

Council of Members of the Corporation and to receive Annual, Financial, and other Reports for the past year and for other purposes of the Corporation, and other general meetings may be held from time to time as occasion shall require and as the Bye-laws shall direct.

*Bye-Laws.*

At any General Meeting it shall be lawful for the Members of the Corporation or such of them as shall be then present to ordain and make such Bye-laws as to them or the major part of them shall seem proper for the regulation and good government of the Corporation and of the members and affairs thereof and generally for carrying the objects for which the Corporation is founded into full and complete effect and the said Bye-laws or any of them from time to time to alter change or annul as the said members in General Meeting shall think requisite so as all and singular such Bye-laws be reasonable and not repugnant or contrary to the provisions of these presents or to the Laws and Statutes of this Our realm, but no such Bye-law shall come into force until approved by the Lords of the Privy Council.

*General Council.*

The first General Council of the Corporation shall consist of the persons who at the date of this Our Charter are Members of the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association in the recitals of this our Charter specified.

The General Council shall be the governing body of the Corporation and shall consist of such numbers of Members *ex officio* and elected Members possessing respectively such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Bye-laws for the time being in force. The Members of the General Council shall hold office for such period and retire therefrom in such rotation as may be prescribed by the Bye-laws for the time being in force. The General Council shall meet at such times as may be prescribed by the Bye-laws for the time being in force to receive the Report of the Executive Committee, and to transact such other business as may come before it. The ultimate decision on any matter affecting the Corporation shall rest with the General Council and the General Council shall have power to expel from the Corporation or suspend from membership any Member who shall after full inquiry and after hearing such Member be deemed by the Council unworthy to remain a member or to act as such by reason either of moral delinquency or professional incompetence provided always that no Member be so expelled or suspended at any meeting of the Council unless twenty-five Members of the Council at the least be present at such meeting and unless not less than three-fourths of those present and voting shall vote for such expulsion or suspension and provided further that any Member so expelled or suspended shall have the right to demand that before such expulsion or suspension takes place the matter shall be referred for decision to a General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation to be forthwith summoned for the purpose.

*The Executive Committee.*

The General Council shall annually elect to be Members of an Executive Committee such number of Members of the Corporation as may be prescribed by the Bye-laws for the time being in force.

The first Executive Committee shall consist of the persons who at the date of this Our Charter are members of the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association in the recitals of this Our Charter specified.

The Executive Committee shall consist partly of members *ex-officio* and partly of elected members in such numbers and proportions and possessing respectively such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Bye-laws for the time being in force. The Members of the Executive Committee shall hold office for such period and retire therefrom in such rotation as may be prescribed by the Bye-laws for the time being in force.

The Executive Committee shall have power from time to time at their meetings to be held at the times and places to be prescribed by the Bye-laws of the Corporation to appoint and elect in the manner prescribed by such Bye-laws such persons as they shall think fit, being eligible under the provisions of these presents to be members of the Corporation.

The Executive Committee shall (subject to the powers herein vested in the General Meetings of the Corporation and in the General Council) have the sole and entire management of the business of the Corporation and of the income and property thereof for the uses purposes and benefit of the Corporation, and shall appoint such paid officers and servants and pay them such salaries or other remuneration as they may deem necessary or useful to the Corporation and may remove them if they shall think fit and shall prescribe their respective duties. The Executive Committee shall and may meet together when and as often as they shall think fit until the passing of the Bye-laws hereinbefore mentioned and from and after the passing of such Bye-laws at such times and places as shall be prescribed by the said Bye-laws. The Executive Committee may appoint such Sub-committees and delegate to them such duties as from time to time shall seem expedient, and the Executive Committee and such Sub-committees shall from time to time do all such acts as shall appear to them or to the majority of those then present necessary or fitting to be done in order to carry into full operation and effect the objects and purposes of the Corporation, so always that the same be not inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter, of any existing Bye-law agreed upon at any General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation, or the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm.

*Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.*

The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited annually by an auditor or auditors who shall be chartered accountants and shall be chosen at the Annual General Meeting in each year.

The Executive Committee shall once in every year at least prepare a General Report of their proceedings

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