

CHAPTER 1524—NATIONAL RECORDING PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

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§ 152401. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The National Recording Preservation Foundation (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) NATURE OF CORPORATION.—The corporation is a charitable and nonprofit corporation and is not an agency or establishment of the United States Government.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(Added Pub. L. 106-474, title II, §201(a), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2091.)

§ 152402. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are to—

(1) encourage, accept, and administer private gifts to promote and ensure the preservation and public accessibility of the nation’s sound recording heritage held at the Library of Congress and other public and nonprofit archives throughout the United States; and

(2) further the goals of the Library of Congress and the National Recording Preservation Board in connection with their activities under the National Recording Preservation Act of 2000.

(Added Pub. L. 106-474, title II, §201(a), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2092.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Recording Preservation Act of 2000, referred to in par. (2), is Pub. L. 106-474, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2085, which enacted this chapter and chapter 27 (§1701 et seq.) of Title 2, The Congress. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1701 of Title 2 and Tables.

§ 152403. Board of directors

(a) GENERAL.—The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation.

(b) MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENT.—(1) The Librarian of Congress (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the “Librarian”) is an ex officio nonvoting member of the board. Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this chapter, the Librarian shall appoint the directors to the board in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2)(A) The board consists of 12 directors.

(B) Each director shall be a United States citizen.

(C) At least 8 directors shall be knowledgeable or experienced in sound recording production, distribution, preservation, or restoration, including two who are sitting members of the National Recording Preservation Board. These 8 directors shall, to the extent practicable, represent diverse points of view from the sound recording community.

(3) A director is not an employee of the Library of Congress and appointment to the board does not constitute appointment as an officer or employee of the United States Government for the purpose of any law of the United States.

(4) The terms of office of the directors are 4 years.

(5) A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(c) CHAIR.—The Librarian shall appoint one of the directors as the initial chair of the board for a 2-year term. Thereafter, the chair shall be appointed and removed in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation.

(d) QUORUM.—The number of directors constituting a quorum of the board shall be established under the bylaws of the corporation.

(e) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet at the call of the Librarian for regularly scheduled meetings.

(f) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.—Directors shall serve without compensation but may receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5.

(g) LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS.—Directors are not personally liable, except for gross negligence.

(Added Pub. L. 106-474, title II, §201(a), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2092; amended Pub. L. 110-336, §2(b)(2), Oct. 2, 2008, 122 Stat. 3727; Pub. L. 114-217, §2(b)(2), July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 840.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of this chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 106-474, which was approved Nov. 9, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 114-217, §2(b)(2)(A), substituted “12 directors” for “nine directors”.

Subsec. (b)(2)(C). Pub. L. 114-217, §2(b)(2)(B), substituted “8 directors” for “six directors” in two places.

2008—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 110-336 struck out at end “An individual may not serve more than two consecutive terms.”

§ 152404. Officers and employees

(a) SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.—(1) The Librarian shall appoint a Secretary of the Board to serve as executive director of the corporation. The Librarian may remove the Secretary.

(2) The Secretary shall be knowledgeable and experienced in matters relating to—

- (A) sound recording preservation and restoration activities; (B) financial management; and (C) fundraising.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.—Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the board of directors appoints, removes, and replaces officers of the corporation.