

**§ 70903. 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 bylaws.

(b) VOTING.—In matters of official business of a local chapter, each member has one vote. In matters of official business of a State association, each qualified delegate of a local chapter has one vote.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1356.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70903 .....	36:276.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 6, 64 Stat. 565.

In subsection (b), the words “In matters of” are substituted for “In the conduct of” for clarity and to eliminate unnecessary words.

**§ 70904. Governing body**

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board shall exercise the powers granted to the corporation.

(2) The board consists of the Secretary of Education, four staff members in the Department of Education, and four State supervisors of agriculture education. The Secretary is chairman of the board.

(3) The term of office of the directors and the method of selecting the directors (except ex officio directors) are as provided in the bylaws.

(4) The board shall meet at least annually at the time and place provided in the bylaws. The annual report of the board shall be presented at that meeting. Special meetings of the board may be called at any time by the chairman.

(b) GOVERNING COMMITTEE.—The board may designate the chairman of the board and two members of the chairman’s staff as a governing committee. When the board is not in session, the governing committee has the powers of the board subject to the board’s direction and may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers that require it.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1357.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70904(a) .....	36:278(a)–(c), (e).	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 8, 64 Stat. 565.
70904(b) .....	36:278(d).	

In subsection (a), the text of 36:278(e) is omitted as obsolete. In paragraph (2), the words “Secretary of Education” and “Department of Education” are substituted for “Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency” and “Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency”, respectively, in section 8(a) of the Act of August 30, 1950 (ch. 823, 64 Stat. 565), because of sections 5 and 8 of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953 (5 App. U.S.C.) and 20:3441 and 3507.

**§ 70905. National officers**

(a) COMPOSITION.—The national officers of the corporation are a student president, four stu-

dent vice presidents (one from each of four regions of the United States established in the bylaws for purposes of administration of the corporation), a student secretary, an executive secretary, a treasurer, and a national advisor.

(b) BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS.—The national student officers of the corporation comprise a board of student officers. The board of student officers shall advise and make recommendations to the board of directors about the activities and business of the corporation.

(c) ELECTION.—The national officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in the annual national convention from among qualified members of the corporation, except that—

(1) the national advisor shall be the Secretary of Education;

(2) the executive secretary shall be a member of the Department of Education; and

(3) the treasurer shall be an employee or member of a State agency that directs or supervises a State program of agricultural education under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act (20 U.S.C. 11–15, 16–28).

(d) VOTE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.—Each qualified delegate has one vote at the annual national convention.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70905 .....	36:277.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 7, 64 Stat. 565.

In subsection (c), the words “Secretary of Education” and “Department of Education” are substituted for “Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency” and “that service”, respectively, in section 7(c) of the Act of August 30, 1950 (ch. 823, 64 Stat. 565), because of sections 5 and 8 of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953 (5 App. U.S.C.) and 20:3441 and 3507. In clause (3), the reference to the Vocational Education Act of 1946 (ch. 541, 49 Stat. 1488) is omitted because that Act was repealed by section 103 of the Act of October 16, 1968 (Public Law 90–576, 82 Stat. 1091).

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(3), is act Feb. 23, 1917, ch. 114, 39 Stat. 929, as amended, which was classified to sections 11 to 15 and 16 to 28 of Title 20, Education, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105–33, title VI, § 6201, Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 653. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 11 of Title 20 and Tables.

**§ 70906. Powers**

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs, including the establishment and maintenance of local chapters and State associations of chapters;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

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