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1. The Association is called The Hospital for Sick Children London Nurses' League.
2. In the Constitution and Bye-Laws:

"The Hospital for Sick Children, London" means The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London.

The expression "member" or "members" shall except where otherwise expressly stated or the context otherwise requires refer to all members of the League whether ordinary, associate or honorary members. The pronoun "she" has been used to include both males and females.

3. The objects of the League are:

To form an association of Nurses who trained at the Hospital for Sick Children, London.

To provide opportunities for the promotion of further education of members by means of lectures and a Bursary Fund.

To disseminate information concerning the development of the Hospital.

To form a Benevolent Fund and such other funds as may be determined for charitable purposes within the League.

4. The League shall consist of full members, associate members and honorary members.

(i) Full Membership

Anyone who received training at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London.

Anyone who received training at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, prior to March 31st, 1995.

(ii) Associate Membership

Registered members of the nursing staff who have completed two years' consecutive service in the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. Registered members of the nursing staff who completed two years' service at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, prior to March 31st, 1995. Associate members may attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

(iii) Honorary Membership

Any person may be elected an Honorary Member by the Executive Committee for outstanding service to children's nursing. All Honorary members will receive a journal but will not be asked to pay a subscription. They may attend the Annual General Meeting but do not have voting powers.

5. The Executive Committee of the League shall have the power to remove from any class of membership of the League any nurse whose behaviour, professional or otherwise, is considered by the Executive Committee of the League to have been detrimental to the honour of the aforesaid League.
6. The Executive Committee shall consist of the honorary officers (the "ex officio members") and 10 elected full, associate and honorary members (the "elected members") of whom not more than 3 shall be associate or honorary members. The elected members shall hold office for three years and be eligible for re-election for a period of three years. Thereafter they shall be eligible for re-election after one year out of office. The retirement of ex officio members shall be governed by paragraph 10 of the Constitution.
7. The work of the League shall be conducted by the Executive Committee, which shall present a report at each General Meeting of the League, together with a financial report and audited Balance Sheet at the Annual General Meeting of the League.
8. There shall be a President who shall be a full member of the League. She shall be elected by the Executive Committee and shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee. She shall be a member ex officio of all committees and sub-committees of the League. She shall hold office for 3 years and be eligible for re-election.
9. Vice-Presidents and other Honorary Officers shall be full members of the League, nominated and elected by the members of the Executive Committee and the said election reported to the Annual General Meeting.
10. The Honorary Officers shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Publicity Officer and Editor of the Journal. The Honorary officers shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. The Honorary Officers shall hold office for 3 years and be eligible for re-election.
11. Applications for membership of the League must be made upon the official application forms and be sent with the appropriate subscription to the Honorary Secretary.
12. There shall be an Annual general meeting in each calendar year.
13. A Journal shall be published once a year, for which there will be a subscription, the amount to be determined by the Executive Committee.
14. A list of members' names and addresses will be held by the Executive Committee.

15. No addition, rescission or amendment shall be made to or in the above Constitution without the sanction of the members at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed addition, rescission or amendment shall be sent to the Secretary at least 12 weeks before the General Meeting. No such addition, rescission or amendment shall come into force unless it is passed at such a General Meeting by at least two-thirds of the members present where the number present is not less than a hundred.

BYE-LAWS

1. The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by means of a postal ballot. Any two members of the League may nominate a candidate for election, provided that her/his consent in writing has been obtained. Nominations should be made to the Secretary not later than 31st December each year. The names of those nominated will be sent to all members of the League with voting papers. The voting papers shall be returned to the Returning Officer nominated by the date specified on the voting paper and the result declared at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall fill any casual vacancy occurring on the Executive Committee between elections from ordinary members of the League.
2. The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly, 5 to form a quorum, Members will be expected to attend at least one meeting per year.
3. All sub-committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
4. Subscriptions for full and associate members shall be decided by the Executive Committee . Existing life members remain in life membership without renewal of subscription.
5. Membership shall lapse if subscriptions are not renewed within a year after becoming due.
6. The subscriptions referred to in Bye-Law 4 shall be reviewed from time to time.
7. Change of name and permanent address must be notified to the Membership Secretary.
8. No Bye-Law shall be altered or rescinded without due notice of such proposed alteration or rescission having been sent to the Secretary at least 16 weeks before the date of a General Meeting and no such alteration or rescission shall come into force until it has been put forward by the Executive Committee to a General Meeting and received the sanction of the members at a General Meeting. Notice of proposed alterations or rescissions must be sent to each member at least 12 weeks before a General Meeting. No such alteration or rescission shall come into force unless it is passed at such a General Meeting by a majority of members present.

BURSARY FUND

1. The object of the Bursary Fund is to offer financial assistance to members wishing to undertake further Professional Education or research with relevance to Paediatric Nursing.
2. Requests for Bursary Grants shall be in writing on the official application form and received by the Honorary Secretary of the Executive Committee.
3. The Fund shall be administered by the Executive Committee who shall be advised by a sub-committee. A report from the Treasurer will be received at each Executive Committee.
4. The monies from the Bursary Fund shall be awarded for grants each year. A proportion of money available shall be invested to enable grants to be paid from interest.
5. The books of account of the Bursary Fund shall be audited at least once a year.