

Amendment not approved. the Board of Directors, considering that the present By-Law providing that the Council should meet on the call of the President or on request in writing of 25 per cent. of the Active Members, sufficed.

Amendment proposed by Miss Christiane Reimann to add a paragraph to Article II. Clause (1.) went out by default, as the proposed Amendment relating to the appointment of a third Vice-President was rejected.

6. An Amendment was proposed by Miss Clara D. Noyes to add to Article II., Clause (i.) a paragraph providing that the Board of Directors shall "arrange for Congresses when a country whose invitation to entertain the Quadrennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses has been accepted by the Grand Council is withdrawn."

Amendment approved.

7. An Amendment was proposed by the National Association of Trained Nurses of France to Article IV.—dealing with Standing Committees, "that in Article IV. of the By-Laws wherever the word "Arrangements Committee" or "Programme Committee" occur, the word "Congress" should be inserted before them.

Amendment approved.

8. An Amendment was proposed by the National Association of Trained Nurses of France to Article IV., Section I., to add "The Congress Programme Committee shall consist of members of at least three nationalities, with the Secretary of the Council ex-officio.

Amendment not approved.

9. An Amendment was proposed by the National Federation of Belgian Nurses to add to Article IV., Section 6, paragraph 5, in regard to the Nomination of Officers a paragraph providing that, "No name shall be presented by the nominating Committee . . . except in the case of paid officers of the Council, unless the nominee is a citizen of the country in which she is working."

Amendment not approved.

10. An Amendment was proposed by Miss Gunn that: "The annual dues from each active member may be changed by the Grand Council without notice to the affiliated national associations, provided such change is recommended by the Board of Directors, and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Council. No change in the annual dues shall become effective until one year after such change is made."

Amendment approved.

11. Miss Noyes gave notice of a motion which she proposed to move at the next Quadrennial meeting.

The Next Quadrennial Meeting.

The place of the next Quadrennial Congress was discussed and the Secretary reported that three invitations had been received, namely, from the National Associations of Nurses in France, South Africa, and Cuba respectively. It was ultimately decided to make no recommendation to the Grand Council.

Interim Meeting.

The Secretary also reported that an invitation had been received from the Trained Nurses' Association of India to hold an Interim Conference in India, and it was decided to recommend to the Grand Council that the question of an Interim Conference be referred to the incoming directorate.

Applications for Affiliation.

Applications for affiliation with the International Council of Nurses were then considered, and it was decided to recommend to the Grand Council acceptance of the applications of the Nurses' Associations of Brazil, Greece, Jugoslavia, the Philippines and Sweden.

The credentials of the National Council of Nurses of Finland, in which the two Associations of Nurses in that country are now federated for the purpose of joining the

International Council of Nurses were presented, and its application recommended for acceptance.

The situations in connection with the Nurses' Associations of Italy, Japan, Korea and Holland were considered and recommendations made.

Elections.

Miss Gunn drew attention to the fact that in the nominations for Officers there were two nominations for the Presidency and the same two names appeared for the Vice-Presidency. She suggested that the election for the President should be conducted first, and then there could be a second election for the two Vice-Presidents. There would be no election in the case of either the Treasurer or the Secretary, because only one name was proposed in each case. Miss Gunn's motion was agreed to.

Title of Official Organ.

It was decided to recommend a change of name of the Official Organ from the *I.C.N. to The International Nursing Review*, to recommend that the subscription be raised to ten Swiss francs per annum, that the Board of Directors should appoint a Committee to study the question of floating a company or of finding some other means of raising funds and that inasmuch as the Secretary had stated that it was impossible for her to carry on the double duties of Secretary and Editor of the Magazine at International Headquarters that assistance should be provided in the publication of the Magazine by January 1st, 1930, if funds could be secured for that purpose.

It was further decided to recommend that the Secretary should be an *ex-officio* member of all Committees.

The Board of Directors was in favour of a meeting of the Board in two years' time.

Invitation to Dresden.

An invitation was received from Dresden to attend the Hygiene Exhibition there in the summer of 1930, and the President (Mlle. Chaptal), who notified that she will be in Germany next summer, was authorised to attend and register as President of the International Council of Nurses.

Resolution.

The following Resolution proposed by Nosokomos (Holland) was considered:—

"That the Grand Council at its meeting in Montreal in 1929 shall consider and define the meaning of the phrases 'trained graduate nurse' and 'trained nurse' as used in the Constitution of the International Council of Nurses."

The definition proved to require a considerable amount of consideration and ultimately it was referred to the Education Committee, in conjunction with the Membership Committee in conference, to define.

These Committees will therefore be able to report to the next meeting of the Board of Directors, and their recommendation can then be considered at the meeting of the Grand Council in Paris in 1933.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution.

In reference to the question which had been brought up as to who should submit amendments to the Constitution, Miss Gunn proposed to insert in Article VI a new Section 3.

"All proposed Amendments shall be presented by an affiliated National Association."

This was seconded by Miss Breay. After discussion Miss Gunn moved to include "or by an elected officer."

Referred to Grand Council.

Official Language.

The Board of Directors did not approve a proposal by the Secretary that in future French and German as well as English should be considered the official languages of the Council, but approved of the publication of the Constitution and Bye-laws in these languages, and similarly of the headings of notepaper.

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