

## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

No delegate from China was able to attend the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Copenhagen and the Report sent by the Secretary of the Nurses' Association of China, Miss Louise A. Schlecker, R.N., was read by Miss Munck.

### NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA (which at present has about 700 members).

#### CONSTITUTION.

##### Section I. Name.

This organisation shall be known as the Nurses' Association of China.

##### Section II. Purpose.

1. To promote fellowship among its members ; to advance the interests of the nurses' calling ; for mutual help and comfort in times of illness, discouragement, or misfortune.
2. To raise the standard of hospital training in China by the adoption of a uniform course of study and examination for the Chinese.

##### Section III. Membership.

1 (a). Members must be graduates of accredited schools connected with general hospitals having a daily average of thirty patients or over, and a continuous training of not less than two years. The training must include practical experience in caring for men, women and children, together with theoretical and practical instruction in medical, surgical, obstetrical and children's nursing.

(b). Associate members ; such partially trained nurses as are in charge of hospitals and training schools for nurses in this country. Associate members are not eligible for election as officers or members of the Registration Committee, and have no vote at business Sessions.

2. Chinese membership. Qualified nurses holding the diploma or certificate of schools of nursing registered under the Committee on Nursing Education who have successfully passed the examinations and received the diploma of the N.A.C.

3. Applications for membership to be made to the secretary, and by her to be presented to the membership Committee.

4. The membership Committee shall decide as to the eligibility of applicants for membership.

##### Section IV. Officers.

1. The officers shall be : the President ; Vice-President, General Secretary, Editorial Secretary, Treasurer.

2. There shall be a Committee on Nursing Education, which shall consist of six members, four of whom shall be chairmen of sub-committees. All members shall be nurses giving full time to training nurses.

3. The officers of the Association, together with the chairman of the Committee on Nursing Education, shall form the Executive Committee.

4. Four members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum.

5. The officers of the Association and the members of the Committee on Nursing Education shall be elected by ballot, at the Conference business meeting, and shall serve two years, or until successors are elected.

6. The secretary may appoint an assistant secretary as needed.

##### Section V. Duties of Officers.

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall be a member ex-officio of all the Standing Committees.

2. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and with full power of the president.

3. The general secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and a record of membership ; conduct all correspondence not relating to editorial work ; send notices of meetings ; and perform the duties usually pertaining to that office, with such other duties as may be designated by the Executive Committee.

4. The editorial secretary shall receive and collect items of interest and articles on various subjects, and arrange them for publication in the magazines.

5. The treasurer shall receive and collect, hold and pay out all moneys of the Association, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. She shall keep a correct account in detail of all money received and expended by her, and carefully preserve vouchers of the same, and shall render her report in writing at the biennial meeting.

6. The President shall appoint two auditors from the Executive Committee at the biennial meeting. The auditors shall audit all bills and accounts of the treasurer, and report in writing at the biennial meeting whether they be correct.

7. No paid workers under the Association (other than a secretary) are eligible for election as officers or members of the Executive Committee.

#### II. COMMITTEE ON NURSING EDUCATION.

*Aim and Duties.*—To promote the elevation of nursing standards, to have charge of all matters in the N.A.C. relating to nursing education, schools of nursing, books and text-books on nursing.

*Membership.*—Members shall be full members of the N.A.C. who are superintendents of schools of nursing, or nurses giving full time to the training of nurses.

It shall consist of six members with the President of the N.A.C. as an ex-officio member. Three members shall serve two years, three members four years, and thereafter their successors shall be nominated by the Committee on Nursing Education and elected by the N.A.C. to serve for four years.

There shall be a Sub-Committee on each of the following :—

1. Translation.
2. Examination.
3. Registration of Schools.
4. Curriculum.

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