

Many questions as to the corporation's procedures, powers and limitations could be resolved in its articles and bylaws. However, in the absence of statutory law, uncertainty would remain as to many of these matters.

To suggest the scope of the problem, we have briefly reviewed the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act. 1/ This act is a typical modern statute, designed to apply to membership and other forms of non-profit corporations. It occupies 25 pages (in small type) in the District of Columbia Code; it contains 111 sections. Following is a summary of subject matter covered by that statute as to which the Trust Territory Code is either silent or -- in our judgment -- incomplete:

- general powers, including unlimited life
- defense of ultra vires
- bylaws
- members -- generally; meetings; notice; voting; quorum
- directors -- generally; number; classification; removal; elections; vacancies; quorum; place and notice of meetings; committees
- greater voting requirements
- waiver of notice
- action by members or directors without a quorum
- officers -- generally; removal
- books and records

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1/ D.C. Code §§29-1001 to 29-10991.