

historical, and research organization under the laws of the District of Columbia.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20203(a)	36 App.:5803.	Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105-85, title XV, §§1503, 1508(f), 111 Stat. 1963, 1965.
20203(b)	36 App.:5808(f).	

§ 20204. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws and articles of incorporation.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20204(a)	36 App.:5805.	Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105-85, title XV, §§1505, 1508(g) (related to membership), 111 Stat. 1964, 1965.
20204(b)	36 App.:5808(g) (related to membership).	

In subsection (a), the words “Except as provided in this chapter” are substituted for “Except as provided in section 5808(g) of this title” for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b), the words “The terms of membership” are substituted for “In establishing the conditions of membership in the association” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The word “disability” is substituted for “handicap” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 20205. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the bylaws and articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the bylaws and articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20205(a)	36 App.:5806.	Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105-85, title XV, §§1506, 1507, 1508(g) (related to directors and officers), 111 Stat. 1964, 1965.
20205(b)	36 App.:5807.	

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—Continued

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20205(c)	36 App.:5808(g) (related to directors and officers).	

In subsections (a) and (b), the words “Except as provided in section 5808(g) of this title” and “and in conformity with the laws of the District of Columbia” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (c), the words “The requirements for serving as a director or officer” are substituted for “in determining the requirements for serving on the board of directors or as an officer of the association” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The word “disability” is substituted for “handicap” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 20206. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20206	36 App.:5802.	Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105-85, title XV, §1502, 111 Stat. 1963.

The words “each State in which it is incorporated” are substituted for “the District of Columbia” for consistency in the revised title. The words “and subject to the laws of the District of Columbia” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 20207. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or employee or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, employee, or member.

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20207(a)	36 App.:5808(c).	Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105-85, title XV, §1508(a)-(d), 111 Stat. 1964.
20207(b)	36 App.:5808(a).	
20207(c)	36 App.:5808(b).	
20207(d)	36 App.:5808(d).	

In subsection (a), the words “any shares of” are omitted as unnecessary.