This section is substituted for 36:271 for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate executed and unnecessary words. The text of 36:272 and 290 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

§ 70902. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to create, foster, and assist subsidiary chapters composed of students and former students of vocational agriculture in public schools qualifying for Federal reimbursement under the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act (20 U.S.C. 11–15, 16–28) and associations of those chapters in the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;

(2) to develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism, and thereby develop competent and aggressive rural and agricultural leadership;

(3) to create and nurture a love of country life by encouraging members to improve the farm home and its surroundings, to develop organized rural recreational activities, and to create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations;

(4) to encourage the practice of thrift;

(5) to procure for and distribute to State associations, local chapters, and members all official supplies and equipment of the corporation;

(6) to publish an official magazine and other publications for the members of the corporation;

(7) to strengthen the confidence of young men and women in themselves and their work, to encourage members in the development of individual farming programs, and to promote their permanent establishment in farming by—

(A) encouraging improvement in scholarship;

(B) providing prizes and awards to deserving students who have achieved distinction in vocational agriculture, including farm mechanics activities on a local, State, or national basis; and

(C) assisting financially, through loans or grants, deserving students in all-day vocational agriculture classes and young farmers under 30 years of age who were former students in all-day vocational agriculture classes in becoming satisfactorily established in a farming occupation;

(8) to cooperate with others, including State boards for vocational education, in accomplishing these purposes; and

(9) to engage in other activities, consistent with these purposes, determined by the governing body to be for the best interests of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1356.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70902	36:273.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §3, 64 Stat. 563.

In clause (1), the reference to the Vocational Education Act of 1946 (ch. 541, 49 Stat. 1488) is omitted because that Act was repealed by section 103 of the Act of October 16, 1968 (Public Law 90–576, 82 Stat. 1091). The words ''States, territories, and possessions'' are substituted for ''several States and Territories'' for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In clause (7), the words ''young men and women'' are substituted for ''farm boys and young men'' to use gender-neutral terminology.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act, referred to in par. (1), is act Feb. 23, 1917, ch. 114, 39 Stat. 929, as amended, which was classified to sections 11 to 15 and 16 to 28 of Title 20, Education, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105–33, title VI, §6201, Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 653. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 11 of Title 20 and Tables.

§ 70903. 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.

(b) VOTING.—In matters of official business of a local chapter, each member has one vote. In matters of official business of a State association, each qualified delegate of a local chapter has one vote.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1356.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70903	36:276.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §6, 64 Stat. 565.

In subsection (b), the words ''In matters of'' are substituted for ''In the conduct of'' for clarity and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 70904. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board shall exercise the powers granted to the corporation.

(2) The board consists of the Secretary of Education, four staff members in the Department of Education, and four State supervisors of agriculture education. The Secretary is chairman of the board.

(3) The term of office of the directors and the method of selecting the directors (except ex officio directors) are as provided in the bylaws.

(4) The board shall meet at least annually at the time and place provided in the bylaws. The annual report of the board shall be presented at that meeting. Special meetings of the board may be called at any time by the chairman.

(b) GOVERNING COMMITTEE.—The board may designate the chairman of the board and two members of the chairman's staff as a governing committee. When the board is not in session, the governing committee has the powers of the board subject to the board's direction and may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers that require it.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1357.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70904(a)	36:278(a)–(c), (e).	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §8, 64 Stat. 565.
70904(b)	36:278(d).	

In subsection (a), the text of 36:278(e) is omitted as obsolete. In paragraph (2), the words ''Secretary of Education'' and ''Department of Education'' are substituted for ''Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency'' and ''Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency'', respectively, in section 8(a) of the Act of August 30, 1950 (ch. 823, 64 Stat. 565), because of sections 5 and 8 of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953 (5 App. U.S.C.) and 20:3441 and 3507.

§ 70905. National officers

(a) COMPOSITION.—The national officers of the corporation are a student president, four student vice presidents (one from each of four regions of the United States established in the bylaws for purposes of administration of the corporation), a student secretary, an executive secretary, a treasurer, and a national advisor.

(b) BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS.—The national student officers of the corporation comprise a board of student officers. The board of student officers shall advise and make recommendations to the board of directors about the activities and business of the corporation.

(c) ELECTION.—The national officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in the annual national convention from among qualified members of the corporation, except that—

(1) the national advisor shall be the Secretary of Education;

(2) the executive secretary shall be a member of the Department of Education; and

(3) the treasurer shall be an employee or member of a State agency that directs or supervises a State program of agricultural education under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act (20 U.S.C. 11–15, 16–28).

(d) VOTE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.—Each qualified delegate has one vote at the annual national convention.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1357.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70905	36:277.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §7, 64 Stat. 565.

In subsection (c), the words ''Secretary of Education'' and ''Department of Education'' are substituted for ''Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency'' and ''that service'', respectively, in section 7(c) of the Act of August 30, 1950 (ch. 823, 64 Stat. 565), because of sections 5 and 8 of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953 (5 App. U.S.C.) and 20:3441 and 3507. In clause (3), the reference to the Vocational Education Act of 1946 (ch. 541, 49 Stat. 1488) is omitted because that Act was repealed by section 103 of the Act of October 16, 1968 (Public Law 90–576, 82 Stat. 1091).

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(3), is act Feb. 23, 1917, ch. 114, 39 Stat. 929, as amended, which was classified to sections 11 to 15 and 16 to 28 of Title 20, Education, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105–33, title VI, §6201, Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 653. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 11 of Title 20 and Tables.

§ 70906. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs, including the establishment and maintenance of local chapters and State associations of chapters;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) use corporate funds to give prizes, awards, loans, and grants to deserving students and young farmers to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(9) publish a magazine and other publications;

(10) procure for and distribute to State associations, local chapters, and members all official Future Farmers of America supplies and equipment;

(11) sue and be sued; and

(12) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1357.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70906	36:274. 36:289.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §§4, 19, 64 Stat. 564, 567.

In this section, the text of 36:289 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the word ''amend'' is substituted for ''alter'' for consistency in the revised title. The words ''not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which such corporation is to operate'' are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the word ''use'' is omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (5), the words ''make contracts'' are substituted for ''contract and be contracted with'' to eliminate unnecessary words.

Clause (6) is substituted for ''to take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest any property, real or personal, necessary for attaining the objects and accomplishing the purposes of the corporation'' and ''to transfer and convey real or personal property'' for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words ''subject to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling