perty of the corporation and to fix their salaries, to make by-laws for the government of the association, in which shall be ascertained the conditions and privileges of membership, the time and mode of chosing the officers, and generally to do all such things as may be necessary to promote the objects of the corporation, and until a change in the direction be effected, the persons herein named shall constitute the board of directors.

Board of directors to define departments

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That there shall be six principal departments of the institution, to wit: the library, the gallery of the fine arts, the gallery of the useful arts, the department of the natural sciences, the department of miscellaneous curiosities, and the department of lectures, the scope of all which shall be defined from time to time by the board of direction.

Supervisory powers

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That the directors and vice presidents shall be divided into as many classes as there are departments in the institution, and each class shall have the immediate contract of a particular department, subject to the general superintendence of the board of direction, and shall at every stated meeting of the board of direction, [and shall at every stated meeting of the board,] present a report of its condition, and the additions made to it, and by whom the president shall designate the classes, to which members of the board shall belong, and shall himself be a member of each class; each class shall choose its own chairman.

Executive committee how constituted

SEC. 6. And be it enacted, That the chairman of all the classes, and the president of the institution, shall constitute the executive committee which in the recess of the board, shall exercise its functions; a majority of which committee shall constitute a quorum.

General powers.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That the board of direction shall have authority and are advised to found collections in the institution attached to the proper department, to be named after such individuals as in the opinion of the board of direction, have deserved by their liberality, that their names should be thus perpetuated as benefactors of the people, and the board shall also be authorized to receive bequests or donations for any special purpose, such as the endowment of lectureships, and the foundation of medals designated by donor or deviser, that may be consistent with the objects of the corporation, and the board shall have power to grant honorary diplomas to the authors of useful inventions, and to persons distinguished in science, literature, or the arts.

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