

Every Special General Meeting of the Corporation or Special Meeting of the Council shall be held at such time and place as the President, in the case of a Meeting summoned by the order of the President, or as the Council in the case of a Meeting summoned by the Council, shall appoint.

#### NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

9. Notice of every Meeting of the Corporation and Council shall be given to every Member entitled to be present and vote at such Meeting. Such notice shall be given in such manner as shall be prescribed by the rules to be made by the Council as hereinafter provided.

The accidental omission to give any such notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed at such meeting.

#### THE COUNCIL.

10. The Council shall forthwith, and in any event within a period of eighteen months from the date of the approval of these Bye-Laws, formulate a scheme for the future constitution and election of the Council.

The Members of such Council shall be elected by the Members of the Corporation. The Council shall, so far as is practicable be representative of the Medical Profession, Matrons and Principal Officers of Hospitals and Infirmaries, Superintendents of Nursing, Trained Nurses, Managers of Hospitals and Infirmaries, and persons and Bodies interested in the question of Nursing.

Such scheme shall be passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Council and be confirmed at the next Meeting of the Council, but shall not come into force until approved by the Lords of the Privy Council.

Such scheme shall, as from the date of such approval, have the same force and effect as if it had been expressly included in and formed one of these Bye-Laws.

#### 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 Infirmaries, Superintendents of Nursing, Trained Nurses, Managers of Hospitals and Infirmaries, 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.

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