

- Canadians/Mexicans (possibly Europeans) are able to deduct non profit deductions from the US.
- You can have two different entities in various countries
- Catching up
- Deciding where to incorporate – the purpose is to not have tax and to gain money.
- Who is responsible for copyright? If we have a policy against it we are not liable. Acting beyond authority. An unauthorized action does not make us liable.
- Can we have members in other countries by incorporating in NY? Yes!
- Any problems when forming Wikimedia NYC? Work with the lawyers to get things done.
- What do we need to do before incorporation? Why do you want to incorporate? What they are burdens? Can we get all the resources? Do we need incorporation?
- Incorporation allows for a perceived importance.
- Have a pre-group, talk to Wikimedia foundation and get approval. After that you incorporate. Generic names. Wiki Society of DC. Wiki UK. Makes more sense to go Wikimedia Medicine.
- Reporting requirements. Annual/financial report (affiliation committee). They can revoke naming rights.
- We are allowed to use a generic name legally, but not purposeful.
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- What are traits of good organizations? United purpose. Funding. Lots of time.
- Consider developing bylaws. What would we need? Annual meeting required yearly. Phone conferences allowed. Voting allowed through internet/phone.
- Problems with open membership – do not know how well the people are, how well they are interested. Will they stay? Is it ok to allow people to be members who do not participate? Minimum requirements? Attend meetings, require certain things, have done certain things. It matters how members are defined. What are members? Are they needed? All that's needed is a board.
- Mission? 100% requirement for tax exempt status, real organization. Be general to avoid needing approval from education/health departments. Less is more. Copy from other organizations. Put on annual report.
- Separate application for 501(c)(3) -  
<http://www.irs.gov/charities/charitable/article/0,,id=96099,00.html> – EIN?  
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1023.pdf> - 1023  
<http://www.charitiesnys.com/pdfs/CHAR500-11.pdf>
- No requirement for background checks, they are nice through. Have internal controls possibly. Check for cois to be safe, not required.
- How to get other counties involved?
- Conclusion.