meeting to determine if the Transaction is fair, reasonable and in the best interest of the Corporation by conducting due diligence on the Transaction. Such due diligence may include any or all of the following:

- Reviewing all relevant documents relating to the Transaction;
- Discussing the purpose, benefits, advantages and disadvantages of the Transaction;
- Reviewing similar agreements and transactions to compare the relevant terms to the Transaction;
- Discussing and considering alternatives to the Transaction;
- Obtaining opinions or guidance from relevant industry third-party professionals regarding the fairness of the Transaction and the industry standards and terms for similar transactions;
- Consulting with the Corporation's legal counsel to discuss the terms and legal implications of the Transaction;
- Obtaining an independent legal opinion that the Transaction is fair, in the best interest of the Corporation and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- Proposing modification to the terms of the Transaction if the Disinterested

Directors concluded that the proposed terms of the Transaction are not fair, reasonable and in the best interest of the Corporation, as presented.

## 4. Approval

After exercising its due diligence, the Disinterested Directors, shall determine whether the Transaction is fair, reasonable and in the best interest of the Corporation. The Transaction can be approved by a majority vote of the Disinterested Directors present at a meeting for which a quorum is present. The Transaction must be approved by more than one Disinterested Director.

## 5. <u>Record of Proceedings</u>

The minutes of any meeting of the Board of Directors held pursuant to this policy shall contain:

- the names of all persons present at the meeting;
- details of the Transaction;
- the name of each Insider who disclosed or was otherwise determined to have a Conflict of Interest;
- the nature of the Conflict of Interest;
- the names of the Directors who participated in the discussion regarding the Transaction and the names of the Directors who were excluded from discussions of the Transaction;
- the information considered and discussed by the Board in exercising its due diligence regarding the Transaction;
- the Directors who voted on the Transaction, and the Directors who were excluded from voting;
- the result of the vote;
- if the Board rejected the Transaction, the reasons for the rejection and any proposed modifications to the Transaction;
- if the Board approved the Transaction, the reasons why the Board determined that the Transaction is fair and in the best interest of the Corporation; and
- copies of the Transaction agreements and all related documents thereto.

## IV. VIOLATIONS

If the Board of Directors has reasonable cause to believe that an Insider has failed to disclose a Conflict of Interest, it shall inform such Insider of the basis for this belief and afford the Insider an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose. If, after hearing the Insider's response and making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Board of Directors determines that the Insider has failed to disclose a Conflict of Interest, the Board of Directors shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

## V. REVIEW

To ensure that the Corporation operates in a manner consistent with its mission, the Board of Directors shall periodically review this policy. The review shall consider the level of compliance with the policy, the continuing suitability of the policy, and whether the policy should be modified and improved. A copy of this policy shall be distributed to each Insider for their review and compliance hereto.

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#### Appendix 2

#### NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES, INC. WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

#### I. EXPECTATION

Northeast Alternatives, Inc. (the "*Corporation*") expects directors, officers and employees to observe high ethical standards in carrying out their responsibilities and to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

#### II. OPEN DOOR POLICY

If any director, officer or employee has complaints, concerns, or questions as to the ethics or legality of a particular action taken by another director, officer or employee, he/she is encouraged to raise such complaints, concerns or questions with the relevant individual. With respect to directors, the relevant individual is the president of the board of directors or any other director. With respect to officers and employees, the relevant individual is the Chief Executive Officer, if there is one in office, and if not, any member of the board. In the event the director, officer or employee believes there may have been a legal transgression, and that it is not reasonable to raise the issue with a board member or the Chief Executive Officer, he/she should contact an outside attorney. Anyone filing a complaint concerning a violation or suspected violation of a law, regulation or ethical requirement must be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates a violation. Individuals making baseless or malicious accusations will be disciplined up to and including termination.

#### III. REQUIREMENT OF INVESTIGATION

Within a reasonable time of receiving a complaint, concern or question regarding compliance with a law, regulation or ethics requirement, the Chief Executive Officer and/or board member shall open an investigation into the matter and pursue it to resolution. Should the Chief Executive Officer or board member find that a law, regulation or ethics requirement has been violated, appropriate action should be taken.

#### IV. CONFIDENTIALITY

To the degree possible, the names of the individuals reporting under this Whistleblower Policy shall be kept confidential.

#### V. PROTECTION FROM RETALIATORY ACTION

Neither the Corporation nor its directors, officers, or employees may take any negative employment or other retaliatory action against any director, officer or employee who in good faith reports a violation of a law or regulatory requirement. A director, officer, or employee who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline including, but not limited to, termination of employment.

## VI. GENERAL POLICY

This general policy is not a contract and it may be rescinded or amended at any time by the Corporation. It is not intended to and does not create any legally enforceable rights whatsoever for any employee.

## Appendix 3

## NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES, INC. DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY

## I. RETENTION POLICY

Northeast Alternatives, Inc. (the "*Corporation*") takes seriously its obligations to preserve information relating to litigation, audits, and investigations. The information listed in the retention schedule below is intended as a guideline and may not contain all the records the Corporation may be required to keep in the future, and may include records that the Corporation is not required to keep.

From time to time, the Corporation may suspend the destruction of records due to pending, threatened, or otherwise reasonably foreseeable litigation, audits, government investigations, or similar proceedings.

File Category	Item	Retention Period
Corporate Records	Bylaws and Articles of Organization	Permanent
	Board resolutions	Permanent
	Board and committee meeting agendas and minutes	Permanent
	Conflict-of-interest disclosure forms	4 years
Finance and Administration	Financial statements (audited)	7 years
	Auditor management letters	7 years
	Payroll records	7 years
	Check register and checks	7 years
	Bank deposits and statements	7 years
	Chart of accounts	7 years
	General ledgers and journals (includes bank reconciliations)	7 years
	Investment performance reports	7 years
	Equipment files and maintenance records	7 years after disposition
	Contracts and agreements	7 years after all obligations end
	Correspondence — general	3 years
Insurance	Policies — occurrence type	Permanent
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Records		
	Policies — claims-made type	Permanent
	Accident reports	7 years
	Safety (OSHA) reports	7 years
	Claims (after settlement)	7 years
	Group disability records	7 years after end of benefits
Real Estate	Deeds	Permanent
	Leases (expired)	7 years after all obligations end
	Mortgages, security agreements	7 years after all obligations end
Tax	IRS Tax returns and related correspondence	Permanent
	IRS Form 1120s	7 years
	State Tax returns	7 years
Human Resources	Employee personnel files	Permanent
	Retirement plan benefits (plan descriptions, plan documents)	Permanent
	Employee handbooks	Permanent
	Workers comp claims (after settlement)	7 years
	Employee orientation and training materials	7 years after use ends
	Employment applications	3 years
	IRS Form I-9 (store separate from personnel file)	Greater of 1 year after end of service, or three years
	Withholding tax statements	7 years
	Timecards	3 years
Technology	Software licenses and support agreements	7 years after all obligations end

## II. ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Electronic documents will be retained as if they were paper documents. Therefore, any electronic files that fall into one of the document types on the above schedule will be maintained for the appropriate amount of time. If a user has sufficient reason to keep an e-mail message, the

message should be printed in hard copy and kept in the appropriate file or moved to an "archive" computer file folder. Backup and recovery methods should be tested on a regular basis.

## III. EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Corporation's records should be stored in a safe, secure, and accessible manner. Documents and financial files that are essential to keeping the Corporation operating in an emergency will, if possible, be duplicated or backed up at least weekly and maintained off-site.

## IV. DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION

Documents should be eliminated at the end of the relevant retention period. Destruction of financial and personnel-related documents should be accomplished by shredding.

Document destruction with respect to relevant documents will be suspended immediately, upon any indication of an official investigation or when a lawsuit is filed or appears imminent. Destruction will be reinstated upon conclusion of the investigation or lawsuit.

## V. COMPLIANCE

The Corporation's will periodically review these procedures with legal counsel or Corporation's certified public accountant to ensure that they are in compliance with new or revised regulations.

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## Appendix 4

## NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES, INC. COMPENSATION SETTING POLICY

## I. INTRODUCTION

This policy codifies the procedures by which the board of directors of Northeast Alternatives, Inc. (the "*Corporation*") sets the compensation of directors, top management officials, officers and key employees ("Executive Compensation"). These procedures are designed to comply with the "safe harbor" requirements set forth in the tax regulations on intermediate sanctions to create a rebuttable presumption of reasonableness in compensation levels.

#### II. POLICY

The board of directors shall oversee the setting of Executive Compensation and shall (1) determine compensation of all directors, top management officials, officers and key employees, and (2) review, assess and approve the reasonableness of such compensation on a regular basis. In order to be approved as reasonable, compensation must be an amount that would ordinarily be paid for comparable work by similarly situated organizations under like circumstances. The particular education, experience and skill of the compensated individual may also be taken into account.

## III. Guidelines

Compensation determinations made by the directors will be made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- i. In setting and determining the reasonableness of Executive Compensation, the board shall obtain and rely upon compensation information for comparable work by similarly situated organizations under like circumstances, as defined in Section II above.
- ii. Board directors involved in setting and approving Executive Compensation, as well as any third parties providing professional advice to the board of directors in connection with setting and approving Executive Compensation shall be independent and have no conflicts of interest as to the executive whose compensation is being reviewed. Board directors shall have no conflict of interest for these purposes if they (a) will not economically benefit from the compensation arrangement, (b) are not family members of a person who will economically benefit, (c) have no material financial interest affected by the compensation arrangement, and (d) are not family members of a person who has a material financial interest affected by the compensation
- iii. Timely and accurate minutes of all final actions by the board regarding the setting and approval of Executive Compensation will be recorded and held with board records. Such minutes will include (a) the terms of the approved compensation arrangement and the date approved, (b) a list of the directors present during discussion, showing those who approved the arrangement, those who rejected it

and those who recused themselves due to conflicts of interest, (c) the comparability data relied upon and how such data was obtained, and (d) the rationale for determining that the arrangement was reasonable if it exceeded the range of the comparability data.

## Appendix 5

## NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES, INC. COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY

## I. OBJECTIVE

It is the objective of Northeast Alternatives, Inc. (the "Corporation") in the development and implementation of this comprehensive information security program ("CISP") to create effective administrative, technical and physical safeguards for the protection of personal information, and to comply with obligations under 201 CMR 17.00. This CISP sets forth our procedure for evaluating our electronic and physical methods of accessing, collecting, storing, using, transmitting, and protecting personal information. For purposes of this CISP, "personal information" means an individual's first name and last name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of the following data elements that relate to such resident: (a) Social Security number; (b) driver's license number or state-issued identification card number; or (c) financial account number, or credit or debit card number, with or without any required security code, access code, personal identification number or password, that would permit access to an individual's financial account; provided, however, that "personal information" shall not include information that is lawfully obtained from publicly available information, or from federal, state or local government records lawfully made available to the general public. The Corporation generally acquires personal information in connection with hiring employees and payroll, and in connection with sales to the public, and all such information is subject to this CISP.

#### II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the CISP is to:

- Ensure the security and confidentiality of personal information;
- Protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such information; and
- Protect against unauthorized access to or use of such information in a manner that creates a substantial risk of identity theft or fraud.

## III. DATA SECURITY COORDINATOR

The Corporation appoints the Treasurer to be its Data Security Coordinator. The Data Security Coordinator will be responsible for:

- Initial implementation of the CISP;
- Regular testing of the CISP's safeguards;
- Evaluating the ability of each of the Corporation's third party service providers to implement and maintain appropriate security measures for the personal information to which the Corporation permits them access, and requiring such third party service providers to implement and maintain appropriate security measures;
- Reviewing the scope of the security measures in the CISP at least annually, or whenever there is a material change in the Corporation's business practices that may implicate the security or integrity of records containing personal information; and

• Conducting an annual training session for all directors, officers, employees, volunteers and independent contractors, including temporary and contract employees who have access to personal information on the elements of the CISP.

## IV. HANDLING PERSONAL INFORMATION

## A. Paper Records.

All paper records containing personal information shall be kept in a locked file cabinet with restricted access. Paper records will be destroyed regularly in accordance with the Corporation's document destruction policy using an office-grade shredder. Records containing personal information may not be taken out of the office and may be accessed only by personnel with a business necessity. Checks that need to be transported from the dispensary to the bank may be sent by US mail or hand delivered by the responsible employee, and if hand delivered, will not be left unattended at any point in the transition.

<u>Checks.</u> When the Corporation receives checks from members of the public, it will make only one hard copy and keep it in a locked file cabinet with restricted access. The checks themselves will also be kept under lock and key until they are deposited.

<u>Paper employment records</u>. Paper employment records must be kept under lock and key and accessed only by staff members responsible for employment issues and/or by the Chief Executive Officer.

B. Electronically Held Records.

The Corporation requires the following security systems with respect to the maintenance of personal information on its computers:

<u>Authentication Protocols</u>. The Data Security Coordinator shall secure user authentication protocols including:

- Control of user IDs and other identifiers;
- A reasonably secure method of assigning and selecting passwords, or use of unique identifier technologies, such as biometrics or token devices;
- Control of data security passwords to ensure that such passwords are kept in a location and/or format that does not compromise the security of the data they protect;
- Restricting access to active users and active user accounts only; and
- Blocking access to user identification after multiple unsuccessful attempts to gain access.

<u>Access Protocols.</u> The Data Security Coordinator shall implement the following secure access control measures:

• Restrict access to records and files containing personal information to those who need such information to perform their job duties; and

• Assign unique identifications plus passwords, which are not vendor supplied default passwords, to each person with computer access that is reasonably designed to maintain the integrity of the security of the access controls.

<u>Restriction on E-mailing Personal Information</u>. The Corporation will not, as a general rule, send or accept personal information by e-mail. To the extent exceptions must be made, the security measures described in this CISP shall be taken.

<u>Encryption</u>. Should any records and files containing personal information be transmitted across public networks or wirelessly, such records or files shall be encrypted. Personal information stored on laptops and other portable devices shall also be encrypted.

<u>Monitoring</u>. The Corporation shall take all steps necessary to reasonably monitor its computer network for unauthorized use of or access to personal information.

<u>Firewalls</u>. All files containing personal information on a system that is connected to the Internet shall be protected by a reasonably up-to-date firewall protection and operating system security patches designed to maintain the integrity of the personal information.

<u>Virus protection</u>. All computers containing personal information shall be protected by reasonably up-to-date versions of system security agent software, including malware protection and reasonably up-to-date patches and virus definitions, or a version of such software that can still be supported with up-to-date patches and virus definitions, and is set to receive the most current security updates on a regular basis.

C. Vendors.

Pursuant to 105 CMR 725.200, information held by the Non-Profit about dispensary agents, qualifying patients, and personal caregivers is confidential and shall not be disclosed without the written consent of the individual to whom the information applies, or as required under law or pursuant to an order from a court of competent jurisdiction, provided however, the Department may access this information to carry out official duties. Only upon receipt of written consent of the individual to whom the confidential information applies will the Non-Profit share personal and financial information with its vendors. The Non-Profit requires each of their vendors to send written evidence, signed by an authorized person, confirming that they follow a confidentiality plan that fully complies with 105 CMR 725.200 and 201 CMR 17.00.

## V. TRAINING

The Data Security Coordinator shall ensure that all employees, whether full-time, part-time, seasonal or temporary, and independent contractors, consultants and volunteers who have access to personal information are trained on the data security requirements provided in this CISP.

## VI. PERSONS SEPARATING FROM THE CORPORATION

All employees, whether full-time, part-time, seasonal or temporary, and independent contractors, consultants and volunteers upon termination or resignation shall immediately be denied access to physical and electronic records containing personal information and will be required to return or destroy all records and files containing personal information in any form that may at the time of such termination or resignation be in their possession or control, including all such information stored on laptops, portable devices, or other media, or in files, records, notes, or papers.

## VII. SECURITY BREACH AND NOTIFICATION

All employees, whether full-time, part-time, seasonal or temporary, and independent contractors, consultants and volunteers, shall as soon as practicable and without unreasonable delay notify the Data Security Coordinator when such person knows or has reason to know of a security breach or when the person knows or has reason to know that personal information was acquired or used by an unauthorized person or used for an unauthorized purpose.

A "security breach" is any unauthorized acquisition or unauthorized use of unencrypted data or, encrypted electronic data and the confidential process or key that is capable of compromising the security, confidentiality, or integrity of personal information that creates a substantial risk of identity theft or fraud. A good faith but unauthorized acquisition of personal information by a person or agency, or employee or agent thereof, for lawful purposes, is not a breach of security unless the personal information is used in an unauthorized manner or subject to further unauthorized disclosure.

When the Data Security Coordinator is informed of a security breach, she will (1) notify the individual whose information was compromised, and (2) notify the Massachusetts Attorney General and the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation.

The notice to the individual will be in writing, possibly by electronic mail, and will include the following information:

- A general description of the incident;
- Identification of the personal information that may be at risk;
- A description of the security program;
- A phone number to call for further information;
- Suggestion of extra caution, to review account statements, and to obtain a credit report; and
- Phone numbers and addresses of the Federal Trade Commission, state agencies that may be of assistance, and major consumer reporting agencies. The notice will not be provided if law enforcement personnel advise against it.

The notice to the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation and to the Attorney General will include the following:

- A detailed description of the nature and circumstances of the breach of security;
- The number of people affected as of the time of notification;
- The steps already taken relative to the incident;
- Any steps intended to be taken relative to the incident subsequent to notification; and
- Information regarding whether law enforcement is engaged investigating the incident.

<u>Non-Retaliation</u>. The Corporation will not retaliate against anyone who reports a security breach or non-compliance with CISP, or who cooperates in an investigation regarding such breach or non-compliance. Any such retaliation will result in disciplinary action by the responsible parties up to and including suspension or termination.

<u>Documentation</u>. The Corporation shall document all responsive actions taken in connection with any incident involving a security breach.

#### VIII. CONFIDENTIALITY

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, information held by the Non-Profit about registered qualifying patients, personal caregivers, and dispensary agents is confidential and shall not be disclosed without the written consent of the individual to whom the information applies, or as required under law or pursuant to an order from a court of competent jurisdiction, provided however, the Department may access this information to carry out official duties.

## Appendix 6

## NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES, INC. ANTITRUST POLICY

It is the policy of Northeast Alternatives, Inc. the ("*Corporation*") to comply fully with all federal and state antitrust laws, which prohibit companies from working together to restrict competition. It is also the policy of the Corporation that it and its directors and officers are informed about antitrust laws and recognize possible antitrust issues or questions.

It is legal for competitors within the medical use of marijuana industry to work together, unless such work unlawfully restricts competition within the industry. Although the Corporation's activities generally do not present antitrust issues, to ensure against inadvertent violations of federal and state antitrust laws, directors, except to insure that prices are reasonable and affordable for the Corporation's patients, and to prevent diversion for non-medical purposes, directors, officers and employees shall not discuss with competitors the following: increasing, decreasing, or stabilizing prices for medical marijuana or related products and services; and establishing market monopolies for products or services.

Furthermore, directors, officers, and employees shall not engage in any actions in the context of the Corporation's activities which appear to be anti-competitive in purpose or inconsistent with this policy.

Any questions regarding antitrust issues and the Corporation's activities shall be directed to the President, if any, and referred to counsel if deemed necessary.

Pursuant to 105 CMR 725.100(A)(2), no executive, member, director or any entity owned or controlled by such executive, member or director may directly or indirectly control more than three (3) registered marijuana dispensaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I, President of the Board Directors, attest that these Amended Bylaws with the incorporated Appendices were adopted by Northeast Alternatives, Inc. on March 17, 2017, by a duly authorized vote of the Members.



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