The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a Florida not-for-profit corporation, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

Article I
The name of the corporation is:
GULF COAST WRITERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Article II
The principal place of business address:
723 SAND DOLLAR DRIVE
SANIBEL, FL. US  33957

The mailing address of the corporation is:
723 SAND DOLLAR DRIVE
SANIBEL, FL. US  33957

Article III
The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is:
TO PROMOTE, INFORM, AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE PROCESS OF CREATIVE WRITING WITHIN THE PARAMETERS THAT ALL ASPECTS OF WRITING HAVE EQUAL VALIDITY.

(a) Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(b) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that this organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the
organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) of any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding actions of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article IV
The manner in which directors are elected or appointed is:
   ANNUAL BY MEMBERSHIP VOTE

Article V
The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:
   JERILYN A MAGG
   723 SAND DOLLAR DRIVE
   SANIBEL, FL. US 33957
I certify that I am familiar with and accept the responsibilities of registered agent.

Registered agent signature: JERILYN A MAGG

Article VI
The name and address of the incorporator is:
   JERILYN A MAGG
   723 SAND DOLLAR DRIVE
   SANIBEL, FL. US 33957

Incorporator signature: JERILYN A MAGG
Article VII
The initial officer(s) and/or director(s) of the corporation is/are:
  Title:  P
  JERILYN A MAGG
  723 SAND DOLLAR DRIVE
  SANIBEL, FL. US  33957

Article VIII
The effective date for this corporation shall be:
  03/09/2004
Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.