

CASUAL VACANCIES.

11. A casual vacancy among the Members of the Council or a vacancy which shall not be filled up at any election, shall be filled up by the Council at their next Meeting. A person elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office so long as the person in whose place such person was elected would have held the same.

The continuing Members of the Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.

12. A Member of the Council shall *ipso facto* cease to be a Member thereof :

(a) If he become bankrupt or suspend payment or compound with his creditors.

(b) If he be found lunatic or become of unsound mind.

(c) If by notice in writing to the College he resign his office.

(d) If by resolution of the Council passed by a majority of at least two-thirds of the whole number of the Members of the Council he is requested to resign.

An elected Member of the Council shall *ipso facto* cease to be a Member thereof if he cease to be a Member of the Corporation.

MEETINGS AND PROCEDURE OF COUNCIL.

13. The Council may regulate their meetings and proceedings as they think fit, and may determine the quorum necessary for the transaction of business. Until otherwise determined, five Members of the Council shall form a quorum.

COMMITTEES.

14. The Council may delegate any of their powers to Committees, consisting of Members of the Council, with or without any other persons not Members of the Council as the Council think fit. Any Committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any bye-laws or regulations that may, from time to time, be imposed on it by the Council.

ACTS TO BE VALID NOTWITHSTANDING DEFECTIVE APPOINTMENT.

15. All acts done at any Meeting of the Corporation or Council or of a Committee of the Council, or by any person acting as a Member of the Council or such Committee, shall be valid, notwithstanding that it shall afterwards be discovered that any persons present thereat were not qualified to vote, or that there was some irregularity in the proceedings or in the appointment of such person acting as aforesaid.

CONSULTATIVE BOARD.

16. The Council shall elect a Consultative Board from amongst Physicians, Surgeons, Matrons, and Principal Officers of Hospitals and Infirmarys, Superintendents of Nursing, Trained Nurses, Managers of Hospitals and Infirmarys, and Persons and Bodies interested in the question of Nursing.

The Council may from time to time appoint such persons as it thinks fit to be Members of the Consultative Board, which shall consist of

such number of persons as the Council shall from time to time determine. The President and the Chairman of the Council shall be *ex-officio* Members of the Consultative Board.

The Council may from time to time determine what shall be the rights, duties, and privileges of the Consultative Board, and the Members thereof as such, and make regulations as to the Meetings and proceedings and retirement by rotation of the Consultative Board, but unless otherwise determined, the power of the Consultative Board shall be limited to (1) Consulting together in regard to any question submitted to it by the Council and reporting to the Council the result of the consultation thereon (2) On the initiative of any Member of the Consultative Board to consider, if thought advisable, any subject within the purpose of the Corporation and, if thought advisable, to report thereon to the Council.

EXAMINATION BOARD.

17. The Council shall elect an Examination Board from persons experienced in lecturing or teaching in Nursing Schools or Physicians or Surgeons on the Staff of Hospitals to which Nursing Schools are attached.

The President and the Chairman of the Council shall be *ex-officio* Members of the Examination Board, which shall consist of such number of persons as the Council shall from time to time determine.

The Council may from time to time determine what shall be the rights, duties, and privileges of the Examination Board, and the Members thereof as such, and may make regulations as to the Meetings and proceedings, and retirement by rotation of the Examination Board; but, unless otherwise determined, the powers of the Examination Board shall be limited to advising how, when and where, examination of students and candidates for enrolment on the Register of the Corporation shall be conducted, and by whom, and what shall be the subjects in which they shall be examined and what shall be the conditions of admission to the examination.

DIPLOMAS.

18. The Council may issue diplomas of Fellowship of the Corporation to Members of the Corporation who pass such higher examinations as may be prescribed by the Council. Diplomas shall be granted by the Corporation to all Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association to whom diplomas of the Association have already been granted.

BRANCHES.

19. The proceedings of any Branches or Local Boards either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere formed by the Corporation, shall be regulated in accordance with Rules to be from time to time made by the Council.

REGISTER OF NURSES.

20. The Council shall keep a Register of such persons as shall, in the judgment of the Council,

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