



The New Jersey–New York Costumers' Guild

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July 29, 2012

Bruce MacDermott
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International Costumers' Guild, Inc.
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Dear Bruce:

I am writing to confirm that, at its meeting on June 9, 2012, the New Jersey–New York Costumers' Guild, by unanimous vote of the members present, authorized me as President to apply for inclusion in the ICG's Group Exemption Letter. Information in support of this application follows:

The New Jersey–New York Costumers' Guild is a chapter of the International Costumers' Guild and, as such, agrees to be subject to the ICG's general supervision by accepting the Uniform Governing Instrument. A copy bearing my original signature in ink was sent to you earlier. Evidence of our status as an ICG chapter can be found on the ICG Web site, which lists us among its chapters, at www.costume.org/chapters/index.html. The Guild was founded in the mid-1980s, before the incorporation of the International Costumers' Guild, Inc. It is one of the ICG's founding member chapters.

To my knowledge and belief, the New Jersey–New York Costumers' Guild is eligible to qualify for exemption under the same 501 (c) paragraph as the ICG. It is not a foundation; it is an educational organization. It has a fiscal year ending on December 31.

The New Jersey–New York Costumers' Guild is willing to be exempt only from the date of this application.

The purposes and activities of the New Jersey–New York Costumers' Guild are educational in nature:

We're fans interested in wearing, making, displaying, researching, photographing, and documenting costume in all its forms. We are drawn to all types of costume, from the fantastical to the historical. We take costuming seriously; we don't take ourselves seriously. Spaz, the original Sick Pup, is on our logo.

We make costumes to wear ourselves and for our spouses, offspring, or friends. As we make them, we learn new techniques, use new fabrics or materials, or try new embellishments. After we make them, we display them at conventions and other events by presenting them in masquerades or competitions or by wearing them in the halls. We may use them in Cosplay or wear them on Halloween or other public occasions.

We help run costume competitions and masquerades. We serve on panels and present demos and workshops relating to costume design, construction, display, photography, history, sources, and similar topics, particularly in the New Jersey–New York area. We may do group trips to costume–related museum exhibits.

We meet every other month to plan future activities, discuss costumes we're making; conventions and events we've attended and upcoming conventions and events; show and tell new sewing techniques or books or materials; discuss theatrical, media, and fashion shows; and socialize. We often have workshops to learn new skills or techniques. We welcome visitors and new members. [See enclosed flyer.]

I believe that these purposes and activities fall within the ICG's educational mission. In addition, I note that the chapter's extensive archive of costume photographs is available to the public on our Web site (www.sickpupsnot.org).

Our receipts consist solely of dues paid by the members (\$8.00 per year) and occasional gifts voluntarily provided by members. Our principal expenditures include payment of ICG dues, maintenance of our Web site and other advertising, postage, and retirement of liabilities for Costume–Con 29. Our Treasurer will send you a balance sheet as of December 31, 2011, and an income statement for 2011 separately.

The New Jersey–New York Costumers' Guild is an unincorporated association. On July 6 28, 2012, it adopted the enclosed Articles of

Organization. Our general mailing address, including for financial correspondence, is New Jersey-New York Costumers' Guild, P.O. Box 8084, Trenton, NJ 08650-8084. Our EIN is 33-1213876.

I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the purposes and activities of the New Jersey-New York Costumers' Guild, are as stated above.

If you need further information, please met me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Byron P. Connell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Byron P. Connell
President
New Jersey-New York Costumers' Guild

Enclosure

c: Toni Lay, Vice President
Marci Huston, Treasurer
Christine Connell, Recording Secretary
Elaine Mami, Corresponding Secretary
Susan Toker, Webmaster