#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# Form S-8

## **REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

# **ASPEN GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**27-1933597** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

276 Fifth Avenue, Suite 505, New York, New York 10001 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

> Aspen Group, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan Aspen Group, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (Full title of the plan)

Michael Mathews Chief Executive Officer 276 Fifth Avenue, Suite 505 New York, New York, 10001 (Name and address of agent for service)

(646) 448-5144 (Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

### *Copy to:* Michael Harris, Esq. Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, P.A. 3001 PGA Boulevard, Suite 305 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer □ Non-accelerated filer ☑ Accelerated filer  $\square$ Smaller reporting company  $\square$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share (2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee (2)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock")	1,154,077(3)	\$ 5.86	\$ 6,762,891.22	\$ 877.82
Common Stock	98,334(4)	4.87	478,886.58	62.16
Common Stock	689,474(5)	11.67	8,046,161.58	1,044.39
Common Stock	16,433(6)	11.67	191,773.11	24.89
Common Stock	25,000(7)	11.67	291,750.00	37.87
Total	1,983,318		\$ 15,771,462.49	\$ 2,047.14

- (1) This Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate number of additional shares of Common Stock that may become issuable under the Aspen Group, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2012 Plan") and the Aspen Group, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2018 Plan" and together with the 2012 Plan, the "Plans") as a result of stock splits, stock dividends and other terms pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act").
- (2) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(h) and (c) solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee as follows: (i) with respect to the shares issuable upon exercise of stock options granted pursuant to the Plans and outstanding as of the date hereof, on the basis of the weighted-average exercise price of such stock options; and (ii) with respect to shares of restricted Common Stock and shares of Common Stock underlying restricted stock units ("RSUs") issued under the 2012 Plan since July 24, 2017 and under the 2018 Plan that are being registered for reoffers and resales hereby, and the awards that have been authorized under the Plans but have not yet been issued, on the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock as reported on The Nasdaq Global Market on September 17, 2020.
- (3) Consists of shares of Common Stock subject to outstanding stock options issued under the 2012 Plan since July 24, 2017.
- (4) Consists of shares of Common Stock subject to outstanding stock options under the 2018 Plan.
- (5) Consists of shares of restricted Common Stock and shares of Common Stock underlying RSUs issued under the 2012 Plan since July 24, 2017 and under the 2018 Plan, that are being registered for reoffers and resales hereby.
- (6) Consists of shares of Common Stock available for future grants under the Plans as of the date of this Registration Statement.
- (7) Consists of shares of Common Stock acquired by a director pursuant to a consulting agreement.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act, to register a total of 1,268,844 shares of Common Stock of Aspen Group, Inc. (the "Company" or the "Registrant"), which consists of (i) 114,518 shares of Common Stock issuable under the 2018 Plan, and (ii) an additional 1,154,326 shares of Common Stock issuable under the 2012 Plan. The Company previously registered 2,108,333 shares of Common Stock issuable under the 2012 Plan (after giving effect to the one-for-12 reverse stock split effective January 10, 2017) pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-215075), filed with the Commission on December 13, 2016, as amended by post-effective amendment No. 1 thereto filed on November 21, 2018 (the "Prior Form S-8"). Solely with respect to the additional shares of Common Stock issuable under the 2012 Plan being registered hereby, the Company hereby incorporates by reference, pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, the contents of the Prior Form S-8, except, in each case, for Items 3, 5, 6 and 8 of Part II which are being updated by this Registration Statement.

This Registration Statement also includes a reoffer prospectus, prepared pursuant to General Instruction C to Form S-8, in accordance with the requirements of Part I of Form S-3, to be used by the Company's directors and executive officers (which we refer to as the "Selling Shareholders"), as described under the section entitled "Selling Shareholders" therein, in connection with reoffers and resales on a continuous or delayed basis of a total of 2,555,911 shares of Common Stock, including (i) 32,803 shares previously acquired by the Selling Shareholders pursuant to awards granted under the Plans and not covered by the Prior Form S-8, (ii) 648,043 shares underlying outstanding RSUs granted under the Plans and not covered by the Prior Form S-8, (iii) 648,043 shares underlying outstanding RSUs granted under the Plan and covered by the Prior Form S-8, (iv) 8,628 shares previously acquired by the Selling Shareholders upon exercise of stock options granted under the 2012 Plan and covered by the Prior Form S-8, (iv) 25,000 shares previously acquired by a Selling Shareholder under a consulting agreement and not covered by the Prior Form S-8, (iv) 1,276,658 shares that may be acquired by the Selling Shareholders are considered affiliates of the Company, as defined in Rule 405 under the Selling Shareholders are considered affiliates of the Company, as defined in Rule 405 under the Selling scutties" or "control securities" within the meaning of General Instruction C to Form S-8. The reoffer prospectus updates and supplements the information contained in the reoffer prospectus previously filed with the Commission by post-effective amendment on November 21, 2018.

### PART I

# **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

# ITEM 1. PLAN INFORMATION

This prospectus relates to a total of 1,268,844 shares of Common Stock consisting of (i) 114,518 shares of Common Stock issuable to employees, consultants, officers, and directors of Aspen Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries under the 2018 Plan, and (ii) an additional 1,154,326 shares of Common Stock issuable to employees, consultants, officers, and directors of Aspen Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries under the 2012 Plan.

We will send or give the documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 to employees as specified by the Commission pursuant to Rule 428(b) (1) under the Securities Act.

## ITEM 2. REGISTRANT INFORMATION AND EMPLOYEE PLAN ANNUAL INFORMATION

We will furnish without charge to each person to whom the prospectus is delivered, upon the oral or written request of such person, a copy of any and all of the documents incorporated by reference (other than exhibits to such documents). Requests should be directed to the attention of Aspen Group, Inc., 276 Fifth Avenue, Suite 505, New York, New York 10001, Attention: Corporate Secretary or (646) 448-5144.

### ASPEN GROUP, INC.

### 2,555,911 Shares of Common Stock

This prospectus relates to the reoffer and resale of up to 2,555,911 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock") of Aspen Group, Inc. (the "Company") that may be reoffered or resold, from time to time, by certain selling shareholders (the "Selling Shareholders") described in this reoffer prospectus, including the shares of Common Stock that have been acquired or may hereafter be acquired by the Company's directors and executive officers deemed to be our "affiliates," as that term is defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), pursuant to Aspen Group, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2012 Plan") or Aspen Group, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2018 Plan" and together with the 2012 Plan, the "Plans"). The names of the Selling Shareholders and the amount of shares of Common Stock available to be resold are set forth below under the caption "Selling Shareholders" to the extent we presently have such information. Additionally, other affiliate selling shareholders may elect to sell shares under this reoffer prospectus as they receive them from time to time in the future in which case, as their names and amounts of shares to be reoffered become known, we will supplement this reoffer prospectus with that information. See "Selling Shareholders" beginning on page 3.

The Selling Shareholders may sell the shares of Common Stock, from time to time, as they may determine through public or private transactions or through other means described in the section entitled "Plan of Distribution" at prevailing market prices on The Nasdaq Global Market (or such other available market), at prices different than prevailing market prices or at privately negotiated prices. The Selling Shareholders may sell the shares of Common Stock directly, or may sell them through brokers or dealers.

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of these shares of Common Stock by the Selling Shareholders. We have agreed to pay all expenses relating to the registration of these shares of Common Stock. The Selling Shareholders will pay any brokerage commissions and/or similar charges incurred in connection with the sale of these shares of Common Stock.

Our Common Stock is traded on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "ASPU." On September 18, 2020, the last reported sales price of our Common Stock on The Nasdaq Global Market was \$11.90 per share.

Investing in our Common Stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 3 of this reoffer prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined whether this reoffer prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this reoffer prospectus is September 21, 2020.

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You should rely only on information contained in this reoffer prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from that contained in this reoffer prospectus. We are not offering to sell or seeking offers to buy shares of common stock in jurisdictions where offers and sales are not permitted. The information contained in this reoffer prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this reoffer prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this reoffer prospectus or of any sale of our common stock. We are responsible for updating this reoffer prospectus to ensure that all material information is included and will update this reoffer prospectus to the extent required by law.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary only highlights the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this reoffer prospectus or incorporated by reference in this reoffer prospectus. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should carefully read the entire reoffer prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this reoffer prospectus before deciding whether to invest in our securities. Unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise, in this reoffer prospectus and any reoffer prospectus supplement hereto references to "AGI" "we," "us," and "our" refer to Aspen Group, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

#### **Our Company**

Aspen Group, Inc. is an education technology holding company that leverages its infrastructure and expertise to allow its two universities, Aspen University and United States University, to deliver on the vision of making college affordable again. AGI has five subsidiaries, Aspen University Inc. ("Aspen University"), Aspen Nursing of Arizona, Inc. ("ANAI"), Aspen Nursing of Florida, Inc. ("ANFI"), Aspen Nursing of Texas, Inc. ("ANTI"), and United States University, Inc. ("United States University" or "USU"). ANAI, ANFI and ANTI are subsidiaries of Aspen University.

Because we believe higher education should be a catalyst to our students' long-term economic success, we exert financial prudence by offering affordable tuition that is one of the greatest values in higher education. AGI's primary focus relative to future growth is to target the high growth nursing profession. As of July 31, 2020, 10,422 of 12,128 or 86% of all students across both universities are degree-seeking nursing students.

The Company currently is focused on the Aspen University Pre-Licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program and the USU Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP), the two licensure degree programs which have the highest lifetime values. Set forth below is the description of these two key licensure degree programs.

#### Pre-Licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Aspen University offers a Pre-Licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program (the "Pre-Licensure BSN Program"). This innovative hybrid (online/on-campus) program allows most of the credits to be completed online (83 of 120 credits or 69%), with pricing offered at current low tuition rates of \$150/credit hour for online general education courses \$325/credit hour for online core nursing courses, and \$495 for core clinical courses. For students with no prior college credits, the total cost of attendance is less than \$50,000. The Pre-Licensure BSN program is currently offered at our two Phoenix, Arizona campuses.

In addition, following the receipt of the necessary regulatory approvals, marketing has begun in the Tampa, Florida and Austin, Texas metropolitan areas. Aspen University expects to begin its first core nursing (Years 2-3) semester in Tampa on December 8, 2020 in campus space formerly occupied by the University of Phoenix. The first core nursing (Years 2-3) semester in Austin is expected to begin on September 29, 2020. Aspen University will share the campus with NAU until January 2021 when NAU will have completed the teach-out of their remaining 12 nursing students.

### USU Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP)

USU offers a number of nursing degree programs and other degree programs in health sciences, business and technology and education. MSN-FNP which is designed for BSNprepared registered nurses who are seeking a Nurse Practitioner license is USU's primary enrollment program. The MSN-FNP is an online-hybrid 50-credit degree program with 100% of the curriculum online, including the curricular component to complete 540 clinical and 32 lab hours. The clinical program has been offered in San Diego, California. Aspen University expects to expand the program using its Pre-Licensure BSN campuses for weekend immersions.

#### Accreditation

Since 1993, Aspen University has been nationally accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission ("DEAC"), a national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education ("DOE") and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation ("CHEA"). On February 25, 2019, the DEAC informed Aspen University that it had renewed its accreditation for five years to January 2024.

Since 2009, USU has been regionally accredited by WASC Senior College and University Commission ("WSCUC"), a regional accrediting agency recognized by the DOE and the CHEA. Its current accreditation period extends through 2022. Both of our nursing programs are accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

As a result of their accreditations, both universities are qualified to participate under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Federal student financial assistance programs (Title IV, HEA programs).

## **Corporate Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 276 Fifth Avenue, Suite 505, New York, New York 10001 and our telephone number is (646) 448-5144. Our corporate website address is www.aspu.com. The information on our website is not incorporated into this reoffer prospectus.

### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This reoffer prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts, including statements regarding our campus expansion, future financial position, liquidity, business strategy and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words "believe," "may," "estimate," "continue," "anticipate," "intend," "should," "plan," "could," "target," "potential," "is likely," "will," "expect" and similar expressions, as they relate to us, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy and financial needs.

The results anticipated by any or all of these forward-looking statements might not occur. Important factors, uncertainties and risks that may cause actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements are contained in the risk factors that follow and elsewhere in this reoffer prospectus and the incorporated documents. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as the result of new information, future events or otherwise. For more information regarding some of the ongoing risks and uncertainties of our business, see the risk factors that follow and that are disclosed in the documents incorporated herein by reference.

### RISK FACTORS

Investing in our Common Stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties and all other information contained in this reoffer prospectus, including the risks and uncertainties concerning our business and an investment in our Common Stock discussed under "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2020, which risk factors are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or that we currently deem immaterial, may also impair our business operations or our financial condition. If any of the risk factors occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects could be materially and adversely affected. In such case, the value and marketability of the Common Stock could decline.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

This reoffer prospectus relates to shares of Common Stock being offered and sold for the account of the Selling Shareholders. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Common Stock offered and sold pursuant to this reoffer prospectus. We will, however, receive the exercise price of the options at the time of their exercise. Such proceeds will be contributed to working capital and will be used for general corporate purposes.

We have agreed to pay all expenses relating to the registration of Common Stock to be offered and sold pursuant to this reoffer prospectus. The Selling Shareholders will pay any brokerage commissions and/or similar charges incurred in connection with the sale of these shares of Common Stock.

### SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

This reoffer prospectus relates to the reoffer and resale by the Selling Shareholders listed below of shares of Common Stock which have been acquired or may be acquired by the Selling Shareholders who are deemed "affiliates" of the Company pursuant to the Plans.

The following table sets forth as of September 18, 2020 with respect to the Selling Shareholders:

- (a) the name of each Selling Shareholder;
- (b) the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each Selling Shareholder;
- (c) the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that each Selling Shareholder may offer for sale from time to time pursuant to this reoffer prospectus; and
- (d) the number of shares of Common Stock and the percentage of Common Stock that would be beneficially owned by each Selling Shareholder assuming the sale of all shares offered hereby.

We may amend or supplement this reoffer prospectus form time to time in the future to update the information concerning the identities of the Selling Shareholders, the number of shares that may be sold by each such Selling Shareholder and information about the shares beneficially owned by such Selling Shareholders.

Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering (1)	Shares of Common Stock Offered Pursuant to this Reoffer Prospectus (2)	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned After the Offering	Percentage of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned After the Offering (1)
1,050,500	716,097	510,656	2.09%
35,774	236,202	—	—
257,816	392,212	—	—
402,368	543,135	—	—
18,063	126,320	—	_
3,788	60,455	—	—
57,353	64,020	—	_
203,497	130,582	93,291	*
171,958	166,573	5,385	*
122,503	120,315	2,188	*
	Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering (1)   1,050,500   35,774   257,816   402,368   18,063   3,788   57,353   203,497   171,958	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering (1) Stock Offered Pursuant to this Reoffer Prospectus (2)   1,050,500 716,097   35,774 236,202   257,816 392,212   402,368 543,135   18,063 126,320   3,788 60,455   57,353 64,020   203,497 130,582   171,958 166,573	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering (1) Stock Offered Pursuant to this Reoffer Prospectus (2) Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned After the Offering   1,050,500 716,097 510,656   35,774 236,202 —   257,816 392,212 —   402,368 543,135 —   18,063 126,320 —   3,788 60,455 —   57,353 64,020 —   203,497 130,582 93,291   171,958 166,573 5,385

Shaves of Common

Represents less than 1% of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding.

- (1) Applicable percentages are based on 24,398,619 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of September 18, 2020, adjusted as required by rules of the Commission. Beneficial ownership is determined under the rules of the Commission and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Shares of Common Stock underlying options and warrants and convertible notes currently exercisable or convertible, or exercisable or convertible within 60 days are deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of the person holding such securities but are not deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of any other person. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to this table, we believe that each of the shareholders named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of Common Stock indicated as beneficially owned by them. The table includes only vested options, or options will vest and become exercisable within 60 days.
- (2) Includes shares of Common Stock underlying unvested RSUs and shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options that vest more than 60 days from September 18, 2020.

- (3) Mr. Mathews is our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.
- (4) Mr. Cotroneo is our Chief Financial Officer.
- (5) Dr. St. Arnauld is our Chief Academic Officer.
- (6) Mr. Wendolowski is our Chief Operating Officer.
- (7) Dr. Anne McNamara is our Chief Nursing Officer.
- (8) Mr. Alessi is our Chief Accounting Officer.
- (9) Mr. Dicks is a director.
- (10) Mr. Jensen is a director.
- (11) Mr. Kaplan is a director.
- (12) Mr. Rich is a director.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The shares of Common Stock covered by this reoffer prospectus are being registered for the account of the Selling Shareholders.

The shares of Common Stock offered may be sold from time to time directly by or on behalf of each Selling Shareholder in one or more transactions on The Nasdaq Global Market or any other stock exchange on which the Common Stock may be listed at the time of sale, in privately negotiated transactions, or through a combination of such methods, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, at fixed prices (which may be changed) or at negotiated prices. The Selling Shareholders may sell shares through one or more agents, brokers or dealers or directly to purchasers. Such brokers or dealers may receive compensation in the form of commissions, discounts or concessions from the Selling Shareholders and/or purchasers of the shares or both. Such compensation as to a particular broker or dealer may be in excess of customary commissions.

In connection with their sales, a Selling Shareholder and any participating broker or dealer may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any commissions they receive and the proceeds of any sale of shares may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

We are bearing all costs relating to the registration of the shares of Common Stock to be reoffered and resold pursuant to this reoffer prospectus. Any commissions or other fees payable to brokers or dealers in connection with any sale of the shares will be borne by the Selling Shareholders or other party selling such shares. Sales of the shares must be made by the Selling Shareholders in compliance with all applicable state and federal securities laws and regulations, including the Securities Act.

Any shares covered by this reoffer prospectus that qualify for sale under Rule 144 under the Securities Act may be sold under Rule 144 rather than under this reoffer prospectus. There is no assurance that the Selling Shareholders will sell all or a portion of the Common Stock offered hereby.

The Selling Shareholders may agree to indemnify any broker, dealer or agent that participates in transactions involving sales of the shares against certain liabilities in connection with the offering of the shares arising under the Securities Act.

The Selling Shareholders will be subject to the reoffer prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act, unless exempted therefrom.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with this offering, including the validity of the shares of our Common Stock offered hereby, will be passed upon for us by Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, P.A., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. One of the firm's employees beneficially owns approximately 37,796 shares of our Common Stock.

### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements as of April 30, 2020 and 2019 incorporated by reference in this reoffer prospectus have been audited by Salberg & Company, P.A., an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, and are incorporated by reference in this reoffer prospectus in reliance on such reports given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports and other information with the Commission. You can review our electronically filed reports, proxy and information statements on the Commission's web site at http://www.sec.gov/ or on our website at https://www.aspu.com/all-sec-filings. Information included on our web site is not part of this reoffer prospectus.

We have filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-8, as amended, under the Securities Act, with respect to the shares of Common Stock offered by the Selling Shareholders pursuant to this reoffer prospectus. This reoffer prospectus, which constitutes part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement or the exhibits and schedules which are part of the registration statement. Some items included in the registration statement are omitted from the reoffer prospectus in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission. For further information with respect to us and the Common Stock offered by this reoffer prospectus, we refer you to the registration statement and the accompanying exhibits.

### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The Commission allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this reoffer prospectus information that we file with the Commission in other documents. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to other documents that contain that information. Any information that we incorporate by reference is considered part of this reoffer prospectus.

We incorporate by reference, as of their respective dates of filing, the documents listed below that we have filed with the Commission:

- (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2020, filed on July 7, 2020, as amended;
- (b) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended July 31, 2020;
- (c) Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on June 9, 2020, August 31, 2020 and September 18, 2020; and
- (d) The description of our Common Stock in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed on July 31, 2017, as updated by any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all other documents we file with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934 (except in each case the information contained in such documents to the extent "furnished" and not "filed") on or after the date of this reoffer prospectus and prior to the termination of this offering, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this reoffer prospectus and to be a part of this reoffer prospectus from the date of the filing of such documents; *provided*, *however*, that documents or information deemed to have been furnished to and not filed with the Commission in accordance with the rules of the Commission shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this reoffer prospectus.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this reoffer prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this reoffer prospectus.

The Company will provide a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this reoffer prospectus and any exhibit specifically incorporated by reference in those documents, at no cost, upon written or oral request. You may request this information by writing or calling us at the following address or phone number:

276 Fifth Avenue, Suite 505 New York, New York 10001 Attention: Corporate Secretary (646) 448-5144

### PART II

## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The documents listed below are incorporated by reference in the registration statement:

- (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2020, filed on July 7, 2020, as amended;
- (b) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended July 31, 2020;
- (c) Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on June 9, 2020, August 31, 2020 and September 18, 2020;
- (d) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Annual Report on Form 10-K referred to above;
- (e) The description of our Common Stock in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed on July 31, 2017, as updated by any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description; and
- (f) All documents subsequently filed pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, from the date of filing of such documents.

### ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

### Not applicable.

### ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

The legality of the shares of Common Stock being registered hereby has been passed upon for us by Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, P.A., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. A shareholder of this firm beneficially owns 37,796 shares of our Common Stock.

### ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Section 145(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"), provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person's conduct was unlawful. Section 145(b) of the DGCL provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director



adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper. To the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Section 145(a) and (b) of the DGCL, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

Any indemnification under Section 145(a) and (b) of the DGCL (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Company only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the present or former director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 145(a) and (b). Such determination shall be made, with respect to a person who is a director or officer at the time of such determination, (1) by a majority vote of the directors who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, even though less than a quorum, or (2) by a committee of such directors designated by majority vote of such directors, even though less than a quorum, or (3) if there are no such directors, or if such directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (4) by the shareholders. Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this section. Such expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by former directors or other employees and agents may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the corporation deems appropriate. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. We

Section 145 of the DGCL also empowers a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under Section 145.

Article 11 of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation provides that directors and officers of the Company, and any persons serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, shall be indemnified to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. However, no indemnification shall be available, whether pursuant to our Certificate of Incorporation or otherwise, arising from any lawsuit or proceeding in which we assert a direct claim, as opposed to a shareholders' derivative action, against any directors and officers.

The Company carries directors' and officers' liability insurance designed to insure its officers and directors and those of its subsidiaries against certain liabilities that they may incur in the performance of their duties, and also providing for reimbursement in certain cases to the Company and its subsidiaries for sums paid to directors and officers as indemnification for similar liability.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

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Our Certificate of Incorporation further provides that none of the Company's directors shall be personally liable to the Company or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability:

- For any breach of the director's duty of loyalty;
- · For acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law;
- · Under Section 174 of the DGCL for the unlawful payment of dividends; or
- · For any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

These provisions eliminate our rights and those of our shareholders to recover monetary damages from a director for breach of his or her fiduciary duty of care as a director except in the situations described above. The limitations summarized above, however, do not affect our ability or that of our shareholders to seek non-monetary remedies, such as an injunction or rescission, against a director for breach of his fiduciary duty.

# ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

The shares of restricted Common Stock previously issued under the Plans and the shares of Common Stock underlying the unvested RSUs previously issued under the Plans, being registered for reoffer and resale hereby, have been issued without registration in reliance on the exemption from registration provided for in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

# ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

					Filed or
		Incorporated by Reference		Furnished	
Exhibit #	Exhibit Description	Form	Date	Number	Herewith
4.1	Certificate of Incorporation, as amended	10-K	7/9/2019	3.1	
4.2	Bylaws, as amended	10-Q	3/15/2018	3.2	
5.1	Legal Opinion of Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, P.A.				Filed
10.1	2012 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended				Filed
10.2	2018 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended				Filed
23.1	Consent of Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, P.A. (included in Exhibit 5.1)				Filed
23.2	Consent of Salberg & Company, P.A				Filed

### ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high and of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of



prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on September 21, 2020.

# ASPEN GROUP, INC.

By: /s/Michael Mathews Michael Mathews Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signatures	Title	Date
/s/ Michael Mathews Michael Mathews	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer), Director	September 21, 2020
<u>/s/ Frank Cotroneo</u> Frank Cotroneo	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer), Director	September 21, 2020
/s/ Robert Alessi Robert Alessi	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	September 21, 2020
/s/Norman D. Dicks Norman D. Dicks	Director	September 21, 2020
/s/ C. James Jensen C. James Jensen	Director	September 21, 2020
Andrew Kaplan	Director	
Douglas Kass	Director	
Michael Koehneman	Director	
/s/ Sanford Rich Sanford Rich	Director	September 21, 2020

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### Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, P.A. 3001 PGA Boulevard, Suite 305 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

September 21, 2020

Aspen Group, Inc. 276 Fifth Avenue Suite 505 New York, New York 10001

#### Aspen Group, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-8

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Aspen Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Registrant") in connection with the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") covering a total of 1,268,844 shares (the "Shares") of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), consisting of (i) 1,252,411 shares of Common Stock (the "Option Shares") issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options previously granted under the Aspen Group, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2012 Plan") since July 24, 2017, and the Aspen Group, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2018 Plan" and together with the 2012 Plan, the "Plans") and (ii) 16,433 shares of Common Stock remaining available for future grants under the Plans. The Registration Statement also includes a reoffer prospectus, prepared pursuant to General Instruction C to Form S-8, in accordance with the requirements of 2,555,911 shares of Common Stock, including (i) 688,688 shares previously acquired by the Selling Shareholders"), in connection with reoffers and resales on a continuous or delayed basis of 2,555,911 shares of Common Stock units (the "Resale Shares"), (ii) 25,000 shares of Common Stock issued to a director in 2015 outside of the 2012 Plan as compensation for consulting services (the "Service Shares"), (iii) 565,565 shares (the "RSU Shares") underlying outstanding restricted stock units (the "RSU Shares") previously granted under the Plans, and (iv) 1,276,658 shares (the "Affiliate Option Shares") that may be acquired by the Selling Shareholders pursuant to outstanding stock options previously granted under the Plans.

In connection with this opinion, we have examined such documents and such matters of fact and law as we have deemed necessary as a basis for this opinion. We have assumed the genuineness and authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to originals of all documents submitted to us as copies thereof, and the due execution and delivery of all documents where due execution and delivery are a prerequisite to the effectiveness thereof.

We have also assumed with respect to the shares being registered for reoffers and resales that (i) the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto will have become effective and comply with all applicable laws and no stop order suspending the Registration Statement's effectiveness will have been issued and remain in effect, in each case, at the time the such shares are offered and sold as contemplated by the Registration Statement and (ii) all such shares will be offered and sold in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and the applicable reoffer prospectus.

The opinions expressed herein are limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as currently in effect, and we express no opinion as to the effect of any other law of the State of Delaware or the laws of any other jurisdiction.

Subject to the foregoing and the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, it is our opinion that:

(i) the Resale Shares and the Service Shares are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable;

- the RSU Shares, when issued upon vesting of the RSUs in accordance with the terms of the 2012 Plan or the 2018 Plan, as applicable, and the applicable award agreements governing such RSUs, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable;
- (iii) the Option Shares, including the Affiliate Option Shares, when issued upon exercise of the stock options in accordance with the terms of the 2012 Plan or the 2018 Plan, as applicable, and the applicable award agreements governing such options, and for the consideration provided for therein or such other lawful consideration as may otherwise be approved by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company or a committee of the Board, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable; and
- (iv) the shares of Common Stock remaining available for future grants under the Plans, when issued and delivered in accordance with the respective Plan, the applicable award agreements thereunder and the applicable resolutions of the Board or the Compensation Committee thereof, and upon receipt by the Company of any required payment therefor, if such payment is required by the applicable award agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Form S-8 and the rules and regulations promulgated under the Securities Act. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement with the Commission on the date hereof and to the use of the name of our firm in the section entitled "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Commission.

This opinion is limited to the matters stated in this letter, and no opinion may be implied or inferred beyond the matters expressly stated in this letter. This opinion is given as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to advise you after the date hereof of facts or circumstances that come to our attention or changes in the law, including judicial or administrative interpretations thereof, that occur which could affect the opinions contained herein.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, P.A. Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, P.A.

# ASPEN GROUP, INC. 2012 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN, As Amended

# 1. Scope of Plan; Definitions.

(a) This 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") is intended to advance the interests of Aspen Group, Inc. (the "Company") and its Related Corporations by enhancing the ability of the Company to attract and retain qualified employees, consultants, Officers and directors, by creating incentives and rewards for their contributions to the success of the Company and its Related Corporations. This Plan will provide to (a) Officers and other employees of the Company and its Related Corporations opportunities to purchase common stock ("Common Stock") of the Company pursuant to Options granted hereunder which qualify as incentive stock options ("ISOs") under Section 422(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), (b) directors, Officers, employees and consultants of the Company and Related Corporations opportunities to purchase Common Stock in the Company pursuant to options granted hereunder which do not qualify as ISOs ("Non-Qualified Options"); (c) directors, Officers, employees and consultants of the Company and Related Corporations opportunities to receive shares of Common Stock of the Company and Related Corporations opportunities to receive shares of Common Stock of the Company and Related Corporations on sale ("Restricted Stock"); (d) directors, Officers, employees and consultants of the Company and Related Corporations opportunities to receive grants of stock appreciation rights ("SARs"); and (e) directors, Officers, employees and consultants of poptions and Non-Qualified Options are referred to hereafter as "Options." Options, Restricted Stock, RSUs and SARs are sometimes referred to hereafter collectively as "Stock Rights." Any of the Options and/or Stock Rights may in the Compensation Committee's discretion be issued in tandem to one or more other Options and/or Stock Rights to the extent permitted by law.

(b) For purposes of the Plan, capitalized words and terms shall have the following meaning:

"Board" means the board of directors of the Company.

"Chairman" means the chairman of the Board.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) the consummation of the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets in a transaction which requires shareholder approval under applicable state law; or (ii) the consummation of a merger or consolidation of the Company with any other corporation, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or its parent) at least 50% of the total voting power represented by the voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity or its parent outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation.

"Code" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Common Stock" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Company" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Compensation Committee" means the compensation committee of the Board, if any, which shall consist of two or more members of the Board, each of whom shall be both an "outside director" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and a "nonemployee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3. All references in this Plan to the Compensation Committee shall mean the Board when (i) there is no Compensation Committee or (ii) the Board has retained the power to administer this Plan.

"Disability" means "permanent and total disability" as defined in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code or successor statute.

"Disqualifying Disposition" means any disposition (including any sale) of Common Stock underlying an ISO before the later of (i) two years after the date of employee was granted the ISO or (ii) one year after the date the employee acquired Common Stock by exercising the ISO.

"Exchange Act" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Fair Market Value" shall be determined as of the last Trading Day before the date a Stock Right is granted and shall mean:

(1) the closing price on the principal market if the Common Stock is listed on a national securities exchange or the OTCQB or OTCQX.

(2) if the Company's shares are not listed on a national securities exchange or the OTCQB or OTCQX, then the closing price if reported or the average bid and asked price for the Company's shares as published by OTC Markets Group;

(3) if there are no prices available under clauses (1) or (2), then Fair Market Value shall be based upon the average closing bid and asked price as determined following a polling of all dealers making a market in the Company's Common Stock; or

(4) if there is no regularly established trading market for the Company's Common Stock or if the Company's Common Stock is listed, quoted or reported under clauses (1) or (2) but it trades sporadically rather than every day, the Fair Market Value shall be established by the Board or the Compensation Committee taking into consideration all relevant factors including the most recent price at which the Company's Common Stock was sold.

"ISO" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Non-Discretionary Options" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Non-Qualified Options" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Officers" means a person who is an executive officer of the Company and is required to file ownership reports under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act.

"Options" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Plan" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Related Corporations" shall mean a corporation which is a subsidiary corporation with respect to the Company within the meaning of Section 425(f) of the Code.

"Restricted Stock" shall have the meaning contained in Section 1(a).

"RSU" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"SAR" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933.

"Stock Rights" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Trading Day" shall mean a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for business.

This Plan is intended to comply in all respects with Rule 16b-3 ("Rule 16b-3") and its successor rules as promulgated under Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") for participants who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act. To the extent any provision of the Plan or action by the Plan administrators fails to so comply, it shall be deemed null and void to the extent permitted by law and deemed advisable by the Plan administrators. <u>Provided</u>, <u>however</u>, such exercise of discretion by the Plan administrators shall not interfere with the contract rights of any grantee. In the event that any interpretation or construction of the Plan is required, it shall be interpreted and construed in order to ensure, to the maximum extent permissible by law, that such grantee does not violate the short-swing profit provisions of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act and that any exemption available under Rule 16b-3 or other rule is available.

# 2. Administration of the Plan.

(a) The Plan may be administered by the entire Board or by the Compensation Committee. Once appointed, the Compensation Committee shall continue to serve until otherwise directed by the Board. A majority of the members of the Compensation Committee shall constitute a quorum, and all determinations of the Compensation Committee shall be made by the majority of its members present at a meeting. Any determination of the Compensation Committee under the Plan may be made without notice or meeting of the Compensation Committee by a writing signed by all of the Compensation Committee members. Subject to ratification of the grant of each Stock Right by the Board (but only if so required by applicable state law), and subject to the terms of the Plan, the Compensation Committee shall have the authority to (i) determine the employees of the Company and Related Corporations (from among the class of employees eligible under Section 3 to receive ISOs) to whom ISOs may be granted,

and to determine (from among the class of individuals and entities eligible under Section 3 to receive Non-Qualified Options, Restricted Stock, RSUs and SARs may be granted; (ii) determine when Stock Rights may be granted; (iii) determine the exercise prices of Stock Rights other than Restricted Stock and RSUs, which shall not be less than the Fair Market Value; (iv) determine whether each Option granted shall be an ISO or a Non-Qualified Option; (v) determine when Stock Rights shall become exercisable, the duration of the exercise period and when each Stock Right shall vest; (vi) determine whether restrictions such as repurchase options are to be imposed on shares subject to or issued in connection with Stock Rights, and the nature of such restrictions, if any, and (vii) interpret the Plan and promulgate and rescind rules and regulations relating to it. The interpretation and construction by the Compensation Committee of any provisions of the Plan or of any Stock Right granted under it shall be final, binding and conclusive unless otherwise determined by the Board. The Compensation Committee may from time to time adopt such rules and regulations for carrying out the Plan as it may deem best.

No members of the Compensation Committee or the Board shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Stock Right granted under it. No member of the Compensation Committee or the Board shall be liable for any act or omission of any other member of the Compensation Committee or the Board or for any act or omission on his own part, including but not limited to the exercise of any power and discretion given to him under the Plan, except those resulting from his own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(b) The Compensation Committee may select one of its members as its chairman and shall hold meetings at such time and places as it may determine. All references in this Plan to the Compensation Committee shall mean the Board if no Compensation Committee has been appointed. From time to time the Board may increase the size of the Compensation Committee and appoint additional members thereof, remove members (with or without cause) and appoint new members in substitution therefor, fill vacancies however caused or remove all members of the Compensation Committee and thereafter directly administer the Plan.

(c) Stock Rights may be granted to members of the Board, whether such grants are in their capacity as directors, Officers or consultants. All grants of Stock Rights to members of the Board shall in all other respects be made in accordance with the provisions of this Plan applicable to other eligible persons. Members of the Board who are either (i) eligible for Stock Rights pursuant to the Plan or (ii) have been granted Stock Rights may vote on any matters affecting the administration of the Plan or the grant of any Stock Rights pursuant to the Plan.

(d) In addition to such other rights of indemnification as he may have as a member of the Board, and with respect to administration of the Plan and the granting of Stock Rights under it, each member of the Board and of the Compensation Committee shall be entitled without further act on his part to indemnification from the Company for all expenses (including advances of litigation expenses, the amount of judgment and the amount of approved settlements made with a view to the curtailment of costs of litigation) reasonably incurred by him in connection with or arising out of any action, suit or proceeding, including any appeal thereof, with respect to the administration of the Plan or the granting of Stock Rights under it in which he may be involved by reason of his being or having been a member of the Board or the

Compensation Committee, whether or not he continues to be such member of the Board or the Compensation Committee at the time of the incurring of such expenses; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such indemnity shall be subject to the limitations contained in any Indemnification Agreement between the Company and the Board member or Officer. The foregoing right of indemnification shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors or administrators of each such member of the Board or the Compensation Committee and shall be in addition to all other rights to which such member of the Board or the Compensation Committee would be entitled to as a matter of law, contract or otherwise.

(e) The Board may delegate the powers to grant Stock Rights to Officers to the extent permitted by the laws of the Company's state of incorporation.

3. <u>Eligible Employees and Others</u>. ISOs may be granted to any employee of the Company or any Related Corporation. Those Officers and directors of the Company who are not employees may not be granted ISOs under the Plan. Subject to compliance with Rule 16b-3 and other applicable securities laws, Non-Qualified Options, Restricted Stock, RSUs and SARs may be granted to any director (whether or not an employee), Officers, employees or consultants of the Company or any Related Corporation. The Compensation Committee may take into consideration a recipient's individual circumstances in determining whether to grant an ISO, a Non-Qualified Option, Restricted Stock, RSUs or a SAR. Granting of any Stock Right to any individual or entity shall neither entitle that individual or entity to, nor disqualify him from participation in, any other grant of Stock Rights.

4. <u>Common Stock</u>. The Common Stock subject to Stock Rights shall be authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.001, or shares of Common Stock reacquired by the Company in any manner, including purchase, forfeiture or otherwise. The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock which may be issued pursuant to the Plan is 3,500,000, less any Stock Rights previously granted or exercised subject to adjustment as provided in Section 14. Any such shares may be issued under ISOs, Non-Qualified Options, Restricted Stock, RSUs or SARs, so long as the number of shares so issued does not exceed the limitations in this Section. If any Stock Rights granted under the Plan shall expire or terminate for any reason without having been exercised in full or shall cease for any reason to be exercisable in whole or in part, or if the Company shall reacquire any unvested shares, the unpurchased shares subject to such Stock Rights and any unvested shares so reacquired by the Company shall again be available for grants under the Plan.

# 5. Granting of Stock Rights.

(a) The date of grant of a Stock Right under the Plan will be the date specified by the Board or Compensation Committee at the time it grants the Stock Right; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such date shall not be prior to the date on which the Board or Compensation Committee acts to approve the grant. The Board or Compensation Committee shall have the right, with the consent of the optionee, to convert an ISO granted under the Plan to a Non-Qualified Option pursuant to Section 17.

(b) The Board or Compensation Committee shall grant Stock Rights to participants that it, in its sole discretion, selects. Stock Rights shall be granted on such terms as

the Board or Compensation Committee shall determine except that ISOs shall be granted on terms that comply with the Code and regulations thereunder.

(c) A SAR entitles the holder to receive, as designated by the Board or Compensation Committee, cash or shares of Common Stock, value equal to (or otherwise based on) the excess of: (a) the Fair Market Value of a specified number of shares of Common Stock at the time of exercise over (b) an exercise price established by the Board or Compensation Committee. The exercise price of each SAR granted under this Plan shall be established by the Compensation Committee or shall be determined by a method established by the Board or Compensation Committee at the time the SAR is granted, provided the exercise price shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of the grant of the SAR, or such higher price as is established by the Board or Compensation Committee. A SAR shall be exercisable in accordance with such terms and conditions and during such periods as may be established by the Board or Compensation committee, in its discretion, may impose such conditions, restrictions and contingencies with respect to shares of Common Stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of each SAR as the Board or Compensation Committee determines to be desirable. A SAR under the Plan shall be subject to such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the Plan, as the Board or Compensation Committee shall, in its discretion, prescribe. The terms and conditions of any SAR to any grantee shall be reflected in such form of agreement as is determined by the Board or Compensation Committee. A copy of such document, if any, shall be provided to the grantee, and the Board or Compensation Committee may condition the granting of the SAR on the grantee executing such agreement.

(d) An RSU gives the grantee the right to receive a number of shares of the Company's Common Stock on applicable vesting or other dates. Delivery of the RSUs may be deferred beyond vesting as determined by the Board or Compensation Committee. RSUs shall be evidenced by an RSU agreement in the form determined by the Board or Compensation Committee. With respect to an RSU, which becomes non-forfeitable due to the lapse of time, the Compensation Committee shall prescribe in the RSU agreement the vesting period. With respect to the granting of the RSU, which becomes non-forfeitable due to the satisfaction of certain pre-established performance-based objectives imposed by the Board or Compensation Committee, the measurement date of whether such performance-based objectives have been satisfied shall be a date no earlier than the first anniversary of the date of the RSU. A recipient who is granted an RSU shall possess no incidents of ownership with respect to such underlying Common Stock, although the RSU agreement may provide for payments in lieu of dividends to such grantee.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan, the Board or Compensation Committee may impose conditions and restrictions on any grant of Stock Rights including forfeiture of vested Options, cancellation of Common Stock acquired in connection with any Stock Right and forfeiture of profits.

(f) The Options and SARs shall not be exercisable for a period of more than 10 years from the date of grant.

6. <u>Sale of Shares</u>. The shares underlying Stock Rights granted to any Officers, director or a beneficial owner of 10% or more of the Company's securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act shall not be sold, assigned or transferred by the grantee until at least six months elapse from the date of the grant thereof.

# 7. ISO Minimum Option Price and Other Limitations.

(a) The exercise price per share relating to all Options granted under the Plan shall not be less than the Fair Market Value per share of Common Stock on the last trading day prior to the date of such grant. For purposes of determining the exercise price, the date of the grant shall be the later of (i) the date of approval by the Board or Compensation Committee or the Board, or (ii) for ISOs, the date the recipient becomes an employee of the Company. In the case of an ISO to be granted to an employee owning Common Stock which represents more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Related Corporation, the price per share shall not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value per share of Common Stock on the date of grant and such ISO shall not be exercisable after the expiration of five years from the date of grant.

(b) In no event shall the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined at the time an ISO is granted) of Common Stock for which ISOs granted to any employee are exercisable for the first time by such employee during any calendar year (under all stock option plans of the Company and any Related Corporation) exceed \$100,000.

8. <u>Duration of Stock Rights</u>. Subject to earlier termination as provided in Sections 3, 5, 9, 10 and 11, each Option and SAR shall expire on the date specified in the original instrument granting such Stock Right (except with respect to any part of an ISO that is converted into a Non-Qualified Option pursuant to Section 17), <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such instrument must comply with Section 422 of the Code with regard to ISOs and Rule 16b-3 with regard to all Stock Rights granted pursuant to the Plan to Officers, directors and 10% shareholders of the Company.

9. Exercise of Options and SARs; Vesting of Stock Rights. Subject to the provisions of Sections 3 and 9 through 13, each Option and SAR granted under the Plan shall be exercisable as follows:

(a) The Options and SARs shall either be fully vested and exercisable from the date of grant or shall vest and become exercisable in such installments as the Board or Compensation Committee may specify.

(b) Once an installment becomes exercisable it shall remain exercisable until expiration or termination of the Option and SAR, unless otherwise specified by the Board or Compensation Committee.

(c) Each Option and SAR or installment, once it becomes exercisable, may be exercised at any time or from time to time, in whole or in part, for up to the total number of shares with respect to which it is then exercisable.

(d) The Board or Compensation Committee shall have the right to accelerate the vesting date of any installment of any Stock Right; <u>provided</u> that the Board or Compensation Committee shall not accelerate the exercise date of any installment of any Option granted to any employee as an ISO (and not previously converted into a Non-Qualified Option pursuant to Section 17) if such acceleration would violate the annual exercisability limitation contained in Section 422(d) of the Code as described in Section 7(b).

10. Termination of Employment. Subject to any greater restrictions or limitations as may be imposed by the Board or Compensation Committee or by a written agreement, if an optionee ceases to be employed by the Company and all Related Corporations other than by reason of death or Disability, no further installments of his Options shall vest or become exercisable, and his Options shall terminate as provided for in the grant or on the day 12 months after the day of the termination of his employment (except three months for ISOs), whichever is earlier, but in no event later than on their specified expiration dates. Employment shall be considered as continuing uninterrupted during any bona fide leave of absence (such as those attributable to illness, military obligations or governmental service) provided that the period of such leave does not exceed 90 days or, if longer, any period during which such optionee's right to re-employment is guaranteed by statute. A leave of absence with the written approval of the Board shall not be considered an interruption of employment under the Plan, provided that such written approval contractually obligates the Company or any Related Corporation to continue the employment of the optionee after the approved period of absence. ISOs granted under the Plan shall not be affected by any change of employment within or among the Company and Related Corporations so long as the optionee continues to be an employee of the Company or any Related Corporation.

11. Death; Disability. Unless otherwise determined by the Board or Compensation Committee or by a written agreement:

(a) If the holder of an Option or SAR ceases to be employed by the Company and all Related Corporations by reason of his death, any Options or SARs held by the optionee may be exercised to the extent he could have exercised it on the date of his death, by his estate, personal representative or beneficiary who has acquired the Options or SARs by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, at any time prior to the earlier of: (i) the Options' or SARs' specified expiration date or (ii) one year (except three months for an ISO) from the date of death.

(b) If the holder of an Option or SAR ceases to be employed by the Company and all Related Corporations, or a director or Director Advisor can no longer perform his duties, by reason of his Disability, any Options or SARs held by the optionee may be exercised to the extent he could have exercised it on the date of termination due to Disability until the earlier of (i) the Options' or SARs' specified expiration date or (ii) one year from the date of the termination.

# 12. Assignment, Transfer or Sale.

(a) No ISO granted under this Plan shall be assignable or transferable by the grantee except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and during the lifetime of the grantee, each ISO shall be exercisable only by him, his guardian or legal representative.

# (b) Except for ISOs, all Stock Rights are transferable subject to compliance with applicable securities laws and Section 6 of this

# Plan.

13. Terms and Conditions of Stock Rights. Stock Rights shall be evidenced by instruments (which need not be identical) in such forms as the Board or Compensation Committee may from time to time approve. Such instruments shall conform to the terms and conditions set forth in Sections 5 through 12 hereof and may contain such other provisions as the Board or Compensation Committee deems advisable which are not inconsistent with the Plan. In granting any Stock Rights, the Board or Compensation Committee may specify that Stock Rights shall be subject to the restrictions set forth herein with respect to ISOs, or to such other termination and cancellation provisions as the Board or Compensation Committee may determine. The Board or Compensation Committee may from time to time confer authority and responsibility on one or more of its own members and/or one or more Officers of the Company to execute and deliver such instruments. The proper Officers of the Company are authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary or advisable from time to time to carry out the terms of such instruments.

# 14. Adjustments Upon Certain Events.

(a) Subject to any required action by the shareholders of the Company, the number of shares of Common Stock covered by each outstanding Stock Right, and the number of shares of Common Stock which have been authorized for issuance under the Plan but as to which no Stock Rights have yet been granted or which have been returned to the Plan upon cancellation or expiration of a Stock Right, as well as the price per share of Common Stock (or cash, as applicable) covered by each such outstanding Option or SAR, shall be proportionately adjusted for any increases or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of Common Stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock resulting from a stock split securities of the Company or the voluntary cancellation whether by virtue of a cashless exercise of a derivative security of the Company or otherwise shall not be deemed to have been "effected without receipt of consideration." Such adjustment shall be made by the Board or Compensation Committee, whose determination in that respect shall be final, binding and conclusive. Except as expressly provided herein, no issuance by the Company of shares of stock of any class, or securities convertible into shares of stock of any class, shall affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number or price of shares of Common Stock subject to a Stock Right. No adjustments shall be made for dividends or other distributions paid in cash or in property other than securities of the Company.

(b) In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Board or Compensation Committee shall notify each participant as soon as practicable prior to the effective date of such proposed transaction. To the extent it has not been previously exercised, a Stock Right will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed action.

(c) In the event of a merger of the Company with or into another corporation, or a Change of Control, each outstanding Stock Right shall be assumed (as defined below) or an equivalent option or right substituted by the successor corporation or a parent or subsidiary of the successor corporation. In the event that the successor corporation refuses to assume or substitute for the Stock Rights, the participants shall fully vest in and have the right to exercise their Stock Rights as to which it would not otherwise be vested or exercisable. If a Stock Right becomes fully vested and exercisable in lieu of assumption or substitution in the event of a merger or sale of assets, the Board or Compensation Committee shall notify the participant in writing or electronically that the Stock Right shall be fully vested and exercisable for a period of at least 15 days from the date of such notice, and any Options or SARs shall terminate one minute prior to the closing of the merger or sale of assets.

For the purposes of this Section 14(c), the Stock Right shall be considered "assumed" if, following the merger or Change of Control, the option or right confers the right to purchase or receive, for each share of Common Stock subject to the Stock Right immediately prior to the merger or Change of Control, the consideration (whether stock, cash, or other securities or property) received in the merger or Change of Control by holders of Common Stock for each share held on the effective date of the transaction (and if holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the holders of a majority of the outstanding Shares); provided, however, that if such consideration received in the merger or Change of Control is not solely common stock of the successor corporation or its parent, the Board or Compensation Committee may, with the consent of the successor corporation, provide for the consideration to be received upon the exercise of the Stock Right, for each share of Common Stock subject to the Stock Right, to be solely common stock of the successor corporation or its parent equal in Fair Market Value to the per share consideration received by holders of Common Stock in the merger or Change of Control.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any adjustments made pursuant to Section 14(a), (b) or (c) with respect to ISOs shall be made only after the Board or Compensation Committee, after consulting with counsel for the Company, determines whether such adjustments would constitute a "modification" of such ISOs (as that term is defined in Section 425(h) of the Code) or would cause any adverse tax consequences for the holders of such ISOs. If the Board or Compensation Committee determines that such adjustments made with respect to ISOs would constitute a modification of such ISOs it may refrain from making such adjustments.

(e) No fractional shares shall be issued under the Plan and the optionee shall receive from the Company cash in lieu of such fractional shares.

# 15. Means of Exercising Stock Rights.

(a) An Option or SAR (or any part or installment thereof) shall be exercised by giving written notice to the Company at its principal office address. Such notice shall identify the Stock Right being exercised and specify the number of shares as to which such Stock Right is being exercised, accompanied by full payment of the exercise price therefor (to the extent it is exercisable in cash) either (i) in United States dollars by check or wire transfer; or (ii) at the discretion of the Board or Compensation Committee, through delivery of shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value equal as of the date of the exercise to the cash exercise price of the Stock Right or such other formula as may be approved by the Board or Compensation Committee; or (iii) at the discretion of the Board or Compensation Committee, by any combination of (i) and (ii) above. If the Board or Compensation Committee exercises its

discretion to permit payment of the exercise price of an ISO by means of the methods set forth in clauses (ii) or (iii) of the preceding sentence, such discretion need not be exercised in writing at the time of the grant of the Stock Right in question. The holder of a Stock Right shall not have the rights of a shareholder with respect to the shares covered by his Stock Right until the date of issuance of a stock certificate to him for such shares. Except as expressly provided above in Section 14 with respect to changes in capitalization and stock dividends, no adjustment shall be made for dividends or similar rights for which the record date is before the date such stock certificate is issued.

(b) Each notice of exercise shall, unless the shares of Common Stock are covered by a then current registration statement under the Securities Act, contain the holder's acknowledgment in form and substance satisfactory to the Company that (i) such shares are being purchased for investment and not for distribution or resale (other than a distribution or resale which, in the opinion of counsel satisfactory to the Company, may be made without violating the registration provisions of the Securities Act), (ii) the holder has been advised and understands that (1) the shares have not been registered under the Securities Act and are "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act and are subject to restrictions on transfer and (2) the Company is under no obligation to register the shares under the Securities Act or to take any action which would make available to the holder any exemption from such registration, and (iii) such shares may not be transferred without compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws. Notwithstanding the above, should the Company be advised by counsel that issuance of shares should be delayed pending registration under federal or state securities laws or the receipt of an opinion that an appropriate exemption therefrom is available, the Company may defer exercise of any Stock Right granted hereunder until either such event has occurred.

# 16. Term, Termination and Amendment.

(a) This Plan was adopted by the Board. This Plan may be approved by the Company's shareholders, which approval is required for ISOs.

(b) The Board may terminate the Plan at any time. Unless sooner terminated, the Plan shall terminate on March \_\_, 2022 [or 10 years from the date the Board adopts the Plan]. No Stock Rights may be granted under the Plan once the Plan is terminated. Termination of the Plan shall not impair rights and obligations under any Stock Right granted while the Plan is in effect, except with the written consent of the grantee.

(c) The Board at any time, and from time to time, may amend the Plan. <u>Provided</u>, <u>however</u>, except as provided in Section 14 relating to adjustments in Common Stock, no amendment shall be effective unless approved by the shareholders of the Company to the extent (i) shareholder approval is necessary to satisfy the requirements of Section 422 of the Code or (ii) required by the rules of the principal national securities exchange or trading market upon which the Company's Common Stock trades. Rights under any Stock Rights granted before amendment of the Plan shall not be impaired by any amendment of the Plan, except with the written consent of the grantee.

(d) The Board at any time, and from time to time, may amend the terms of any one or more Stock Rights; provided, however, that the rights under the Stock Right shall not be impaired by any such amendment, except with the written consent of the grantee.

17. <u>Conversion of ISOs into Non-Qualified Options; Termination of ISOs</u>. The Board or Compensation Committee, at the written request of any optionee, may in its discretion take such actions as may be necessary to convert such optionee's ISOs (or any installments or portions of installments thereof) that have not been exercised on the date of conversion into Non-Qualified Options at any time prior to the expiration of such ISOs, regardless of whether the optionee is an employee of the Company or a Related Corporation at the time of such conversion. <u>Provided, however</u>, the Board or Compensation Committee shall not reprice the Options or extend the exercise period or reduce the exercise price of the appropriate installments of such Options without the approval of the Company's shareholders. At the time of such conversion, the Board or Compensation Committee (with the consent of the optionee) may impose such conditions on the exercise of the resulting Non-Qualified Options as the Board or Compensation Committee in its discretion may determine, provided that such conditions shall not be inconsistent with this Plan. Nothing in the Plan shall be deemed to give any optionee the right to have such optionee's ISOs converted into Non-Qualified Options, and no such conversion shall occur until and unless the Board or Compensation Committee takes appropriate action. The Compensation Committee, with the consent of the optionee, may also terminate any portion of any ISO that has not been exercised at the time of such termination.

18. <u>Application of Funds</u>. The proceeds received by the Company from the sale of shares pursuant to Options or SARS (if cash settled) granted under the Plan shall be used for general corporate purposes.

19. <u>Governmental Regulations</u>. The Company's obligation to sell and deliver shares of the Common Stock under this Plan is subject to the approval of any governmental authority required in connection with the authorization, issuance or sale of such shares.

20. <u>Withholding of Additional Income Taxes</u>. In connection with the granting, exercise or vesting of a Stock Right or the making of a Disqualifying Disposition the Company, in accordance with Section 3402(a) of the Code, may require the optionee to pay additional withholding taxes in respect of the amount that is considered compensation includable in such person's gross income.

To the extent that the Company is required to withhold taxes for federal income tax purposes as provided above, if any optionee may elect to satisfy such withholding requirement by (i) paying the amount of the required withholding tax to the Company; (ii) delivering to the Company shares of its Common Stock (including shares of Restricted Stock) previously owned by the optionee; or (iii) having the Company retain a portion of the shares covered by an Option exercise. The number of shares to be delivered to or withheld by the Company times the Fair Market Value of such shares or such other formula as may be approved by the Board or Compensation Committee pursuant to the Plan shall equal the cash required to be withheld.

21. <u>Notice to Company of Disqualifying Disposition</u>. Each employee who receives an ISO must agree to notify the Company in writing immediately after the employee makes a

Disqualifying Disposition of any Common Stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of an ISO. If the employee has died before such stock is sold, the holding periods requirements of the Disqualifying Disposition do not apply and no Disqualifying Disposition can occur thereafter.

22. <u>Continued Employment</u>. The grant of a Stock Right pursuant to the Plan shall not be construed to imply or to constitute evidence of any agreement, express or implied, on the part of the Company or any Related Corporation to retain the grantee in the employ of the Company or a Related Corporation, as a member of the Company's Board or in any other capacity, whichever the case may be.

23. <u>Governing Law; Construction</u>. The validity and construction of the Plan and the instruments evidencing Stock Rights shall be governed by the laws of the Company's state of incorporation. In construing this Plan, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter, unless the context otherwise requires.

24. (a) <u>Forfeiture of Stock Rights Granted to Employees or Consultants</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, and unless otherwise provided for in a Stock Rights Agreement, all vested or unvested Stock Rights granted to employees or consultants shall be immediately forfeited at the discretion of the Board if any of the following events occur:

(1) Termination of the relationship with the grantee for cause including, but not limited to, fraud, theft, dishonesty and violation of Company policy;

(2) Purchasing or selling securities of the Company in violation of the Company's insider trading guidelines then in

effect;

(3) Breaching any duty of confidentiality including that required by the Company's insider trading guidelines then in

effect;

(4) Competing with the Company;

(5) Being unavailable for consultation after leaving the Company's employment if such availability is a condition of any agreement between the Company and the grantee;

(6) Recruitment of Company personnel after termination of employment, whether such termination is voluntary or for

cause;

(7) Failure to assign any invention or technology to the Company if such assignment is a condition of employment or any other agreements between the Company and the grantee; or

(8) A finding by the Board that the grantee has acted disloyally and/or against the interests of the Company.

(b) <u>Forfeiture of Stock Rights Granted to Directors</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, and unless otherwise provided for in a Stock Rights Agreement, all vested

or unvested Stock Rights granted to directors shall be immediately forfeited at the discretion of the Board if any of the following events occur:

effect;	(1) Purchasing or selling securities of the Company in violation of the Company's insider trading guidelines then in
effect;	(2) Breaching any duty of confidentiality including that required by the Company's insider trading guidelines then in
	(3) Competing with the Company;
or	(4) Recruitment of Company personnel after ceasing to be a director;

(5) A finding by the Board that the grantee has acted disloyally and/or against the interests of the Company.

The Company may impose other forfeiture restrictions which are more or less restrictive and require a return of profits from the sale of Common Stock as part of said forfeiture provisions if such forfeiture provisions and/or return of provisions are contained in a Stock Rights Agreement.

(c) Profits on the Sale of Certain Shares; Redemption. If any of the events specified in Section 24(a) or (b) of the Plan occur within one year from the date the grantee last performed services for the Company in the capacity for which the Stock Rights were granted (the "Termination Date") (or such longer period required by any written agreement), all profits earned from the sale of the Company's securities, including the sale of shares of common stock underlying the Stock Rights, during the two-year period commencing one year prior to the Termination Date shall be forfeited and immediately paid by the grantee to the Company. Further, in such event, the Company may at its option redeem shares of common stock acquired upon exercise of the Stock Right by payment of the exercise price to the grantee. To the extent that another written agreement with the Company extends the events in Section 24(a) or (b) beyond one year following the Termination Date, the two-year period shall be extended by an equal number of days. The Company's rights under this Section 24(c) do not lapse one year form the Termination Date but are contract rights subject to any appropriate statutory limitation period.

# ASPEN GROUP, INC. 2018 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN, as Amended

# 1. Scope of Plan; Definitions.

(a) This 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") is intended to advance the interests of Aspen Group, Inc. (the "Company") and its Related Corporations by enhancing the ability of the Company to attract and retain qualified employees, consultants, Officers and directors, by creating incentives and rewards for their contributions to the success of the Company and its Related Corporations. This Plan will provide to (a) Officers and other employees of the Company and its Related Corporations opportunities to purchase common stock, par value \$0.001 ("Common Stock") of the Company pursuant to Options granted hereunder which qualify as incentive stock options ("ISOs") under Section 422(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), (b) directors, Officers, employees and consultants of the Company and Related Corporations opportunities to purchase Common Stock of the Company pursuant to options granted hereunder which do not qualify as ISOs ("Non-Qualified Options"); (c) directors, Officers, employees and consultants of the Company and Related Corporations opportunities to receive shares of Common Stock of the Company and Related Corporations opportunities to receive grants of stock appreciation rights ("SARs"); and (e) directors, Officers, employees and consultants of the Company and Related Stock units ("RSUs"). ISOs and Non-Qualified Options are referred to hereafter as "Options." Options, Restricted Stock, RSUs and SARs are sometimes referred to hereafter collectively as "Stock Rights." Any of the Options and/or Stock Rights to the extent permitted by law.

(b) For purposes of the Plan, capitalized words and terms shall have the following meaning:

"Board" means the board of directors of the Company.

"Chairman" means the chairman of the Board.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) the consummation of the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets in a transaction which requires shareholder approval under applicable state law; or (ii) the consummation of a merger or consolidation of the Company with any other corporation, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or its parent) at least 50% of the total voting power represented by the voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity or its parent outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation.

"Code" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Common Stock" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Company" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Compensation Committee" means the compensation committee of the Board, if any, which shall consist of two or more members of the Board, each of whom shall be both an "outside director" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and a "nonemployee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3. All references in this Plan to the Compensation Committee shall mean the Board when (i) there is no Compensation Committee or (ii) the Board has retained the power to administer this Plan.

"Disability" means "permanent and total disability" as defined in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code or successor statute.

"Disqualifying Disposition" means any disposition (including any sale) of Common Stock underlying an ISO before the later of (i) two years after the date of employee was granted the ISO or (ii) one year after the date the employee acquired Common Stock by exercising the ISO.

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"Fair Market Value" shall be determined as of the last Trading Day before the date a Stock Right is granted and shall mean:

OTCQB or OTCQX.

(1) the closing price on the principal market if the Common Stock is listed on a national securities exchange or the X.

(2) if the Company's shares are not listed on a national securities exchange or the OTCQB or OTCQX, then the closing price if reported or the average bid and asked price for the Company's shares as published by OTC Markets Group, Inc.;

(3) if there are no prices available under clauses (1) or (2), then Fair Market Value shall be based upon the average closing bid and asked price as determined following a polling of all dealers making a market in the Company's Common Stock; or

(4) if there is no regularly established trading market for the Company's Common Stock or if the Company's Common Stock is listed, quoted or reported under clauses (1) or (2) but it trades sporadically rather than every day, the Fair Market Value shall be established by the Board or the Compensation Committee taking into consideration all relevant factors including the most recent price at which the Company's Common Stock was sold.

"ISO" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Non-Qualified Options" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Officers" means a person who is an executive officer of the Company and is required to file ownership reports under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act.

"Options" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Plan" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Related Corporations" shall mean a corporation which is a subsidiary corporation with respect to the Company within the meaning of Section 424(f) of the Code.

"Restricted Stock" shall have the meaning contained in Section 1(a).

"RSU" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"SAR" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933.

"Stock Rights" shall have the meaning given to it in Section 1(a).

"Trading Day" shall mean a day on which The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC is open for business.

This Plan is intended to comply in all respects with Rule 16b-3 ("Rule 16b-3") and its successor rules as promulgated under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act for participants who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act. To the extent any provision of the Plan or action by the Plan administrators fails to so comply, it shall be deemed null and void to the extent permitted by law and deemed advisable by the Plan administrators. <u>Provided</u>, <u>however</u>, such exercise of discretion by the Plan administrators shall not interfere with the contract rights of any grantee. In the event that any interpretation or construction of the Plan is required, it shall be interpreted and construed in order to ensure, to the maximum extent permissible by law, that such grantee does not violate the short-swing profit provisions of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act and that any exemption available under Rule 16b-3 or other rule is available.

# 2. Administration of the Plan.

(a) The Plan may be administered by the entire Board or by the Compensation Committee. Once appointed, the Compensation Committee shall continue to serve until otherwise directed by the Board. A majority of the members of the Compensation Committee shall constitute a quorum, and all determinations of the Compensation Committee shall be made by the majority of its members present at a meeting. Any determination of the Compensation Committee under the Plan may be made without notice or meeting of the Compensation Committee by a writing signed by all of the Compensation Committee members. Subject to ratification of the grant of each Stock Right by the Board (but only if so required by applicable state law), and subject to the terms of the Plan, the Compensation Committee shall have the authority to (i) determine the employees of the Company and Related Corporations (from among the class of employees eligible under Section 3 to receive ISOs) to whom ISOs may be granted, and to determine (from among the class of individuals and entities eligible under Section 3 to
receive Non-Qualified Options, Restricted Stock, RSUs and SARs) to whom Non-Qualified Options, Restricted Stock, RSUs and SARs may be granted; (ii) determine when Stock Rights may be granted; (iii) determine the exercise prices of Stock Rights other than Restricted Stock and RSUs, which shall not be less than the Fair Market Value; (iv) determine whether each Option granted shall be an ISO or a Non-Qualified Option; (v) determine when Stock Rights shall become exercisable, the duration of the exercise period and when each Stock Right shall vest; (vi) determine whether restrictions such as repurchase options are to be imposed on shares subject to or issued in connection with Stock Rights, and the nature of such restrictions, if any, and (vii) interpret the Plan and promulgate and rescind rules and regulations relating to it. The interpretation and construction by the Compensation Committee of any provisions of the Plan or of any Stock Right granted under it shall be final, binding and conclusive unless otherwise determined by the Board. The Compensation Committee may from time to time adopt such rules and regulations for carrying out the Plan as it may deem best.

No members of the Compensation Committee or the Board shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Stock Right granted under it. No member of the Compensation Committee or the Board shall be liable for any act or omission of any other member of the Compensation Committee or the Board or for any act or omission on his own part, including but not limited to the exercise of any power and discretion given to him under the Plan, except those resulting from his own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(b) The Compensation Committee may select one of its members as its chairman and shall hold meetings at such time and places as it may determine. All references in this Plan to the Compensation Committee shall mean the Board if no Compensation Committee has been appointed. From time to time the Board may increase the size of the Compensation Committee and appoint additional members thereof, remove members (with or without cause) and appoint new members in substitution therefor, fill vacancies however caused or remove all members of the Compensation Committee and thereafter directly administer the Plan.

(c) Stock Rights may be granted to members of the Board, whether such grants are in their capacity as directors, Officers or consultants. All grants of Stock Rights to members of the Board shall in all other respects be made in accordance with the provisions of this Plan applicable to other eligible persons. Members of the Board who are either (i) eligible for Stock Rights pursuant to the Plan or (ii) have been granted Stock Rights may vote on any matters affecting the administration of the Plan or the grant of any Stock Rights pursuant to the Plan.

(d) In addition to such other rights of indemnification as he or she may have as a member of the Board, and with respect to administration of the Plan and the granting of Stock Rights under it, each member of the Board and of the Compensation Committee shall be entitled without further act on his part to indemnification from the Company for all expenses (including advances of litigation expenses, the amount of judgment and the amount of approved settlements made with a view to the curtailment of costs of litigation) reasonably incurred by him in connection with or arising out of any action, suit or proceeding, including any appeal thereof, with respect to the administration of the Plan or the granting of Stock Rights under it in which he may be involved by reason of his being or having been a member of the Board or the Compensation Committee, whether or not he continues to be such member of the Board or the

Compensation Committee at the time of the incurring of such expenses; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such indemnity shall be subject to the limitations contained in any Indemnification Agreement between the Company and the Board member or Officer. The foregoing right of indemnification shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors or administrators of each such member of the Board or the Compensation Committee and shall be in addition to all other rights to which such member of the Board or the Compensation Committee would be entitled to as a matter of law, contract or otherwise.

(e) The Board may delegate the powers to grant Stock Rights to Officers to the extent permitted by the laws of the Company's state of incorporation.

3. <u>Eligible Employees and Others</u>. ISOs may be granted to any employee of the Company or any Related Corporation. Those Officers and directors of the Company who are not employees may not be granted ISOs under the Plan. Subject to compliance with Rule 16b-3 and other applicable securities laws, Non-Qualified Options, Restricted Stock, RSUs and SARs may be granted to any director (whether or not an employee), Officers, employees or consultants of the Company or any Related Corporation. The Compensation Committee may take into consideration a recipient's individual circumstances in determining whether to grant an ISO, a Non-Qualified Option, Restricted Stock, RSUs or a SAR. Granting of any Stock Right to any individual or entity shall neither entitle that individual or entity to, nor disqualify him from participation in, any other grant of Stock Rights.

4. <u>Common Stock</u>. The Common Stock subject to Stock Rights shall be authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock, or shares of Common Stock reacquired by the Company in any manner, including purchase, forfeiture or otherwise. The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock which may be issued pursuant to the Plan is 1,100,000, less any Stock Rights previously granted or exercised subject to adjustment as provided in Section 14. Any such shares may be issued under ISOs, Non-Qualified Options, Restricted Stock, RSUs or SARs, so long as the number of shares so issued does not exceed the limitations in this Section. Subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 14, no more than 1,100,000 shares of Common Stock may be issued in the aggregate pursuant to the exercise of ISOs. If any Stock Rights granted under the Plan shall expire or terminate for any reason without having been exercised in full or shall cease for any reason to be exercisable in whole or in part, or if the Company shall reacquire any unvested shares, the unpurchased shares subject to such Stock Rights and any unvested shares so reacquired by the Company shall again be available for grants under the Plan. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that (i) the payment of the exercise price of any Stock Right, or (ii) the satisfaction of any tax withholding obligations arising from any Stock Right is made by withholding of shares of Common Stock by the Company, the shares so withheld shall again become available for grants under the Plan.

## 5. Granting of Stock Rights.

(a) The date of grant of a Stock Right under the Plan will be the date specified by the Board or Compensation Committee at the time it grants the Stock Right; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such date shall not be prior to the date on which the Board or Compensation Committee acts to approve the grant. The Board or Compensation Committee shall have the right, with the

consent of the optionee, to convert an ISO granted under the Plan to a Non-Qualified Option pursuant to Section 17.

(b) The Board or Compensation Committee shall grant Stock Rights to participants that it, in its sole discretion, selects. Stock Rights shall be granted on such terms as the Board or Compensation Committee shall determine except that ISOs shall be granted on terms that comply with the Code and regulations thereunder.

(c) A SAR entitles the holder to receive, as designated by the Board or Compensation Committee, cash or shares of Common Stock, value equal to (or otherwise based on) the excess of: (a) the Fair Market Value of a specified number of shares of Common Stock at the time of exercise over (b) an exercise price established by the Board or Compensation Committee. The exercise price of each SAR granted under this Plan shall be established by the Compensation Committee or shall be determined by a method established by the Board or Compensation Committee at the time the SAR is granted, provided the exercise price shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of the grant of the SAR, or such higher price as is established by the Board or Compensation Committee. A SAR shall be exercisable in accordance with such terms and conditions and during such periods as may be established by the Board or Compensation committee, in accordance with such terms and conditions, restrictions and contingencies as the Board or Compensation Committee may establish in the applicable SAR agreement or document, if any. The Board or Compensation Committee, in its discretion, may impose such conditions, restrictions and contingencies with respect to shares of Common Stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of each SAR as the Board or Compensation Committee determines to be desirable. A SAR under the Plan shall be subject to such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the Plan, as the Board or Compensation Committee shall, in its discretion, prescribe. The terms and conditions of any SAR to any grantee shall be reflected in such form of agreement as is determined by the Board or Compensation Committee. A copy of such document, if any, shall be provided to the grantee, and the Board or Compensation Committee may condition the granting of the SAR on the grantee executing such agreement.

(d) An RSU gives the grantee the right to receive a number of shares of the Company's Common Stock on applicable vesting or other dates. Delivery of the RSUs may be deferred beyond vesting as determined by the Board or Compensation Committee. RSUs shall be evidenced by an RSU agreement in the form determined by the Board or Compensation Committee. With respect to an RSU, which becomes non-forfeitable due to the lapse of time, the Compensation Committee shall prescribe in the RSU agreement the vesting period. With respect to the granting of the RSU, which becomes non-forfeitable due to the satisfaction of certain pre-established performance-based objectives imposed by the Board or Compensation Committee, the measurement date of whether such performance-based objectives have been satisfied shall be a date no earlier than the first anniversary of the date of the RSU. A recipient who is granted an RSU shall possess no incidents of ownership with respect to such underlying Common Stock, although the RSU agreement may provide for payments in lieu of dividends to such grantee.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan, the Board or Compensation Committee may impose conditions and restrictions on any grant of Stock Rights including

forfeiture of vested Options, cancellation of Common Stock acquired in connection with any Stock Right and forfeiture of profits.

(f) The Options and SARs shall not be exercisable for a period of more than 10 years from the date of grant.

6. <u>Sale of Shares</u>. The shares underlying Stock Rights granted to any Officer, director or a beneficial owner of 10% or more of the Company's securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act shall not be sold, assigned or transferred by the grantee until at least six months elapse from the date of the grant thereof.

#### 7. ISO Minimum Option Price and Other Limitations.

(a) The exercise price per share relating to all Options granted under the Plan shall not be less than the Fair Market Value per share of Common Stock on the last trading day prior to the date of such grant. For purposes of determining the exercise price, the date of the grant shall be the later of (i) the date of approval by the Board or Compensation Committee or the Board, or (ii) for ISOs, the date the recipient becomes an employee of the Company. In the case of an ISO to be granted to an employee owning Common Stock which represents more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Related Corporation, the price per share shall not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value per share of Common Stock on the date of grant and such ISO shall not be exercisable after the expiration of five years from the date of grant.

(b) In no event shall the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined at the time an ISO is granted) of Common Stock for which ISOs granted to any employee are exercisable for the first time by such employee during any calendar year (under all stock option plans of the Company and any Related Corporation) exceed \$100,000.

8. <u>Duration of Stock Rights</u>. Subject to earlier termination as provided in Sections 5, 9, 10 and 11, each Option and SAR shall expire on the date specified in the original instrument granting such Stock Right (except with respect to any part of an ISO that is converted into a Non-Qualified Option pursuant to Section 17), <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such instrument must comply with Section 422 of the Code with regard to ISOs and Rule 16b-3 with regard to all Stock Rights granted pursuant to the Plan to Officers, directors and 10% shareholders of the Company.

9. Exercise of Options and SARs; Vesting of Stock Rights. Subject to the provisions of Sections 9 through 13, each Option and SAR granted under the Plan shall be exercisable as follows:

(a) The Options and SARs shall either be fully vested and exercisable from the date of grant or shall vest and become exercisable in such installments as the Board or Compensation Committee may specify.

(b) Once an installment becomes exercisable it shall remain exercisable until expiration or termination of the Option and SAR, unless otherwise specified by the Board or Compensation Committee.

(c) Each Option and SAR or installment, once it becomes exercisable, may be exercised at any time or from time to time, in whole or in part, for up to the total number of shares with respect to which it is then exercisable.

(d) The Board or Compensation Committee shall have the right to accelerate the vesting date of any installment of any Stock Right; <u>provided</u> that the Board or Compensation Committee shall not accelerate the exercise date of any installment of any Option granted to any employee as an ISO (and not previously converted into a Non-Qualified Option pursuant to Section 17) if such acceleration would violate the annual exercisability limitation contained in Section 422(d) of the Code as described in Section 7(b).

10. Termination of Employment. Subject to any greater restrictions or limitations as may be imposed by the Board or Compensation Committee or by a written agreement, if an optionee ceases to be employed by the Company and all Related Corporations other than by reason of death or Disability, no further installments of his Options shall vest or become exercisable, and his Options shall terminate as provided for in the grant or on the day 12 months after the day of the termination of his employment (except three months for ISOs), whichever is earlier, but in no event later than on their specified expiration dates. Employment shall be considered as continuing uninterrupted during any bona fide leave of absence (such as those attributable to illness, military obligations or governmental service) provided that the period of such leave does not exceed 90 days or, if longer, any period during which such optionee's right to re-employment is guaranteed by statute. A leave of absence with the written approval of the Board shall not be considered an interruption of employment under the Plan, provided that such written approval contractually obligates the Company or any Related Corporation to continue the employment of the optionee after the approved period of absence. ISOs granted under the Plan shall not be affected by any change of employment within or among the Company and Related Corporations so long as the optionee continues to be an employee of the Company or any Related Corporation.

11. Death: Disability. Unless otherwise determined by the Board or Compensation Committee or by a written agreement:

(a) If the holder of an Option or SAR ceases to be employed by the Company and all Related Corporations by reason of his death, any Options or SARs held by the optionee may be exercised to the extent he could have exercised it on the date of his death, by his estate, personal representative or beneficiary who has acquired the Options or SARs by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, at any time prior to the earlier of: (i) the Options' or SARs' specified expiration date or (ii) one year (except three months for an ISO) from the date of death.

(b) If the holder of an Option or SAR ceases to be employed by the Company and all Related Corporations, or a director or Director Advisor can no longer perform his duties, by reason of his Disability, any Options or SARs held by the optionee may be exercised to the extent he could have exercised it on the date of termination due to Disability until the earlier of (i) the Options' or SARs' specified expiration date or (ii) one year from the date of the termination.

## 12. Assignment, Transfer or Sale.

(a) No ISO granted under this Plan shall be assignable or transferable by the grantee except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and during the lifetime of the grantee, each ISO shall be exercisable only by him, his guardian or legal representative.

(b) Except for ISOs, all Stock Rights are transferable subject to compliance with applicable securities laws and Section 6 of this

Plan.

13. Terms and Conditions of Stock Rights. Stock Rights shall be evidenced by instruments (which need not be identical) in such forms as the Board or Compensation Committee may from time to time approve. Such instruments shall conform to the terms and conditions set forth in Sections 5 through 12 hereof and may contain such other provisions as the Board or Compensation Committee deems advisable which are not inconsistent with the Plan. In granting any Stock Rights, the Board or Compensation Committee may specify that Stock Rights shall be subject to the restrictions set forth herein with respect to ISOs, or to such other termination and cancellation provisions as the Board or Compensation Committee may determine. The Board or Compensation Committee may from time to time confer authority and responsibility on one or more of its own members and/or one or more Officers of the Company to execute and deliver such instruments. The proper Officers of the Company are authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary or advisable from time to time to carry out the terms of such instruments.

#### 14. Adjustments Upon Certain Events.

(a) Subject to any required action by the shareholders of the Company, the number of shares of Common Stock covered by each outstanding Stock Right, and the number of shares of Common Stock which have been authorized for issuance under the Plan but as to which no Stock Rights have yet been granted or which have been returned to the Plan upon cancellation or expiration of a Stock Right, as well as the price per share of Common Stock (or cash, as applicable) covered by each such outstanding Option or SAR, shall be proportionately adjusted for any increases or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of Common Stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock effected without receipt of consideration by the Company; provided, however, that conversion of any convertible securities of the Company or the voluntary cancellation whether by virtue of a cashless exercise of a derivative security of the Company or otherwise shall not be deemed to have been "effected without receipt of consideration." Such adjustment shall be made by the Board or Compensation Committee, whose determination in that respect shall be final, binding and conclusive. Except as expressly provided herein, no issuance by the Company of shares of stock of any class, or securities convertible into shares of stock of any class, shall affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number or price of shares of Common Stock subject to a Stock Right. No adjustments shall be made for dividends or other distributions paid in cash or in property other than securities of the Company.

(b) In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Board or Compensation Committee shall notify each participant as soon as practicable prior to

the effective date of such proposed transaction. To the extent it has not been previously exercised, a Stock Right will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed action.

(c) In the event of a merger of the Company with or into another corporation, or a Change of Control, each outstanding Stock Right shall be assumed (as defined below) or an equivalent option or right substituted by the successor corporation or a parent or subsidiary of the successor corporation. In the event that the successor corporation refuses to assume or substitute for the Stock Rights, the participants shall fully vest in and have the right to exercise their Stock Rights as to which it would not otherwise be vested or exercisable. If a Stock Right becomes fully vested and exercisable in lieu of assumption or substitution in the event of a merger or sale of assets, the Board or Compensation Committee shall notify the participant in writing or electronically that the Stock Right shall be fully vested and exercisable for a period of at least 15 days from the date of such notice, and any Options or SARs shall terminate one minute prior to the closing of the merger or sale of assets.

For the purposes of this Section 14(c), the Stock Right shall be considered "assumed" if, following the merger or Change of Control, the option or right confers the right to purchase or receive, for each share of Common Stock subject to the Stock Right immediately prior to the merger or Change of Control, the consideration (whether stock, cash, or other securities or property) received in the merger or Change of Control by holders of Common Stock for each share held on the effective date of the transaction (and if holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the holders of a majority of the outstanding Shares); provided, however, that if such consideration received in the merger or Change of Control is not solely common stock of the successor corporation or its parent, the Board or Compensation Committee may, with the consent of the successor corporation, provide for the consideration to be received upon the exercise of the Stock Right, for each share of Common Stock subject to the Stock Right, to be solely common stock of the successor corporation or its parent equal in Fair Market Value to the per share consideration received by holders of Common Stock in the merger or Change of Control.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any adjustments made pursuant to Section 14(a), (b) or (c) with respect to ISOs shall be made only after the Board or Compensation Committee, after consulting with counsel for the Company, determines whether such adjustments would constitute a "modification" of such ISOs (as that term is defined in Section 424(h) of the Code) or would cause any adverse tax consequences for the holders of such ISOs. If the Board or Compensation Committee determines that such adjustments made with respect to ISOs would constitute a modification of such ISOs it may refrain from making such adjustments.

(e) No fractional shares shall be issued under the Plan and the optionee shall receive from the Company cash in lieu of such fractional shares.

# 15. Means of Exercising Stock Rights.

(a) An Option or SAR (or any part or installment thereof) shall be exercised by giving written notice to the Company at its principal office address. Such notice shall identify the Stock Right being exercised and specify the number of shares as to which such Stock Right is being

exercised, accompanied by full payment of the exercise price therefor (to the extent it is exercisable in cash) either (i) in United States dollars by check or wire transfer; or (ii) at the discretion of the Board or Compensation Committee, through delivery of shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value equal as of the date of the exercise to the cash exercise price of the Stock Right or such other formula as may be approved by the Board or Compensation Committee; or (iii) at the discretion of the Board or Compensation Committee, by any combination of (i) and (ii) above. If the Board or Compensation Committee exercises its discretion to permit payment of the exercise price of an ISO by means of the methods set forth in clauses (ii) or (iii) of the preceding sentence, such discretion need not be exercised in writing at the time of the grant of the Stock Right in question. The holder of a Stock Right shall not have the rights of a shareholder with respect to the shares covered by his Stock Right until the date of issuance of a stock certificate to him for such shares. Except as expressly provided above in Section 14 with respect to changes in capitalization and stock dividends, no adjustment shall be made for dividends or similar rights for which the record date is before the date such stock certificate is issued.

(b) Each notice of exercise shall, unless the shares of Common Stock are covered by a then current registration statement under the Securities Act, contain the holder's acknowledgment in form and substance satisfactory to the Company that (i) such shares are being purchased for investment and not for distribution or resale (other than a distribution or resale which, in the opinion of counsel satisfactory to the Company, may be made without violating the registration provisions of the Securities Act), (ii) the holder has been advised and understands that (1) the shares have not been registered under the Securities Act and are "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act and are subject to restrictions on transfer and (2) the Company is under no obligation to register the shares under the Securities Act or to take any action which would make available to the holder any exemption from such registration, and (iii) such shares may not be transferred without compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws. Notwithstanding the above, should the Company be advised by counsel that issuance of shares should be delayed pending registration under federal or state securities laws or the receipt of an opinion that an appropriate exemption therefrom is available, the Company may defer exercise of any Stock Right granted hereunder until either such event has occurred.

#### 16. Term, Termination and Amendment.

(a) This Plan was adopted by the Board. This Plan may be approved by the Company's shareholders, which approval is required for ISOs.

(b) The Board may terminate the Plan at any time. Unless sooner terminated, the Plan shall terminate on September 6, 2028 or 10 years from the date the Board adopts the Plan. No Stock Rights may be granted under the Plan once the Plan is terminated. Termination of the Plan shall not impair rights and obligations under any Stock Right granted while the Plan is in effect, except with the written consent of the grantee.

(c) The Board at any time, and from time to time, may amend the Plan. <u>Provided</u>, <u>however</u>, except as provided in Section 14 relating to adjustments in Common Stock, no amendment shall be effective unless approved by the shareholders of the Company to the

extent (i) shareholder approval is necessary to satisfy the requirements of Section 422 of the Code or (ii) required by the rules of the principal national securities exchange or trading market upon which the Company's Common Stock trades. Rights under any Stock Rights granted before amendment of the Plan shall not be impaired by any amendment of the Plan, except with the written consent of the grantee.

(d) The Board at any time, and from time to time, may amend the terms of any one or more Stock Rights; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the rights under the Stock Right shall not be impaired by any such amendment, except with the written consent of the grantee.

17. <u>Conversion of ISOs into Non-Qualified Options; Termination of ISOs</u>. The Board or Compensation Committee, at the written request of any optionee, may in its discretion take such actions as may be necessary to convert such optionee's ISOs (or any installments or portions of installments thereof) that have not been exercised on the date of conversion into Non-Qualified Options at any time prior to the expiration of such ISOs, regardless of whether the optionee is an employee of the Company or a Related Corporation at the time of such conversion. Provided, however, the Board or Compensation Committee shall not reprice the Options or extend the exercise period or reduce the exercise price of the appropriate installments of such Options without the approval of the Company's shareholders. At the time of such conversion, the Board or Compensation Committee (with the consent of the optionee) may impose such conditions on the exercise of the resulting Non-Qualified Options as the Board or Compensation Committee in its discretion may determine, provided that such conditions shall not be inconsistent with this Plan. Nothing in the Plan shall be deemed to give any optionee the right to have such optionee's ISOs converted into Non-Qualified Options, and no such conversion shall occur until and unless the Board or Compensation Committee takes appropriate action. The Compensation Committee, with the consent of the optionee, may also terminate any portion of any ISO that has not been exercised at the time of such termination.

18. <u>Application of Funds</u>. The proceeds received by the Company from the sale of shares pursuant to Options or SARS (if cash settled) granted under the Plan shall be used for general corporate purposes.

19. <u>Governmental Regulations</u>. The Company's obligation to sell and deliver shares of the Common Stock under this Plan is subject to the approval of any governmental authority required in connection with the authorization, issuance or sale of such shares.

20. <u>Withholding of Additional Income Taxes</u>. In connection with the granting, exercise or vesting of a Stock Right or the making of a Disqualifying Disposition the Company, in accordance with Section 3402(a) of the Code, may require the optionee to pay additional withholding taxes in respect of the amount that is considered compensation includable in such person's gross income.

To the extent that the Company is required to withhold taxes for federal income tax purposes as provided above, if any optionee may elect to satisfy such withholding requirement by (i) paying the amount of the required withholding tax to the Company; (ii) delivering to the Company shares of its Common Stock (including shares of Restricted Stock) previously owned by the optionee; or (iii) having the Company retain a portion of the shares covered by an Option

exercise. The number of shares to be delivered to or withheld by the Company times the Fair Market Value of such shares or such other formula as may be approved by the Board or Compensation Committee pursuant to the Plan shall equal the cash required to be withheld.

21. Notice to the Company of Disqualifying Disposition. Each employee who receives an ISO must agree to notify the Company in writing immediately after the employee makes a Disqualifying Disposition of any Common Stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of an ISO. If the employee has died before such stock is sold, the holding periods requirements of the Disqualifying Disposition do not apply and no Disqualifying Disposition can occur thereafter.

22. <u>Continued Employment</u>. The grant of a Stock Right pursuant to the Plan shall not be construed to imply or to constitute evidence of any agreement, express or implied, on the part of the Company or any Related Corporation to retain the grantee in the employ of the Company or a Related Corporation, as a member of the Company's Board or in any other capacity, whichever the case may be.

23. <u>Governing Law; Construction</u>. The validity and construction of the Plan and the instruments evidencing Stock Rights shall be governed by the laws of the Company's state of incorporation. In construing this Plan, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter, unless the context otherwise requires.

24. (a) <u>Forfeiture of Stock Rights Granted to Employees or Consultants</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, and unless otherwise provided for in a Stock Rights Agreement, all vested or unvested Stock Rights granted to employees or consultants shall be immediately forfeited at the discretion of the Board if any of the following events occur:

(1) Termination of the relationship with the grantee for cause including, but not limited to, fraud, theft, dishonesty and violation of Company policy;

effect;

(2) Purchasing or selling securities of the Company in violation of the Company's insider trading guidelines then in(3) Breaching any duty of confidentiality including that required by the Company's insider trading guidelines then in

effect;

(4) Competing with the Company;

(5) Being unavailable for consultation after leaving the Company's employment if such availability is a condition of any agreement between the Company and the grantee;

cause;

(6) Recruitment of Company personnel after termination of employment, whether such termination is voluntary or for

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(7) Failure to assign any invention or technology to the Company if such assignment is a condition of employment or any other agreements between the Company and the grantee; or

(8) A finding by the Board that the grantee has acted disloyally and/or against the interests of the Company.

(b) <u>Forfeiture of Stock Rights Granted to Directors</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, and unless otherwise provided for in a Stock Rights Agreement, all vested or unvested Stock Rights granted to directors shall be immediately forfeited at the discretion of the Board if any of the following events occur:

(1) Purchasing or selling securities of the Company in violation of the Company's insider trading guidelines then in effect;
(2) Breaching any duty of confidentiality including that required by the Company's insider trading guidelines then in effect;
(3) Competing with the Company;
(4) Recruitment of Company personnel after ceasing to be a director;

or

(5) A finding by the Board that the grantee has acted disloyally and/or against the interests of the Company.

The Company may impose other forfeiture restrictions which are more or less restrictive and require a return of profits from the sale of Common Stock as part of said forfeiture provisions if such forfeiture provisions and/or return of provisions are contained in a Stock Rights Agreement.

(c) <u>Profits on the Sale of Certain Shares; Redemption</u>. If any of the events specified in Section 24(a) or (b) of the Plan occur within one year from the date the grantee last performed services for the Company in the capacity for which the Stock Rights were granted (the "Termination Date") (or such longer period required by any written agreement), all profits earned from the sale of the Company's securities, including the sale of shares of Common Stock underlying the Stock Rights, during the two-year period commencing one year prior to the Termination Date shall be forfeited and immediately paid by the grantee to the Company. Further, in such event, the Company may at its option redeem shares of Common Stock acquired upon exercise of the Stock Right by payment of the exercise price to the grantee. To the extent that another written agreement with the Company extends the events in Section 24(a) or (b) beyond one year following the Termination Date, the two-year period shall be extended by an equal number of days. The Company's rights under this Section 24(c) do not lapse one year form the Termination Date but are contract rights subject to any appropriate statutory limitation period.

#### Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Aspen Group, Inc. of our report dated July 7, 2020, on the consolidated financial statements of Aspen Group, Inc. as of April 30, 2020 and 2019 and for each of the two years in the period ended April 30, 2020, included in Form 10-K filed on July 7, 2020, as amended, and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the reoffer prospectus.

/s/ Salberg & Company, P.A.

SALBERG & COMPANY, P.A. Boca Raton, Florida September 18, 2020