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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
153501	36:4601.	Aug. 19, 1964, Pub. L. 88-449, §1, 78 Stat. 496; Oct. 28, 1988, Pub. L. 100-539, §1, 102 Stat. 2718.
	36:4602.	Aug. 19, 1964, Pub. L. 88-449, §2, 78 Stat. 496.

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

§ 153502. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to establish, develop, operate, and maintain for the benefit of the people of the United States an educational and scientific center in the form of one or more tropical botanical gardens, together with facilities such as libraries, herbaria, laboratories, and museums that are appropriate and necessary for encouraging and conducting research in basic and applied tropical botany;

(2) to foster and encourage fundamental research about tropical plant life and to encourage research and study of the uses of tropical flora in agriculture, forestry, horticulture, medicine, and other sciences;

(3) to disseminate through publications and other media the knowledge about basic and applied tropical botany acquired at the gardens;

(4) to collect and cultivate tropical flora of every nature and origin and to preserve for the people of the United States species of tropical plant life threatened with extinction; and

(5) to provide a beneficial facility that will contribute to the education, instruction, and recreation of the people of the United States.

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153502	36:4603.	Aug. 19, 1964, Pub. L. 88-449, §3, 78 Stat. 496.

Before clause (1), the words “objects” is omitted as unnecessary.

§ 153503. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary or associate member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

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153503	36:4608.	Aug. 19, 1964, Pub. L. 88-449, §8, 78 Stat. 498.

§ 153504. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—(1) The board of trustees is the governing body of the corporation. The duties and powers of the board are as provided in the bylaws.

(2) The manner of selection and term of office of the trustees are as provided in the bylaws.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as provided in the bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the bylaws.

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153504(a)	36:4605.	Aug. 19, 1964, Pub. L. 88-449, §5, 78 Stat. 497; Sept. 29, 1972, Pub. L. 92-447, 86 Stat. 746.
153504(b)	36:4606.	Aug. 19, 1964, Pub. L. 88-449, §6, 78 Stat. 497.

In subsection (a), the text of 36:4605(a) is omitted as obsolete. The words “Except for the foregoing provision” in 36:4605(b) and “responsibilities” in 36:4605(c) are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the words “as provided” are substituted for “as may be authorized” and “as may be prescribed” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 153505. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, trustees, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

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153505	36:4604.	Aug. 19, 1964, Pub. L. 88-449, §4, 78 Stat. 497.

In clause (1), the word “alter” is omitted as unnecessary. The words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or of any State in which the corporation is to operate” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the word “use” is omitted as unnecessary.

Clause (5) is substituted for “take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest, or by any other method, any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or proper for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation” and