

courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods that were in common use by boy scouts on June 15, 1916.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30902	36:23.	June 15, 1916, ch. 148, § 3, 39 Stat. 228.

§ 30903. Governing body

(a) EXECUTIVE BOARD.—An executive board composed of citizens of the United States is the governing body of the corporation. The number, qualifications, and term of office of members of the board are as provided in the bylaws. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board.

(b) QUORUM.—The bylaws may prescribe the number of members of the board necessary for a quorum. That number may be less than a majority of the entire board.

(c) COMMITTEES.—(1) The board, by resolution passed by a majority of the entire board, may designate 3 or more members of the board as an executive or governing committee. A majority of the committee is a quorum. The committee, to the extent provided in the resolution or bylaws, may—

(A) exercise the powers of the executive board in managing the activities of the corporation; and

(B) authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to papers that may require it.

(2) The board, by majority vote of the entire board, may appoint other standing committees. The standing committees may exercise powers as provided in the bylaws.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30903(a)	36:25 (1st-4th sentences).	June 15, 1916, ch. 148, § 5 (1st-5th, 7th, 8th sentences), 39 Stat. 228.
30903(b)	36:25 (5th sentence).	
30903(c)	36:25 (7th, 8th sentences).	

In subsection (a), the text of 36:25 (3d sentence) is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In subsection (c)(1)(A), the words “have and” are omitted as unnecessary. The word “activities” is substituted for “business affairs” for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (c)(1)(B), the words “have power to” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 30904. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations, including regulations for the election of associates and successors;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) have offices and conduct its activities in the District of Columbia and the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;

(4) acquire and own property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(5) sue and be sued within the jurisdiction of the United States; and

(6) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter and promote the purpose of the corporation.

(b) LIMITATIONS ON EXERCISING CERTAIN POWERS.—(1) The corporation may execute mortgages and liens on the property of the corporation only if approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire executive board at a meeting called for that purpose.

(2) The corporation may dispose in any manner of the whole property of the corporation only with the written consent and affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the corporation.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30904(a)	36:22 (words after 2d comma).	June 15, 1916, ch. 148, §§ 2 (words after 2d comma), 4 (words before semicolon), 5 (6th, last sentences), 39 Stat. 227, 228.
30904(b)(1) ..	36:24 (words before semicolon).	
30904(b)(2) ..	36:25 (6th sentence).	
	36:25 (last sentence).	

In subsection (a)(1), the word “make” is omitted as included in “adopt”. The word “amend” is added for consistency in the revised title and because of 36:25 (6th sentence). The words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America, or any State thereof” are omitted as unnecessary.

Subsection (a)(2) is substituted for “to adopt a seal, and the same to alter and destroy at pleasure” for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (a)(3), the word “activities” is substituted for “business and affairs”, and the words “in the District of Columbia and the States, territories, and possessions of the United States” are substituted for “within and without the District of Columbia and in the several States and Territories of the United States”, for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

Subsection (a)(4) is substituted for “hold such real and personal estate as shall be necessary for corporate purposes, and . . . receive real and personal property by gift, devise, or bequest” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The text of 36:24 (words before semicolon) is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In subsection (a)(5), the words “in courts of law and equity” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(6), the words “do any other act” are substituted for “generally to do all such acts and things” for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b)(1), the words “to make and to amend the bylaws” are omitted as unnecessary because of subsection (a)(1) of this section. The word “execute” is substituted for “authorize and cause to be executed” to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 30905. Exclusive right to emblems, badges, marks, and words

The corporation has the exclusive right to use emblems, badges, descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

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