

quorum to do business. Each member of the board shall be paid his necessary traveling and other actual expenses, in attending meetings of the board, which shall be audited by the executive committee, and recorded by the Secretary of the board; but his service as regent shall be gratuitous.

(R.S. §5582; Pub. L. 91-551, §1(d), Dec. 15, 1970, 84 Stat. 1440.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

R.S. §5582 derived from act Aug. 10, 1846, ch. 178, §3, 9 Stat. 103.

##### AMENDMENTS

1970—Pub. L. 91-551 increased number of members required to constitute a quorum from five to eight.

#### § 45. Special meetings of members

The members of the institution may hold stated and special meetings, for the supervision of the affairs of the institution and the advice and instruction of the Board of Regents, to be called in the manner provided for in the by-laws of the institution, at which the President, and in his absence the Vice President, shall preside.

(R.S. §5585.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

R.S. §5585 derived from act Aug. 10, 1846, ch. 178, §8, 9 Stat. 103.

#### § 46. Duties of Secretary

The Secretary of the Board of Regents shall take charge of the building and property of the institution, and shall, under their direction, make a fair and accurate record of all their proceedings, to be preserved in the institution until no longer needed in conducting current business; and shall also discharge the duties of librarian and of keeper of the museum, and may, with the consent of the Board of Regents, employ assistants.

(R.S. §5583; Oct. 25, 1951, ch. 562, §2(4), 65 Stat. 639.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

R.S. §5583 derived from act Aug. 10, 1846, ch. 178, §7, 9 Stat. 105.

##### AMENDMENTS

1951—Act Oct. 25, 1951, inserted “until no longer needed in conducting current business”.

#### § 46a. Employment of aliens by Secretary

The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, subject to adequate security and other investigations as he may determine to be appropriate, and subject further to a prior determination by him that no qualified United States citizen is available for the particular position involved, is authorized to employ and compensate aliens in a scientific or technical capacity at authorized rates of compensation without regard

to statutory provisions prohibiting payment of compensation to aliens.

(Pub. L. 88-549, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 754.)

#### § 47. Acting Secretary

The chancellor of the Smithsonian Institution may, by an instrument in writing filed in the office of the Secretary thereof, designate and appoint a suitable person to act as Secretary of the Institution when there shall be a vacancy in said office, and whenever the Secretary shall be unable from illness, absence, or other cause to perform the duties of his office; and in such case the person so appointed may perform all the duties imposed on the Secretary by law until the vacancy shall be filled or such inability shall cease. The said chancellor may change such designation and appointment from time to time as the interests of the Institution may in his judgment require.

(May 13, 1884, ch. 44, 23 Stat. 21.)

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##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Similar prior provisions were contained in act Jan. 24, 1879, ch. 21, 20 Stat. 264.

#### § 48. Salary and removal of Secretary and assistants

The Secretary and his assistants shall, respectively, receive for their services such sum as may be allowed by the Board of Regents; and shall be removable by the Board of Regents whenever, in their judgment, the interests of the institution require such removal.

(R.S. §5584.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

R.S. §5584 derived from act Aug. 10, 1846, ch. 178, §7, 9 Stat. 105.

Provisions which related to semi-annual payments on the first day of January and July have been omitted.

#### § 49. Omitted

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section, act Oct. 2, 1888, ch. 1069, 25 Stat. 529, which required the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to submit to Congress annually a detailed statement of expenditures under appropriations for “International Exchanges,” “North American Ethnology,” and the “National Museum,” terminated, effective May 15, 2000, pursuant to section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance. See, also, page 192 of House Document No. 103-7.

#### § 50. Reception and arrangement of specimens and objects of art

Whenever suitable arrangements can be made from time to time for their reception, all objects of art and of foreign and curious research, and all objects of natural history, plants, and geological and mineralogical specimens belonging to the United States, which may be in the city of Washington, in whosoever custody they