

tion, or otherwise” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “a vacancy occurring in an elected position on the board” are substituted for “Any vacancy that may occur in the Governors elected by the chapters pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or in the Governors-at-large elected by the Board of Governors pursuant to subsection (c) of this section” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “An individual appointed by the board to fill a vacancy serves” are substituted for “such appointees to serve” for clarity.

In subsection (c)(2), the words “of the corporation” are substituted for “designated by the President of the United States” for consistency in the revised section.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Pub. L. 110-26 reenacted section catchline without change and amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subssecs. (a) to (d) relating to the board of governors, its terms of office and filling of vacancies, the executive committee, and voting by proxy.

§ 300105. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

- (1) adopt policies and regulations;
- (2) adopt, alter, and destroy a seal;
- (3) own and dispose of property to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (4) accept gifts, devises, and bequests of property to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (5) sue and be sued in courts of law and equity, State or Federal, within the jurisdiction of the United States; and
- (6) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter and promote the purposes of the corporation.

(b) DESIGNATION.—The corporation is designated as the organization authorized to act in matters of relief under the treaties of Geneva, August 22, 1864, July 27, 1929, and August 12, 1949. (Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1492; Pub. L. 110-26, § 7, May 11, 2007, 121 Stat. 108.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
300105	36:2 (1st sentence words between 2d comma and 3d semicolon and after 4th semicolon).	Jan. 5, 1905, ch. 23, § 2 (1st sentence words between 2d comma and 3d semicolon and after 4th semicolon), 33 Stat. 600; May 8, 1947, ch. 50, § 3, 61 Stat. 81.

In subsection (a)(1), the word “adopt” is substituted for “ordain and establish” for consistency in the revised title. The words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(2), the words “adopt, alter, and destroy a seal” are substituted for “adopt a seal and the same to alter and destroy at pleasure” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “own and dispose of property” are substituted for “to have and to hold such real and personal estate as shall be deemed advisable and to dispose of the same” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In subsection (a)(4), the word “property” is substituted for “real and personal estate” for clarity and consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (a)(6), the word “things” is omitted as included in “act”. The words “carry out this chapter” are substituted for “carry into effect the provisions of sections 1, 2 to 6, 8, and 9 of this title” for clarity and

because under 36:1a the corporation existing under those sections continued under the source provisions restated in the revised chapter.

In subsection (b), the words “treaties of Geneva, August 22, 1864, July 27, 1929, and August 12, 1949” are substituted for “said treaties” for clarity and consistency in the chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 110-26 substituted “policies” for “bylaws”.

§ 300106. Emblem, badge, and brassard

(a) EMBLEM AND BADGE.—In carrying out its purposes under this chapter, the corporation may have and use, as an emblem and badge, a Greek red cross on a white ground, as described in the treaties of Geneva, August 22, 1864, July 27, 1929, and August 12, 1949, and adopted by the nations acceding to those treaties.

(b) DELIVERY OF BRASSARD.—In accordance with those treaties, the delivery of the brassard allowed for individuals neutralized in time of war shall be left to military authority.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1492.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
300106(a)	36:2 (1st sentence words between 3d and 4th semicolons).	Jan. 5, 1905, ch. 23, § 2 (1st sentence words between 3d and 4th semicolons, last sentence), 33 Stat. 600; May 8, 1947, ch. 50, § 3, 61 Stat. 81.
300106(b)	36:2 (last sentence).	

In subsection (a), the words “under this chapter” are substituted for “hereinafter designated” for clarity. The date “August 12, 1949” is added to include the reference to a subsequent treaty.

§ 300107. Annual meeting

(a) IN GENERAL.—The annual meeting of the corporation is the annual meeting of delegates of the chapters.

(b) TIME OF MEETING.—The annual meeting shall be held as determined by the board of governors.

(c) PLACE OF MEETING.—The board of governors is authorized to determine that the annual meeting shall not be held at any place, but may instead be held solely by means of remote communication subject to such procedures as are provided in the bylaws.

(d) VOTING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In matters requiring a vote at the annual meeting, each chapter is entitled to at least 1 vote, and voting on all matters may be conducted by mail, telephone, telegram, cablegram, electronic mail, or any other means of electronic or telephone transmission, provided that the person voting shall state, or submit information from which it can be determined, that the method of voting chosen was authorized by such person.

(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF NUMBER OF VOTES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The board of governors shall determine on an equitable basis the number of votes that each chapter is entitled to cast, taking into consideration the size of the membership of the chapters, the