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§ 220301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—United States Capitol Historical Society (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated in the District of Columbia.

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

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
220301	36:1201. 36:1202.	Oct. 20, 1978, Pub. L. 95–493, §§ 1, 2, 92 Stat. 1643.

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

§ 220302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to encourage in the most comprehensive and enlightened manner an understanding by the American people of the founding, growth, and significance of the Capitol of the United States as the tangible symbol of their representative form of government;

(2) to undertake research into the history of the Congress and the Capitol and to promote discussion, publication, and dissemination of the results of this research;

(3) to foster and increase an informed patriotism among the citizens in the study of this living memorial to the founders of this Nation and the continuing thread of principles as exemplified by their successors; and

(4) to cooperate with the standing committees of Congress, the Library of Congress, the Architect of the Capitol, and relevant departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the executive branch of the United States Government in carrying out the purposes of the corporation.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
220302	36:1203.	Oct. 20, 1978, Pub. L. 95–493, § 3, 92 Stat. 1643.

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

In clause (3), the words “among the citizens” are substituted for “of the land” for clarity.

In clause (4), the words “departments, agencies, and instrumentalities” are substituted for “departments and agencies” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

§ 220303. Membership

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.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
220303	36:1206.	Oct. 20, 1978, Pub. L. 95–493, § 6, 92 Stat. 1645.

§ 220304. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—(1) The board of trustees is the governing body of the corporation. The board is responsible for the control of all funds and affairs of the corporation.

(2) Exclusive of ex officio and honorary members, the board shall consist of at least 12 but not more than 40 trustees, one of whom shall be elected chairman. Trustees shall be elected by the board of trustees for a term of 4 years. A trustee may not be reelected as a trustee within one year of the expiration of the prior term, except by the unanimous vote of the trustees present and voting. A trustee may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the other trustees.

(3) The officers of the corporation are ex officio members of the board with all the rights and privileges of trustees, including the right to vote.

(4) The board shall meet at least once a year in the Capitol of the United States. The board may meet at other times as decided by the chairman. A meeting may be held only at a time and place stated in the bylaws or on 30 days’ written notice.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, 5 vice presidents, a treasurer, and a secretary. The president is the chief executive officer.

(2) The officers shall be elected annually by the board of trustees and continue in office at the pleasure of the board.

(3) The duties of the officers are the usual duties pertaining to their offices and any additional duties delegated by the board.

(4) Officers may be compensated for their services, and reimbursed for actual expenses, in amounts decided by the board.

(c) EMPLOYEES.—The board of trustees may employ an executive secretary and other personnel needed to assist the board and the officers to carry out the activities of the corporation. Employees serve at the pleasure of the board. The board shall prescribe the compensation and duties of employees.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220304(a)(1)	36:1207(a) (1st–21st words).	Oct. 20, 1978, Pub. L. 95–493, §§ 7, 8, 92 Stat. 1645.
220304(a)(2)	36:1207(a) (22d–last words), (b), (d).	
220304(a)(3)	36:1208(b) (1st sentence).	
220304(a)(4)	36:1207(c).	
220304(b)(1)	36:1208(a).	
220304(b)(2)	36:1208(c).	
220304(b)(3)	36:1208(d).	
220304(b)(4)	36:1208(b) (last sentence).	
220304(c)	36:1208(e).	

In this section, the word “active” is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(1), the words “The board of trustees is the governing body of the corporation” are added for clarity and consistency in the revised title. The words “is responsible for” are substituted for “shall be vested in” for consistency in the revised title. The word “management” is omitted as included in “control”.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “During their respective terms of office” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(4), the words “at Washington, District of Columbia” and “in advance of any such meeting” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b)(4), the words “other remuneration” as [sic] are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (c), the word “activities” is substituted for “programs and business” to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 220305. Powers

The corporation may—

- (1) adopt and amend a constitution and by-laws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- (3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;
- (4) make contracts;
- (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient 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) produce, buy, and market commemorative medals, souvenirs, publications, pictures, and cinemas consistent with the purposes of the corporation;
- (8) charge and collect membership dues;
- (9) conduct fund raising campaigns and accept contributions;
- (10) sue and be sued; and
- (11) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220305	36:1204. 36:1216 (1st sentence).	Oct. 20, 1978, Pub. L. 95–493, §§ 4, 16 (1st sentence), 92 Stat. 1644, 1647.

In this section, the text of 36:1216 (1st sentence) is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the word “apply” is omitted as unnecessary. The word “alter” is omitted as included in

“amend”. The words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or any State in which the corporation is to operate” are omitted as unnecessary.

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

In clause (3), the word “activities” is substituted for “business” for consistency in the revised title.

In clause (4), the words “make contracts” are substituted for “contract and be contracted with” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

Clause (5) is substituted for “take hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, bequest, or otherwise any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects of the corporation” and “transfer, lease, or convey real or personal property” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State (1) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or (2) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership or real and personal property which may be held by, or (3) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of real and personal property by, a corporation operating in such State” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (6), the words “for the purposes of the corporation” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property” are substituted for “bonds or other evidences of indebtedness therefor and secure the same mortgage or pledge” for consistency in the revised title. The words “subject to applicable Federal or State laws” are omitted as unnecessary.

Clause (7) is substituted for 36:1204(k) and (l) to eliminate unnecessary words.

In clause (9), the words “from individuals, corporations, and other bodies, foundations, and organizations” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (10), the words “complain, and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (11), the words “any other act” are substituted for “any and all acts” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 220306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, insignia, marks, and words

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “United States Capitol Historical Society” and seals, emblems, distinctive insignia, and descriptive or designating marks, words, or phrases required to carry out the duties and powers of the corporation. This section does not affect any vested rights.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220306	36:1215.	Oct. 20, 1978, Pub. L. 95–493, § 15, 92 Stat. 1647.

The word “sole” is omitted as included in “exclusive”. The words “required to carry out the duties and powers of the corporation” are substituted for “as may be required in the furtherance of its functions” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words “This section does not affect any vested rights” are substituted for “Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere or conflict with established or vested rights” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.