

RCW 24.03A.906 Distribution of assets on dissolution. The assets of a corporation in the process of dissolution shall be applied and distributed in the following order:

(1) All known liabilities and obligations of the corporation must be paid, satisfied, and discharged, or adequate provision must be made to pay, satisfy, and discharge those liabilities.

(2) All property held for charitable purposes by the corporation, including all assets of a charitable corporation remaining after satisfaction of subsection (1) of this section, must be applied and distributed consistently with the corporation's articles, such that property is not diverted from charitable purposes, and as follows:

(a) Property held for charitable purposes pursuant to a trust instrument in which the nonprofit corporation is a trustee or a beneficiary must be governed by and distributed in accordance with the trust instrument and chapter 11.110 RCW, and any modification of restrictions imposed through the trust instrument accomplished through an appropriate order of the court or the agreement of all interested parties, including the attorney general, pursuant to chapter 11.96A RCW.

(b) Property owned outright and held for charitable purposes, but not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance by reason of the dissolution and not subject to any gift restriction, must be transferred or conveyed:

(i) To one or more entities operated exclusively for one or more charitable purposes;

(ii) To the federal government, a tribal government, or a state or local government for a public purpose; or

(iii) Subject to one or more gift restrictions requiring the property to be used exclusively for the same charitable purposes for which the dissolving corporation holds the property.

(c) Property that is subject to charitable purpose or management or investment restrictions that do not require modification at the time of dissolution and is not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance by reason of the dissolution must be transferred or conveyed subject to all restrictions applicable to the property, except to the extent restrictions are modified pursuant to RCW 24.03A.190 before distribution, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted by the board and as provided by RCW 24.03A.904 through 24.03A.926.

(d) Property subject to charitable purpose or management or investment restrictions that require modification at the time of dissolution and are not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance by reason of dissolution, must be modified pursuant to RCW 24.03A.190 before the gifts can be distributed, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted by the board and as provided by RCW 24.03A.904 through 24.03A.926.

(e) Property held for charitable purposes by the nonprofit corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, must be returned, transferred, or conveyed in accordance with those requirements.

(3) Property held by a corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, must be returned, transferred, or conveyed in accordance with the requirements of the condition.

(4) Other assets of a corporation other than a charitable corporation, if any, must be distributed:

(a) To members or other persons in accordance with the articles or bylaws, to the extent that the articles or bylaws determine the rights of members to distributions upon dissolution, or provide for distribution to other persons or classes of persons; and

(b) To the extent that the articles or bylaws do not govern distribution of assets on dissolution, to any persons the board may select. [2021 c 176 § 3502.]

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