

1. *The Title* was changed from "The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland" to "The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain," and consequentially wherever the name of the Council appears in the Constitution.

2. *Eligibility.* Article III. (a) The membership of Associations of Nurses eligible for affiliation with the Council was raised from 30 to 50.

(b) The qualifications for Associations of Graduates of Schools of Nursing connected with General Hospitals and Poor Law Infirmaries were deleted, and in each case approval as Training Schools for Nurses by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, or for Scotland was substituted.

3. *Hon. Officers.* Article VI. The words "The Presidents for the time being of Associations of Nurses nationally organised, affiliated to the National Council," were deleted.

4. *Government.* Article VII. The Government of the National Council by a Grand Council composed of State Registered Nurses, adopted at the last meeting of the Council was reaffirmed and incorporated in the Constitution.

The word Association was substituted for Society wherever used.

5. *Executive Committee.* Article VIII constituting the Executive Committee, was amended to read "The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Hon. Officers, and the Presidents for the time being of Affiliated Associations of Nurses, who shall be elected by the Grand Council, all of whom shall be State Registered Nurses."

6. *Election of Delegates.* Article IX. The word "Appointment" was substituted for "Election" in the heading, and the word "nominate" for "depute" in relation to Delegates appointed to serve on the Grand Council. The words "All the Delegates shall be State Registered Nurses" were incorporated.

7. *Regulation of Business.* Article X. The words "from amongst those previously nominated by the Delegates" were omitted.

8. *Standing Committees.* Article XI. There were added to the Standing Advisory Committees, which may be nominated by the Executive Committee, new Committees on (1) Nursing Education, (2) Children's Nursing, and (3) Finance; representation of the Air Force was included in the Committee on Navy and Army Nursing, a Committee on Public Health Nursing was substituted for that on District and School Nursing.

Commenting on the Report, the President said the thanks of the Council were due to the Official Delegates who so successfully represented the views of the Council, and obtained amendments to the Draft Constitution in several important particulars.

A great danger to the International Council was averted by the elimination of the suggested new class of Associate Members. Its organisation was based on the affiliation of one National Association in each country to the I.C.N., and to introduce a new class under the above title would be to eliminate the letter and the spirit of the International Law.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, and to refer back to the Council the question of the elimination of Councillors (Foundation Members), the extent of Proxy Voting sanctioned by the Grand Council, and the raising of funds *per capita*.

#### Amendments to Constitution of the I.C.N.

The President said that undoubtedly the question of Finance must be considered. For the first twenty-five years of its existence the affairs of the Council had been conducted through voluntary effort, and with such impersonal devotion, that the Council now covered the nursing world. Its Congresses also had, so far, paid for themselves.

The age of altruism, however, seemed passing, and there was a feeling throughout the world that the labourer was worthy of his hire which, to a certain point, was no doubt commendable. It meant, however, that there was no evidence of a keen desire to undertake organisation work for nothing.

The spirit that animated the Revision Committee was that it was high time the Council established an office and employed paid officials, and its financial proposals were based on a *per capita* subscription of five American cents (*i.e.*, 2½d.) per head annually to cover its proposals. It was time that the affairs of the Council were placed on a sound financial basis, and this proposal was put forward in the name of the Grand Council in a letter signed conjointly by the President, Miss Nina D. Gage, R.N., M.A., and the Treasurer, Miss Musson, S.R.N., R.R.C.; together with a proposal for financing the period from September, 1925, to the end of January, 1926, on the basis of one cent (½d.) *per capita*.

The meeting considered it important that the Advisory Finance Committee should at once be appointed so that they might consider the situation.

Miss E. M. Musson, Miss Margaret Hogg, and Miss A. Carson Rae were elected to act with the President, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer, who are *ex-officio* members of all Standing Committees, and Miss Musson was appointed Chairman.

The President emphasised the necessity for the National Council of Nurses to keep as closely in touch as possible with the I.C.N. through the Standing Committees of each, and read the list of the Standing Committees of the I.C.N., so far as they are complete, as under:—

#### Standing Committees of the I.C.N.

*Programme Committee*:—Miss Gladys Stephenson (China), Chairman; Miss Gertrude Kellogg (China); Miss Lillian Wu (China); Miss Reimann (Secretary).

*Nominating Committee*:—Miss Pearse (Great Britain), Chairman; Miss Bicknell (New Zealand); Countess d'Ursel (Belgium).

*Education Committee*:—Miss Isabel Stewart (U.S.A.), Chairman; Miss Lloyd Still (Great Britain); Miss Meyboom (Holland); Miss Reimann (Secretary).

*Public Health Nursing Committee*:—Miss Mary Gardner (U.S.A.), Chairman; Miss Griffin (India); Miss Le Geyt (Great Britain); Miss Snellman (Finland).

*Private Duty Nursing Committee*:—Miss Hodgson (India), Chairman; Miss Isabel Macdonald (Great Britain).

*Revision Committee*:—Miss Gunn (Canada), Chairman; Miss Noyes (U.S.A.); Miss Pearse (Great Britain).

*Finance Committee*:—The Treasurer (Miss Musson), (Great Britain); Miss Arentzen (Norway); Miss Jean Browne (Canada).

*Membership Committee*:—Miss Noyes (U.S.A.), Chairman; Miss Bergliot Larsson (Norway); Miss Hersey (Canada).

*Publication Committee*:—Miss Alexander (South Africa), Chairman; Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (Great Britain); Miss Hearn (China); Miss Hester Maclean (New Zealand); Miss Mary Roberts (U.S.A.); Miss Reimann (Secretary).

#### Chairmen of Standing Committees N.C.N. of Great Britain.

The undermentioned ladies were then elected as Chairmen of the following Standing Advisory Committees of the National Council of Nurses, the appointment of the rest being deferred:—Education Committee, Miss Lloyd Still, subject to her consent to act; Public Health Nursing Committee, Miss Le Geyt; Private and Home Hospital Nursing, Miss Isabel Macdonald; Finance, as above mentioned, Miss E. M. Musson.

The meeting then terminated, with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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