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§ 220101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—United Service Organizations, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), is a federally chartered corporation.
 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1459.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220101	36:1301.	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96–165, § 1, 93 Stat. 1267.

This section is substituted for the source provision for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary and executed language.

§ 220102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

- (1) to provide a voluntary civilian agency through which the people of this Nation may, in peace or war, serve the religious, spiritual, social, welfare, educational, and entertainment needs of men and women in the Armed Forces, within or without the territorial limits of the United States;
- (2) to contribute to the maintenance of morale of men and women in the Armed Forces;
- (3) to solicit funds to maintain the organization and accomplish its responsibility;
- (4) to accept the cooperation of, and provide an organization and means through which, the National Board of Young Men’s Christian Associations, the National Board of Young Women’s Christian Associations, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Travelers Aid-International Social Service of America, and other civilian agencies experienced in specialized types of related work, which may be needed adequately to meet the particular needs of the members of the Armed Forces, may carry on their historic work of serving the religious, spiritual, social, welfare, educational, and entertainment needs of men and women in the Armed Forces and be afforded an appropriate means of participation and financial assistance;
- (5) to coordinate their programs; and
- (6) other consonant purposes.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220102	36:1302.	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96–165, § 2, 93 Stat. 1268.

Before clause (1), the word “objects” is omitted as included in “purposes”.

In clause (4), the words “and to accept the cooperation of individual citizens in accomplishing its purposes” are omitted as unnecessary because of clause (1) of this section.

§ 220103. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws. The membership of the corporation consists of—

- (1) nine individuals designated by the President; and
- (2) representatives of the civilian organizations listed in section 220102(4) of this title, and of the public at large, as provided in the bylaws.

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220103	36:1305(a).	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96–165, § 5(a), 93 Stat. 1270.

The text of 36:1305(a) (1st–3d sentences) and the word “Thereafter” are omitted as executed and obsolete.

§ 220104. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—(1) The board of governors is the governing body of the corporation. The board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and for the control of the affairs and property of the corporation.

(2) The board shall be elected by the members of the corporation for the term and in the classes provided in the bylaws of the corporation. The board includes—

- (A) six members appointed by the President;
- (B) the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary’s designee; and
- (C) representatives of the civilian organizations listed in section 220102(4) of this title, and of the public at large, as provided in the bylaws.

(3) The corporation may have other governing bodies or committees as provided in the bylaws.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The office of honorary chairman of the corporation shall be offered to the President. On acceptance, the honorary chairman shall be invited to preside at meetings of the corporation that the honorary chairman deems appropriate and convenient.

(2) The corporation may have other officers as provided in the bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1460; Pub. L. 109–284, § 5(11), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1212.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220104(a)	36:1305(b), (c).	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96–165, § 5(b)–(d), 93 Stat. 1270.
220104(b)	36:1305(d).	

In subsection (a)(1), the words “The board of governors is the governing body of the corporation” are substituted for “The management of the corporation shall be entrusted to a board of governors” for consistency in the revised title.