

CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

The Name of this Association shall be the York County Hospital Nursing Staff Association.

Article II - Objects

The Objects of this Association shall be to incorporate into this Association the Policies and Standards set by the Nursing Profession; which shall be to establish and maintain a code of ethics among Nurses; to further all means aiming to elevate the Standards of the Nursing Profession; to mature means for educational advancement; to promote happy working conditions and to exercise the art of constructive discussion.

Article III - Officers

The officers of this Association shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, A Secretary, and a Treasurer.

By - Laws

Article I - Title and Function

Section 1: The Name of this Association shall be the York County Hospital Nursing Staff Association.

Section 2: The functions of the York County Hospital Nursing Staff Association shall include:

- a. To define function of nurses and promote standards of Professional Nurse Practice in York County Hospital.
- b. To survey periodically the Nurse resources of the State.
- c. To promote and protect the economic and general welfare of Nurses.
- d. To interpret and promote Professional counseling services to individual Nurses and to their employers in regard to employment opportunities and available personnel.
- e. To cooperate with South Carolina Professional Organizations in such activities which concern Nursing.

Article 11 - Membership

- Section 1: Those desiring active membership have to be a graduate professional nurse, registered in South Carolina and employed on the Nursing Staff of York County Hospital.
- Section 2: Young Graduates from an Accredited School in good standing who have not been to State Board, yet are preparing for State Board, and employed by the Hospital may be accepted as members on a temporary basis until such time that they qualify.

Out of State Graduates are considered on a temporary basis until such a time that they obtain reciprocity in this State.

- Section 3: The dues of active members are 25¢ a month or \$3.00 a year, payable in September. Dues will be accepted each month if preferred by the individual member.

The payment of dues provides for charitable services rendered to Staff Members due to illness, or some misfortune which may warrant assistance. If the latter is true it will have to be discussed during the business portion of any regular meeting.

- Section 4: If a member fails to pay her dues, she shall be notified by the Treasurer and if she can not provide a satisfactory statement concerning her delinquency, then her voting power shall be taken away until such a time when her dues are paid up. In addition to this a member not paying dues cannot hold an office.
- Section 5: There shall be no limit placed as to the number of members in this Association as long as they are a member of the Nursing Staff.

Article 111 - Meetings

- Section 1: Meetings shall be held once a week, from the first of September through the middle of June.
Each member is compelled to attend at least two meetings a month. This includes all shifts; 7-3; 3-11; 11-7.

Article IV - Officers

- Section 1: Officers shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a show of hands. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect. If after the 3rd counting no candidate has been elected, it will be in order to drop the names of all candidates except the two who stand highest.

Officers shall serve for 1 year.

- Section 2: The duties of officers shall be according to those set down in the Authority of Parliamentary Law which is accepted by this Organization as its guide.

The Chairman shall have in her power to call special meetings whenever necessary.

Section 3: Officers shall be elected the second week in June and take over offices the following September.

Section 4: No officer shall receive recompense for his services.

Article 4 - Committees

Section 1: The Executive Committee is made up of the officers of the Organization and has no duties except such as may be given to it from time to time by the Organization.

Section 2: The Chairman at the beginning of her term of office shall appoint the following standing Committees:

- a. Program Committee
- b. Public Relations Committee
- c. Library Committee
- d. Hospitality Committee
- e. American Journal of Nursing Committee
- f. A. N. A. Committee

Article IV - Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: All meetings of this Organization shall be conducted according to Parliamentary Law as set forth in "PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE" by J. Walter Reeves, A. M.

Article V - Quorum

Section 1: 10 of the active members of this Organization shall constitute a Quorum.

Article VI - Amendments

Section 1: These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two thirds $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of those voting, providing notice of the Amendment was given at a previous regular meeting or was submitted to the members by mail at least one week before the time of adoption.