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### § 1901. Recognition as corporation and grant of Federal charter

The American Council of Learned Societies, organized and incorporated under the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the District of Columbia [D.C. Code, § 29-501 et seq.], is hereby recognized as such and is granted a charter.

(Pub. L. 97-192, § 1, June 1, 1982, 96 Stat. 109.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Nonprofit Corporation Act of the District of Columbia, referred to in text, probably means the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act, Pub. L. 87-569, Aug. 6, 1962, 76 Stat. 265, as amended, which appears in chapter 5 (§29-501 et seq.) of Title 29, Corporations, of the District of Columbia Code.

### § 1902. Powers of corporation

American Council of Learned Societies (hereinafter referred to as the “corporation”) shall have only those powers granted to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State or States in which it is incorporated and subject to the laws of such State or States.

(Pub. L. 97-192, § 2, June 1, 1982, 96 Stat. 109.)

### § 1903. Objects and purposes of corporation

The objects and purposes of the corporation are those provided in its articles of incorporation and shall include the advancement of the humanistic studies in all fields of learning and the maintenance and strengthening of relations among the national societies devoted to such studies, and the corporation shall function as authorized by the laws of the State or States where it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 97-192, § 3, June 1, 1982, 96 Stat. 109.)

### § 1904. Service of process

With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated and those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes.

(Pub. L. 97-192, § 4, June 1, 1982, 96 Stat. 109.)

### § 1905. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this chapter, be as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 97-192, § 5, June 1, 1982, 96 Stat. 109.)

### § 1906. Board of directors

The board of directors of the corporation and the responsibilities thereof shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corpora-

tion and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 97-192, § 6, June 1, 1982, 96 Stat. 109.)

### § 1907. Officers

The officers of the corporation, and the election of such officers shall be as is provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 97-192, § 7, June 1, 1982, 96 Stat. 110.)

### § 1908. Restrictions

#### (a) Distribution of income or assets to members

No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed to any such person during the life of this charter. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to the officers of the corporation or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

#### (b) Loans

The corporation shall not make any loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

#### (c) Political activities

The corporation and any officer and director of the corporation, acting as such officer or director, shall not contribute to, support or otherwise participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

#### (d) Issuance of stock; dividends

The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock nor to declare or pay any dividends.

#### (e) Claim of approval or authorization

The corporation shall not claim congressional approval or Federal Government authority for any of its activities.

(Pub. L. 97-192, § 8, June 1, 1982, 96 Stat. 110.)

### § 1909. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

(Pub. L. 97-192, § 9, June 1, 1982, 96 Stat. 110.)

### § 1910. Books and records; inspection

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of any proceeding of the corporation involving any of its members, the board of directors, or any committee having authority under the board of directors. The corporation shall keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of all members having the right to vote. All books and records of such corporation may be inspected by any member having the right to vote, or by any agent or attorney of such member, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time. Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene any applicable State law.