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The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

The American National Red Cross, incorporated by Act of Congress, approved January 5, 1905, has by the terms of section 4 thereof, been granted, together with the sanitary forces of the Army and Navy of the United States, the exclusive right to use the Red Cross name and the Greek red cross emblem, except as to those persons who made use of the name or emblem prior to the enactment of the above Congressional legislation.

The question has been raised by a number of states to whom application for the incorporation of certain organizations using the name or emblem of the Red Cross has been made, as to the extent of our exclusive right to the use of the name and emblem of the Red Cross. In order that you may have before you the full text of our Congressional Charter, we are taking the liberty of enclosing a copy thereof and trust that we may have your hearty co-operation in the future in the full and complete protection of the work of our organization as provided for by Congress, if a similar question is brought before you.

Sincerely yours,

H. J. Hughes, Jr.

H. J. Hughes,
Assistant to the Chairman.



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The
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CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER WITH AMENDMENTS TO MARCH 3, 1921

An Act to incorporate the American National Red Cross.

Whereas, on the twenty-second of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, at Geneva, Switzerland, plenipotentiaries respectively representing Italy, Baden, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Portugal, France, Prussia, Saxony, and Wurttemberg and the Federal Council of Switzerland agreed upon ten articles of a treaty or convention for the purpose of mitigating the evils inseparable from war; of ameliorating the condition of soldiers wounded on the field of battle, and particularly providing, among other things, in effect, that persons employed in hospitals and in according relief to the sick and wounded supplies for this purpose shall be deemed neutral and entitled to protection; and that a distinctive and uniform flag shall be adopted for hospitals and ambulances and convoys of sick and wounded and an arm badge for individuals neutralized; and

Whereas, said treaty has been ratified by all of said nations, and by others subsequently, to the number of forty-three or more, including the United States of America; and

Whereas, the International Conference of Geneva of eighteen hundred and sixty-three recommended "that there exist in every country a committee whose mission consists in cooperating in times of war with the hospital service of the armies by all means in its power"; and

Whereas, a permanent organization is an agency needed in every nation to carry out the purposes of said treaty, and especially to secure supplies and to execute the humane objects contemplated by said treaty, with the power to adopt and use the distinctive flag and arm badge specified by said treaty in article seven, on which shall be the sign of the Red Cross, for the purpose of cooperating with the "Comité International de Secours aux Militaires Blessés" (International Committee of Relief for the Wounded in War); and

Whereas, in accordance with the requirements and customs of said international body such an association adopting and using said insignia was formed in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, in July, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, known as "The American National Association of the Red Cross," re-incorporated April seventeenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, under the laws of the District of Columbia, and re-incorporated by Act of Congress in June, nineteen hundred; and

Whereas, it is believed that the importance of the work demands a repeal of the present charter and a re-incorporation of the society under Government supervision; Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Clara Barton, Hilary A.

Herbert, Thomas F. Walsh, Charles C. Glover, Charles J. Bell, Mabel T. Boardman, George Dewey, William R. Day, Nelson A. Miles, James Tanner, William K. Van Reypen, John M. Wilson, Simon Wolf, James R. Garfield, Gifford Pinchot, S. W. Woodward, Mary A. Logan, Walter Wyman, of Washington, District of Columbia; George H. Shields, of Missouri; William H. Taft, F. B. Loomis, Samuel Mather, of Ohio; Spencer Trask, Robert C. Ogden, Cleveland H. Dodge, George C. Boldt, William T. Wardwell, John G. Carlisle, George B. McClellan, Elizabeth Mills Reid, Margaret Carnegie, of New York; John H. Converse, Alexander Mackay-Smith, J. Wilkes O'Neill, H. Kirke Porter, of Pennsylvania; Richard Olney, W. Murray Crane, Henry L. Higginson, William Draper, Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts; Marshall Field, Robert T. Lincoln, Lambert Tree, of Illinois; A. C. Kaufman, of South Carolina; Alexander W. Terrell, of Texas; George Gray, of Delaware; Redfield Proctor, of Vermont; John W. Foster, Noble C. Butler, Robert W. Miers, of Indiana; John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi; William Alden Smith, of Michigan; Horace Davis, W. W. Morrow, of California; Daniel C. Gilman, Eugene Levering, of Maryland; J. Taylor Ellyson, of Virginia; Daniel R. Noyes, of Minnesota; Emmanuel Fiske, Marshall Fiske, of Connecticut; together with five other persons to be named by the President of the United States, one to be chosen from each of the Departments of State, War, Navy, Treasury, and Justice, their associates and successors, are hereby created a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. That the name of this corporation shall be "The American National Red Cross," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, with the power to sue and be sued in courts of law and equity within the jurisdiction of the United States; to have and to hold such real and personal estate as shall be deemed advisable and to accept bequests for the purposes of this corporation hereinafter set forth; to adopt a seal and the same to alter and destroy at pleasure; and to have the right to have and to use, in carrying out its purposes hereinafter designated, as an emblem and badge, a Greek red cross on a white ground, as the same has been described in the treaty of Geneva, August twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and adopted by the several nations acceding thereto; to ordain and establish By-Laws and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof, and generally to do all such acts and things (including the establishment of regulations for the election of associates and successors) as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act and promote the purposes of said organization; and the corporation hereby created is designated as the organization which is authorized to act in matters of relief under said treaty. In accordance with article seven of the treaty, the delivery of the brassard allowed for individuals neutralized in time of war shall be left to military authority.

SEC. 3. That the purposes of this corporation are and shall be—

First.—To furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in

time of war, in accordance with the spirit and conditions of the conference of Geneva of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and also of the treaty of the Red Cross, or the treaty of Geneva, of August twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to which the United States of America gave its adhesion on March first, eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

Second.—And for said purposes to perform all the duties devolved upon a national society by each nation which has acceded to said treaty.

Third.—To succeed to all the rights and property which have been hitherto held and to all the duties which have heretofore been performed by the American National Red Cross as a corporation duly incorporated by Act of Congress, June sixth, nineteen hundred, which Act is hereby repealed and the organization created thereby is hereby dissolved.

Fourth.—To act in matters of voluntary relief and in accord with the military and naval authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States of America and their Army and Navy, and to act in such matters between similar national societies of other governments through the "Comité International de Secours," and the Government and the people and the Army and Navy of the United States of America.

Fifth.—And to continue and carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace and to apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same.

SEC. 4. That from and after the passage of this Act it shall be unlawful for any person within the jurisdiction of the United States to falsely and fraudulently hold himself out as, or represent or pretend himself to be, a member of, or an agent for, the American National Red Cross, for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, or receiving money or material; or for any person to wear or display the sign of the Red Cross, or any insignia colored in imitation thereof for the fraudulent purpose of inducing the belief that he is a member of, or an agent for, the American National Red Cross. Nor shall it be lawful for any person or corporation, other than the Red Cross of America, not now lawfully entitled to use the sign of the Red Cross, hereafter to use such sign or any insignia colored in imitation thereof for the purposes of trade or as an advertisement to induce the sale of any article whatsoever. If any person violates the provisions of this section, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine of not less than one nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both, for each and every offense. The fine so collected shall be paid to the American National Red Cross.

SEC. 5. That the governing body of the said American National Red Cross shall consist, in the first instance, of a central committee numbering eighteen persons, to be appointed in the following manner, namely: Six by the incorporators herein named and twelve by the President of

the United States, one of whom shall be designated by the President to act as chairman. It shall be the duty of the central committee to organize, with as little delay as possible, State and Territorial societies, including the District of Columbia, under such rules as the said committee may prescribe. When six or more State or Territorial societies have been formed, thereafter the central committee shall be composed as follows: Six to be appointed by the incorporators, six by the representatives of the State and Territorial societies at the annual meeting of the incorporators and societies, and six by the President of the United States, one of whom shall be designated by him as chairman and one each to be named by him from the Departments of State, War, Navy, Treasury, and Justice.

The first six members of the central committee elected by the incorporators at the first annual meeting, and the first six members of the central committee elected by the State and Territorial delegates, shall, when elected, select by lot from their number two members to serve one year, two members to serve two years, and two members to serve three years, and each subsequent election of members shall be for a period of three years or until their successors are duly elected and qualify. The six members of the central committee appointed by the President at the annual meeting shall serve for one year.

The President shall fill as soon as may be any vacancy that may occur by death, resignation, or otherwise in the chairmanship or in the membership of the central committee appointed by him. And any vacancy that may occur in the six members of the central committee herein provided to be appointed by the incorporators or in the six to be appointed by the representatives of the State societies shall be filled by temporary appointments to be made by the remaining members of the six in which the vacancy or vacancies may occur, such appointees to serve until the next annual meeting.

The central committee shall have power to appoint from its own members an executive committee of seven persons, five of whom shall be a quorum, who, when the central committee is not in session, shall have and exercise all the powers of the central committee.

The Secretary of War shall within thirty days after the passage of this Act call a meeting at a time and place to be designated by him in the city of Washington of the incorporators hereunder, giving at least thirty days' notice thereof in one or more newspapers, and the annual meeting of said incorporators, their associates and successors, shall thereafter be held in said city on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December, the first of said meetings to be held in December, nineteen hundred and five. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting.

Voting by proxy shall not be allowed at any meeting of the incorporators, annual or special, nor at any meeting of State or Territorial societies organized under the provisions of this charter.

SEC. 6. That the said American National Red Cross shall on the first

day of January of each year make and transmit to the Secretary of War a report of its proceedings for the preceding year, including a full, complete, and itemized report of receipts and expenditures of whatever kind, which report shall be duly audited by the War Department, and a copy of said report shall be transmitted to Congress by the War Department.

SEC. 7. That Congress shall have the right to repeal, alter, or amend this Act at any time.

Approved, January 5, 1905.

AMENDMENT

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the American National Red Cross," approved January fifth, nineteen hundred and five.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the American National Red Cross," approved January fifth, nineteen hundred and five, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. That from and after the passage of this Act it shall be unlawful for any person within the jurisdiction of the United States to falsely or fraudulently hold himself out as or represent or pretend himself to be, a member of or an agent for the American National Red Cross for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, or receiving money or material or for any person to wear or display the sign of the Red Cross or any insignia colored in imitation thereof for the fraudulent purpose of inducing the belief that he is a member of or an agent for the American National Red Cross. It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or association other than the American National Red Cross and its duly authorized employees and agents and the army and navy sanitary and hospital authorities of the United States for the purpose of trade or as an advertisement to induce the sale of any article whatsoever or for any business or charitable purpose to use within the territory of the United States of America and its exterior possessions the emblem of the Greek Red Cross on a white ground, or any sign or insignia made or colored in imitation thereof, or of the words 'Red Cross' or 'Geneva Cross' or any combination of these words; *Provided, however,* That no person, corporation, or association that actually used or whose assignor actually used the said emblem, sign, insignia, or words for any lawful purpose prior to January fifth, nineteen hundred and five, shall be deemed forbidden by this Act to continue the use thereof for the same purpose and for the same class of goods. If any person violates the provisions of this section he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any federal court shall be liable to a fine of not less than one nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both, for each and every offense."

SEC. 2. That the following section is hereby added to said Act:

"SEC. 8. That the endowment fund of the American National Red Cross shall be kept and invested under the management and control of a board of nine trustees, who shall be elected from time to time by the

incorporators and their successors, under such regulations regarding terms and tenure of office, accountability, and expense as said incorporators and successors shall prescribe."

Approved, June 23, 1910.

AMENDMENT

An Act to amend Section Five of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the American National Red Cross," approved January fifth, nineteen hundred and five.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five of the Act for the Incorporation of the American National Red Cross, approved January fifth, nineteen hundred and five, be, and the same hereby is, amended so that the annual meeting of said organization shall hereafter be held on the Wednesday preceding the second Thursday in the month of December in each and every year.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved, December 10, 1912.

AMENDMENT

An Act to amend Section Six of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the American National Red Cross," approved January fifth, nineteen hundred and five.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the American National Red Cross," approved January fifth, nineteen hundred and five; is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. That the said American National Red Cross shall as soon as practicable after the first day of July of each year make and transmit to the Secretary of War a report of its proceedings for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth next preceding, including a full, complete and itemized report of receipts and expenditures of whatever kind, which report shall be duly audited by the War Department and a copy of said report shall be transmitted to Congress by the War Department."

Approved, February 27, 1917.

AMENDMENT

An Act to amend Section Five of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the American National Red Cross," approved January fifth, nineteen hundred and five.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five of the Act for the Incorporation of the American National Red Cross approved January fifth, nineteen hundred and five, be, and the same hereby is, amended so that the executive committee of the central committee shall consist of nine instead of seven persons, five of whom shall be a quorum.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved, March 3, 1921.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

AS AMENDED DECEMBER 7, 1921

General Board

1. All powers of government, direction and management conferred upon the American National Red Cross by the Act of Congress which created this corporation, except as hereinafter provided and not inconsistent with the provisions of said Act, are lodged in a body hereafter to be known as the American Red Cross General Board. This Board shall consist of (1) the Incorporators named in the said Act, and their successors; (2) the five associates, named by the President of the United States; (3) the delegates of the Chapters to the annual meeting; (4) the members of the Central Committee; (5) the members of the War Council; (6) the members of the National Committee on Red Cross Medical Service; (7) the members of the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service; (8) the delegates of the Collective Members to the annual meeting.

No person shall be entitled to more than one vote.

Incorporators

2. The persons named in Section 1 of the Act of Incorporation, with their successors, constitute a perpetual body. Any vacancy which may occur among the Incorporators shall be filled by the remaining members at the next annual meeting.

The annual meeting of the Incorporators shall be held on the Wednesday preceding the second Thursday in the month of December of each year, in the city of Washington. At that meeting they shall elect by a plurality vote the members of the Central Committee who are to fill any vacancies in that Committee which, in pursuance of Section 5 of the Act of Incorporation, may be filled by the Incorporators. The members so elected shall serve for three years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified; *Provided*, that when vacancies occur in unexpired terms, members elected to fill such vacancies shall serve only until the expiration of said terms.

Officers

3. The President of the United States shall, upon his acceptance, be *ex officio* President of the American National Red Cross.

The elective officers of the American National Red Cross shall be—

Two Vice-Presidents.

Counselor.

Treasurer.

Secretary.

All elective officers shall be elected by the General Board at the annual meetings and shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies among the elective officers shall be filled for unexpired terms by the Central Committee.

The appointed officers shall be—

Chairman of the Central Committee.

Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee.

and such other officers as the Central Committee and Executive Committee may from time to time create.

The Chairman of the Central Committee shall be appointed by the President of the United States. The Vice-Chairmen and other officers shall be appointed by the Central Committee. The Chairman shall hold office for one year and until his successor shall have qualified. The Vice-Chairmen and other officers shall hold office during the pleasure of the Central Committee.

President and Vice-Presidents

4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the General Board and shall make such appointments and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the By-Laws. In the event of the absence or inability of the President to discharge the duties of the position, one of the Vice-Presidents shall exercise the functions of President, and the Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as may be required by the By-Laws.

The Counselor

5. The Counselor of the American National Red Cross shall prepare or examine all such contracts and agreements required in the conduct of the business of the corporation as may be referred to him by its officers; also, he will advise with the officers of the corporation when requested so to do upon all legal matters which may require his consideration. He may appoint one or more assistants.

The Treasurer

6. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys, legacies or gifts from whatever source paid to the corporation save such moneys as are paid to subsidiary organizations. He shall keep a book of accounts open at all reasonable times to the inspection of members. He shall rec-

ommend to the Central Committee the bank or banks for deposit, the rate of interest on bank balances and propose the investment of the funds of the Red Cross in such manner as may best serve the corporate interests. He shall disburse the funds of the corporation and make advances of such funds for disbursement only on the approval of such persons as may be designated by the Central Committee, countersigned by such person or persons as may be designated by the Central Committee. The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited annually by the War Department.

Assistant Treasurer

7. One or more Assistant Treasurers may be appointed by the Chairman of the Central Committee, on nomination by the Treasurer and approval of the Central Committee, to assist the Treasurer in the discharge of his duties. The Treasurer may require from his assistants bonds for the lawful performance of their duties and the faithful accounting for all Red Cross moneys or other property in their hands, in amounts to be fixed by the Treasurer and with surety or sureties to his satisfaction. Vouchers covering disbursements by Assistant Treasurers will require such certification and approval as the Central Committee may direct.

The Secretary

8. The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings, shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the General Board, Central Committee, and Executive Committee, shall have charge of the seal and corporation books, shall sign, with other officers, such instruments as require their signatures, and make such reports and perform such other duties as are incident to his office or may be required of him by the President or the Chairman of the Central Committee or by other officers.

Central Committee

9. The Central Committee shall consist of eighteen members, of whom six shall be elected by the Incorporators at the annual meeting, six by the delegates of the Chapters at the annual meeting, and six shall be appointed annually by the President of the United States, of whom one, designated by the President, shall serve as Chairman. Two members of each of the first groups of six shall be elected annually for three years and until their successors shall be qualified, to fill the places of an equal number of members of each group whose term of office shall have expired.

Powers of the Central Committee

10. The entire control, management, and administration of the affairs of the American National Red Cross, except as herein otherwise provided, are delegated to the Central Committee with the right in that Committee to delegate such part thereof, as in its discretion may be proper in time of war, to the War Council.

Officers of the Central Committee

11. The officers of the Central Committee shall be a Chairman and Vice-Chairmen, as provided in Section 3, together with the Counselor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Red Cross, who shall act in their respective capacities for the Central Committee.

Executive Committee

12. The Central Committee shall appoint from its own number an Executive Committee of nine members, five of whom shall be a legal quorum, and who, when the Central Committee is not in session, shall have and exercise all the powers of the Central Committee. It shall meet upon call of the Chairman or Acting Chairman thereof, and shall hold at least four meetings during the year.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee

13. The Chairman of the Central Committee shall also be Chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall call all meetings of both Committees and be a member *ex officio* of all other Committees appointed by the Central Committee. He shall be the executive head of the corporation under the advice and direction of the Central Committee.

One of the Vice-Chairmen in the absence or disability of the Chairman shall exercise all the powers and perform all of the duties of the Chairman, and the Central Committee shall determine the order in which the Vice-Chairman shall succeed to such authority.

The War Council

14. In the event that at any time the United States shall be engaged in War, the President of the United States may appoint a War Council consisting of such number as in his discretion seems proper, of which the Chairman and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee shall be *ex officio* members. Vacancies in or additions to the War Council, and the position of the Chairman thereof, shall be filled by appointment of the President of the United States.

During the period of such a war, and thereafter, until it shall be discontinued by action of the Central Committee, both the War Council as a body, and each of the members thereof, shall be vested with and shall exercise all such powers and rights as may be delegated by the Central Committee.

The War Council, subject to previous or subsequent approval by the Central Committee, may prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct of its business at meetings, and for concurrent action in writing without a meeting. It may determine what number, whether a majority, or more or less than a majority thereof, shall constitute a quorum.

During the period of such a war, and so long thereafter as the War Council shall be in existence, the War Council will keep the Executive Committee of the Central Committee informed as to all action taken by the War Council.

Meetings

15. The annual meetings of the General Board shall be held in the city of Washington on the Wednesday preceding the second Thursday in December of each year. Special meetings may be called by the President on his own motion or upon the written request of the majority of the Central Committee or on similar request of a number of Incorporators equal to one-fifth of the voting members present at the last preceding annual meeting. The nature of the business proposed for consideration at any special meeting shall be stated in the call, and at a special meeting no other business than that for which the meeting was called shall be transacted.

Notices of Meetings

16. Written or printed notices of all meetings of the General Board, annual or special, shall be mailed to the last known post-office address of each constituent member.

Quorum

17. Fifteen members of the General Board shall constitute a quorum for business and all acts shall be supported by a majority vote.

Order of Business

18. The order of business of the annual meeting, and as far as applicable, of all other meetings of the corporation, shall be as follows:

- Calling the roll.
- Ascertainment of a quorum.
- Proof of notice of meeting.
- Reading and disposal of unapproved minutes.
- Annual reports of officers and committees.
- Election of officers.
- Miscellaneous business.
- Adjournment.

Proxies

19. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed at any meeting of the General Board, or at any meeting of the Central Committee.

Membership

Individual Membership

20. Individual membership in the Red Cross shall consist of seven classes. Contributions to the relief funds of the Red Cross cannot be credited as membership dues, but such dues must be paid for the specified purpose of obtaining membership. The seven classes of individual membership shall be as follows:

- (a) *Annual Members*.—Any citizen or resident of the United States

or its dependencies may become a member of the American National Red Cross upon application to the Central Committee or a Chapter and the payment of one dollar to the Treasurer of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the applicant resides, or to the National Treasurer, and may continue such membership by the annual payment of the same amount; *Provided*, That the Central Committee, as respects any member at large, or the Executive Committee of any Chapter, as respects any Chapter membership, shall have authority for reason satisfactory to itself, to terminate membership at any time by notice. Unless he otherwise requests, any member of the Red Cross residing within the jurisdiction of a Chapter shall be presumed to affiliate with the Chapter and shall be required to pay his annual dues to the Chapter.

(b) *Contributing Members*.—Any citizen or resident of the United States or of its dependencies may become a contributing member of the American National Red Cross on application to the Central Committee or a Chapter and the payment of five dollars per annum.

(c) *Sustaining Members*.—Any citizen or resident of the United States or of its dependencies may become a sustaining member of the American National Red Cross on application to the Central Committee or a Chapter and the payment of ten dollars per annum.

(d) *Life Members*.—Any citizen or resident of the United States or of its dependencies may become a life member of the American National Red Cross on application to the Central Committee or a Chapter and the payment of fifty dollars.

(e) *Patrons*.—Any citizen or resident of the United States or of its dependencies may become a Patron of the American National Red Cross upon application to the Central Committee or a Chapter and the payment of one hundred dollars.

(f) Any nurse enrolled in the Red Cross Nursing Service shall by such enrollment become a member of the American National Red Cross without payment of dues.

(g) *Honorary Members*.—Those who have rendered specially meritorious or distinguished service to the association and have been approved for such distinction by two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the General Board, shall become honorary members.

Collective Membership

(a) *Societies of Nurses*.—Any State or Territorial body of nurses which has been accepted by the Central Committee shall be entitled to be represented by a delegate member at all meetings of the General Board.

(b) *Organizations of Physicians*.—Any State or Territorial organization of physicians, created for Red Cross work, which has been accepted by the Central Committee shall be entitled to be represented by a delegate member at all meetings of the General Board.

(c) *Junior Memberships*.—The Central Committee may authorize the creation of Junior Memberships under such regulations as may be approved by the Central Committee.

The Central Committee may authorize the creation of other Collective Members in their discretion.

Investment and Safe-Keeping of Funds

21. Except as provided in Section 2 of the Act of June 23, 1910, the current funds of the American National Red Cross shall be deposited in such banks or other financial institutions as may be designated by the Central Committee and such of these moneys as may not be required for current needs will be invested in such securities and amounts as the Committee may designate, and the Central Committee shall prescribe suitable regulations for the safe-keeping of such securities.

Composition, Disposition, and Designation of Funds

22. (a) *Endowment Fund*.—The Endowment Fund shall consist of all life and patron membership dues, and all legacies, the use of which is not otherwise designated.

(b) *Special Contributions*.—The Red Cross will expend for the purposes indicated, such contributions as it may accept for particular relief operations, and the residue of any such contributions shall be utilized for purposes similar to those for which they were originally donated.

National Committees on Medical and Nursing Service

23. The Central Committee may appoint a National Committee on Red Cross Medical Service and a National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service. The duties and terms of membership of these committees shall be defined by the Central Committee.

Affiliated Bodies

24. The American National Red Cross may recognize selected organizations as affiliated bodies upon such a cooperative basis and under such conditions as the Central Committee may determine.

The Red Cross Periodical

25. The American National Red Cross may publish, or cause to be published, a periodical devoted to its interests.

Annual Report

26. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence on July 1st and end on June 30th of the following year, and as soon as practicable after the first day of July of each year the annual report of proceedings for the preceding twelve months shall be submitted to the Secretary of War.

The Seal and Insignia

27. The Central Committee is authorized—

(a) To select and provide a seal for the Corporation to be in the custody of the Secretary and to be impressed upon such instruments as are designated by law or by action of the General Board or Central Committee;

(b) To enforce the provisions of Section 4 of the Act of Incorporation, for preventing the use of the insignia by all persons, partnerships, or corporations not legally authorized to use the same;

(c) To adopt and issue badges or medals and to establish regulations governing their use and distribution; *Provided*, That special medals may be awarded by the General Board to such persons as shall have rendered important and unremunerated volunteer services to the Red Cross. Such medals shall be suitably engraved with the names of the recipients and a mention of the special services rendered. The President of the Corporation will bestow these medals in the name of the Red Cross;

(d) To adopt and issue suitable uniforms for the use of Red Cross personnel, and to prevent the use by Chapters, Institutional Members and other local Red Cross organizations of such uniforms, or anything resembling these uniforms, for advertising, entertainments, or any other purpose than active service when assigned to duty by the proper authorities.

Amendments

28. These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or changed in whole or in part by a two-thirds vote of the General Board present at any regular meeting of the Corporation, or at any special meeting when action on proposed changes has been announced in the call or notice of such special meeting.

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