

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
of the  
53rd CONVENTION  
of the  
AMERICAN TURNERS

Held at McKeesport, Pennsylvania  
August 16 to 19, 1970

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FIRST SESSION

Sunday Evening, August 16, 1970

The Convention was called to order by Turner President Reskovitz at 7:55 P.M. in the gymnasium of the McKeesport Turners. Turner Reskovitz introduced Turner John Kovaly, Convention Chairman. Presentation of colors was by the McKeesport American Legion Post, after which the assembly sang the Star Spangled Banner, led by McKeesport singers. The Turners were welcomed by the McKeesport president, Turner Jack McCarthy, and an official welcome was extended by Mayor Zoron Popovich. President Reskovitz then presented his report:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

In my last report to the 53rd National Convention I would like to present some of my personal experiences during the last two years as your National President. During these two years there was not much change in membership totals in the American Turners. Our ultimate goal should be for more members, more activity, more participation in club work and community.

I visited many societies throughout the country and found most societies to be very stable. A few have been having their troubles. The Denver Turn-Verein withdrew from the National Office after much negotiating trying to keep them. The San Diego California Turners lost their building and are meeting in rental quarters. The tragic fire at the Clinton Turn-Verein left them completely wiped out. The tragedy also took the life of a young boy. They have started to rebuild at the same location. After paying off their debts they only had about \$30,000 left in the building fund. The Clinton Turners and their friends in the community have held many fund raising events with some success toward their goal. I would not like to see the American Turners let them down, but give help in supplying equipment for their gym floor in the new building so that they can begin gym classes as soon as the building is completed. The Charleroi Turn-Verein, Charleroi, Pa., were about to lose their club building, but the Endowment Trust Fund came to their aid with a first mortgage. This again shows how much the Endowment Fund can help when needed. I attended the National Bowling Tournament on opening day in Toledo, Ohio. The Mayor of Toledo rolled out the first ball. I had the good fortune to present Turner William Racker with the Honor Key at the opening dinner.

A new interest in our societies has to be created to induce new young members. We need new young members to carry on in our societies.



Let us include helping the community as well as our club in our business. I would like to see the Leader course continue in the future years because so many of our societies are in dire need of instructors.

During my term in office we had the misfortune to lose Dr. E. A. Eklund as our National Secretary. His untiring devotion to the American Turners will long be remembered. I valued his help greatly as did many others. Mrs. Gretchen Willer has carried on capably until a new secretary is appointed.

With Turner Greetings,  
Stephen H. Reskovitz  
National President

Turner Reskovitz then called for the report of the First Vice-President, Turner William R. Meyer:

## REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

To the delegates of the Fifty-Third Convention of the American Turners  
and Guests:

Greetings:

Upon completion of my first term as a National officer, I look back with regrets upon many of the developments at the National and local levels, but fortunately there have been enough signs of progress to hopefully make the years ahead somewhat better than what we have experienced in the recent past.

### National Office

Due to the extended illness and eventual death of our long-time secretary, E. A. Eklund, and the lack of inertia on the part of some National Council members, the National office operation during the last two years has left much to be desired. The same old complaints relative to Turner Topics content and mailing and communication from the National office to the regions, districts and societies have continued to plague us. In addition, the opportunity for the Societies to avail themselves of a better insurance policy at less premium cost was mishandled at the National level and the offer was eventually withdrawn by the Aetna Insurance Company.

Since March the National office has been under the temporary control of Mrs. G. Willer, who with a part-time assistant has been doing a commendable job keeping things up-to-date until permanent changes can be implemented. However, much of the problems of the National office are the exclusive fault of the Societies. The Turner Topics mailing list is kept current only upon notifications of change of addresses (including zip codes) received from Society secretaries and the names and addresses that appear on the stub portion of the membership cards when they are returned to the National office with the dues. Societies invariably return these cards late and therefore we are not informed of new members or change of addresses. There are three societies who have still not paid for or returned any cards for 1969. It is also important that the National office be notified of resignations and expulsions.

I'm sure you all have appreciated the new look of Turner Topics during the last three issues. This is due to the new 3-man editorial committee led by Bill Huth of Buffalo. This committee will continue to function until a new Secretary/Editor is hired and properly trained to handle the job.

A new annual statistical report has been designed and in use which is much easier to complete and file. But still the reports are received late or not at all. They are important so that the National office can be advised as to who the current Society and District officers are, the programs that are being run and the status of members to verify the number of delegates authorized for National conventions.

For the first time in many years, I am pleased to report that the financial structure of the American Turners is sound even though expenses have gone up and we have expanded the cost of benefits provided through the National. This has been possible due to the increased per capita tax receipts, generous donations from the Jahn Fund, and the cutting of expenses in some administrative areas.



The delegates to this convention will be asked to approve a resolution to move the National office to Louisville, Ky. This move is strongly supported by your National officers. The move to Rochester, N. Y., was made solely for the purpose of protecting the investment in the Rochester Turners Building and to oversee the reorganization of the Rochester Turners and the rehabilitation of the building. This is no longer necessary as the Rochester Turners are now again an active strong society and have paid off the \$7,073 liability to the American Turners. They have now entered into a 20-year mortgage repayment plan with the Endowment Trust fund to pay off the mortgage to that fund. Sixteen months of timely payments have already been made on this liability. Rochester is not a good location for the National office, primarily because of the severe winter weather, and it is not located centrally geographically. This, of course, creates travel problems and increases travel expenses. Also, we have an application from a well-qualified Turner member of the Louisville Turners for the position of National secretary, but his application is contingent on the move to Louisville.

### Publicity

At almost every convention resolutions are submitted requesting publicity items such as brochures, Turner history, films, installation ceremonies, etc. This convention is no exception, as the St. Louis district has again submitted such a resolution. I begin to wonder why we should be bothered to even attempt to comply with such requests based on the experience of the last two years. A committee was formed at the 1968 National council meeting, consisting of representatives of various regions, to develop a Turner brochure to be used by the Societies as an aid in membership drives and fund-raising drives. After several months, the committee collapsed, and I personally took it upon myself to get this brochure made. Turner Glen Mittlacher and other members of the American Turners - Northwest Chicago, devoted a great deal of time and effort to write to selected societies for ideas, pictures, descriptions of their various physical, cultural and social activities, etc. These Turners then donated the copy, art work and layout for a color fold-out brochure which was printed and distributed in December, 1969, at a cost of \$900 for 20,000 copies. I was able to convince the Jahn Fund trustees that the brochure was in the best interests of the American Turners, and they have reimbursed us for the cost of printing, so that these brochures did not cost the American Turners a cent. But now comes the disappointing part -- 25 copies were sent to each Society affiliated with the American Turners with a cover letter explaining that more copies were available upon request but that these brochures were only intended to be used in conjunction with local literature to be developed by each Society for membership and fund-raising drives. Today -- eight months later -- requests have only been received from three Societies and only one of these had literature of its own that was being used in a membership drive.

The National body has many important matters to consider and act on, so please don't ask us to waste our time and money to provide services that you Turners do not know what to do with when you get it. Each Society must learn to stand on its own feet by providing full programs, increasing membership and charging adequate dues. The National body will assist in any way possible, but we cannot lead each group around by the nose. You must cooperate and be dynamic in order to progress.

Another booklet that has recently been printed is a formal "Initiation Ceremony and Program for Orientation of New Members." This ceremony is based on the one developed by J. C. Barker of the Louisville Turners,

and has been modified to be usable by all American Turner Societies. The booklet includes a description of the ceremony and orientation, actual words to be used by the officers in charge, a brief Turner history and two charts. A few copies of this booklet will be distributed to each Society in the near future. I have copies of this booklet and the brochure with me that I will turn over to the publicity committee and National affairs committee of this convention.

#### Endowment Trust Fund

The financial status of this fund will be presented to the finance committee of this convention. Turner Bob Schuler's term as a trustee expires today, and you delegates will be asked to elect a new trustee for a six-year term. I find one fault with the operation of this fund, and that is the red tape involved to obtain a loan or aid from the fund. A simple application form and procedure must be developed by the trustees to make it a simple matter for needy Societies to request aid. One Society was promised a loan last year, but by the time all the red tape was ironed out, it was too late and they had to go elsewhere for aid.

#### Jahn Fund

This is one of the bright spots in the whole Turner movement. I have been able to secure a copy of the latest financial report of this fund from the trustees that I will turn over to the finance committee. This statement shows that as of March 31, 1970, the fund had cash assets of \$37,200, of which over \$10,000 is available for distribution. In addition, the fund has security investments recorded at a cost of \$69,200. During the past two years, the Jahn Fund has contributed \$2,400 towards the cost of Turner Topics, paid the entire cost of the 2 leaders courses, paid \$900 for the printing of the publicity brochures, and reimbursed the American Turners for the \$250 that was paid to each of the three Turner members who made the final tryouts for the 1968 Olympic gymnastic team. The trustees have already committed themselves to sponsor the 1970 leaders course and plan to make a substantial donation to the Clinton Turners to aid them in rebuilding after their recent fire misfortune. I have tried to keep in regular contact with Rudy Koenig, the President of the fund, to keep him advised as to projects that might be considered by the Trustees for financial aid.

#### Instructors Fund

I have been in contact with the trustees of this fund also, and have obtained a copy of their latest financial report which I will turn over to the finance committee. This statement shows that the fund has assets of \$28,800 as of December 31, 1969, of which \$8,600 is available for distribution. This fund has disbursed \$6,600 towards the aid of needy instructors and former instructors of American Turner Societies since its formation in 1931. However, the trustees have not received a request for aid since 1967. President George Heeschens has asked that this convention be advised of this fact and to let you know that the funds are available. To qualify for aid the application must be submitted by the instructor or the Executive officers of the society in which the applicant served; the applicant must be in serious need of financial assistance as a result of illness, accident or other misfortune, and must have rendered faithful service as an instructor in a Society affiliated with the American Turners.

The 1957 National Council meeting recommended to the trustees that because of Social Security benefits, that the Instructors fund is probably no longer needed for its original purpose, and suggested that the fund be used to augment Instructors salaries and as an aid to securing new qualified instructors. No action was ever taken on this recommendation.



## Ladies Auxiliary

This group has again been cooperative with the American Turners in every way they can. They have been ably represented at the National council meeting by their president, Mrs. Ina Noe.

As I mentioned earlier, the Rochester N. Y. Turners have paid off their entire indebtedness to the general fund of the American Turners, and the National has in turn paid off all loans that it made at the time that funds were needed for the Rochester rehabilitation, except for a \$1,500 note held by the Ladies Auxiliary. They have been notified that funds are available to pay off this liability, but as yet they have not requested repayment.

In the past, the Ladies Auxiliary paid the expenses of the leaders course one year and has offered to pay for others. However, as long as the Jahn Fund continues to support this endeavor, the money will not be needed from the ladies. We certainly do appreciate the offer, though, and hope that the ladies can find other programs of the American Turners to channel their funds to. The cultural program has needed a shot in the arm for quite some time; the ladies might give some thought to sponsoring a new type of cultural competitive event by offering to pay the expenses and for the prizes related to such a project.

## National Committees

The chairman of the three National committees will give you detailed reports on their activities later, but I would like to offer a few observations now.

The bowling committee again under the able leadership of Will Racker ran two highly successful National bowling tournaments; one at Louisville in 1969 and the other in Toledo in 1970. Both were run very efficiently and I was personally very happy to see that this year in Toledo the committee has finally found the correct way to select the National champion of the mens singles event. The National junior championships were also well run, but have not attracted the participation that they should. A little more publicity through Turner Topics and a push by the local society officers and gym instructors is needed to build this event up to what it should be.

The cultural program has been rather dormant, but I have high hopes for a step up in activity in the near future. Mrs. Jo Ann Mueller has now learned the problems relating to this program, and with this experience plus the introduction of new interesting categories and a new type of annual competitive event this program should come to life. However, again, the cooperation of Society officers and cultural leaders is needed in order to promote the program and bring it up to the level that cultural endeavors are entitled to.

The physical education committee under the first term leadership of Arnold Trummer has held two leaders courses, two National volleyball tournaments, and has completed revising the National Festival rules book which will be presented to this convention for approval. There have been no bids received for National gymnastics or other National physical tournaments. What is the reason? .....Is it lack of interest?.....lack of funds?.....lack of good Society leadership?.....lack of good instructors?.....or are our Societies becoming social clubs interested in only the soft activities such as parties, dances, bowling, golf and boating? Whatever the problem is, we must define it and then work out a solution to solve it. Towards this end the National council has increased the

scholarships for Turners enrolled at the Indiana Normal college to \$200 for women and \$400 for men, but still we have only two women and no men attending the school today. We have supported a leaders course each year, but only a handful of Societies send their instructors or gym assistants. We are now in the process of reorganizing the method for awarding the National tournaments whereby the National will pick up the tab for these events and provide standard type trophies for the winners. We sincerely hope that the committee on Physical Education can come up with some further solutions and recommendations at this convention.

### National and Regional Festivals

There were two regional invitational festivals held during the last two years; one in Kansas City, Mo., and the other in Algonquin, Ill. They were both fairly successful, but again active participation has been on the decline. The next National Festival has been awarded to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and will be held in that city on June 24-27, 1971. A committee consisting of the chairmen of the physical education committee, the cultural education committee and myself met with the officers of the Milwaukee Turners in February and selected the site for the activities. All physical and cultural competitive events and displays will be held in one location at the modern Nicolet High School facilities, headquarters will be at the Turner Hall and the banquet will be held at the new Arts Center. Arrangements have been made with motels and hotels near the Turner Hall for room reservations. Regular bus service will be provided between the Turner Hall and the high school. The Milwaukee Turners festival committee has been organized and have submitted a budget which has been approved and a Festival contract between the American Turners and the Milwaukee Turners has been signed. This festival has the leadership and facilities to make it one of the best. Each Society should be making plans now to send as many participants as possible to Milwaukee in 1971. The Illinois District has already reserved 150 rooms at one of the downtown motels.

Primarily because of their involvement in the planning for the 1971 National Festival thus far and the unfinished work ahead regarding this festival, I strongly recommend that the delegates to this convention re-elect Turners Trummer and Mueller to another term as chairman of the National Physical Education Committee and the National Cultural Education Committee, respectively.

### Societies

During the past two years, I have been fortunate to be able to visit 35 Turner Societies in 13 districts, either on formal business or informally, at practically no cost to the American Turners. From these visits it appears quite evident that it is the Societies with dynamic leadership, new or well-maintained facilities and equipment and desirable locations that are complying fully with the American Turner principals and offering complete programs. Most of the other Societies are dependent upon a few key people to lead and operate the group, and unfortunately these Turners are usually upper middle-aged or older. We must have more Societies realize that we are approaching the 21st Century and we can no longer operate with 19th Century ideas and methods. It is impossible to offer a full Turner program, with a qualified gym instructor, if your Society is charging less than \$40.00 a year in dues. And yet the majority of our Societies are doing just that, and as a result are operating in antiquated facilities with untrained part-time gym instructors or -- worst yet -- no gym program at all.



You will be asked at this convention to approve the withdrawals of the Clinton, Iowa, and the Denver Turner Societies from the American Turners. Clinton had over 1,000 members with full gym classes under the leadership of Henry Schiget in the 40's. After Schiget left, the gym program fell apart and memberships rapidly declined until there were only a few left when the Society collapsed. The Denver situation is somewhat the same, except that they have over 200 remaining members but their leadership has found its way into the hands of people who are not interested in the Turner principals but want only to run a German social club. This society has not paid any dues for 1969, so their resignation cannot be accepted in good standing. It is a hopeless case, so our only alternative is to expel the Society from membership in the American Turners. Societies that do not live up to the principals of the American Turners are no asset to us. We can operate much more effectively and in the best interest of all true Turners with a few strong dynamic groups than with many weak social clubs.

A good example of what can be done by a close strong group in helping the less fortunate (but dedicated) Turner Society is the Clinton, Mass. case. They lost their building through a tragic fire. The building was underinsured, but with the insurance proceeds they did receive plus donations received from Turner districts, societies, bowling leagues, auxiliaries and individual Turner members, they are ready to start building a new modern building. The Jahn Fund has also pledged to make a substantial donation to their cause, and the Endowment Trust Fund has committed itself to a low interest loan.

In conclusion, I would like to say that in spite of the many frustrations I have been faced with and some of the problems cited in this report, I have enjoyed serving you during the past few years, and I firmly believe that the future holds better things in store for the American Turners.

Respectively Submitted,  
William R. Meyer, First Vice President

The report of Turner Clifford Anderson, Second Vice-President, was then called for by President Reskovitz:

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

To the 53rd National Convention of the American Turners  
Mr. Chairman, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

As your Second Vice-President, my major function has been attendance at Council and Executive Committee meetings. We had two National Council meetings and three Executive Committee meetings the past two years. A lot was accomplished at these meetings for the benefit of the American Turners.

I attended the National Bowling Tournament at Louisville, Kentucky, and also the Bowling Tournament that was held in Toledo, Ohio. These tournaments were very well represented.

I attended the 110th Anniversary of Wilmington, Delaware, Turners, which was well attended, and also had an enjoyable visit with Turners.

I attended the National Golf Tournament at Beaver Falls in 1969 and the National Golf Tournament this year which was held at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

I have made visits to several Turner societies around the country. I find most buildings kept up and a good Turner program in most of them.

I can report that the past two years were most enjoyable for me, as I had the pleasure of being invited to many Society celebrations.

My duties as your Second Vice-President were to perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice-President, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to me. Being that we had an active President, Stephen Reskovitz, and a very active First Vice-President, William Meyer, I had no special assignments to carry out.

In my two years there was a lot of correspondence that had to be answered and decisions to be made.

In closing, I want to thank Past-President George Jacquin for all the help he has given me, and it was a pleasure to work with two fine turners like President Stephen Reskovitz and First Vice-President William Meyer. I want to thank you wonderful Turners for electing me your Second Vice-President the past two years. It was a wonderful experience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clifford E. Anderson, Second Vice-Pres.

Turner Reskovitz next introduced Mrs. Ina Nee, National President of the Women's Auxiliary, who extended a welcome to everyone on behalf of the National Auxiliary as well as McKeesport.

Turner John Westermeyer, President of the Endowment Trust Fund, presented his report:



## REPORT ON THE ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

To the 53rd Convention of the American Turners.

Dear Turners:

As president of the American Turners Endowment Trust for the past two (2) years, 1969-70, it is my pleasure to give this report.

I believe the endowment trust fund can be a very instrumental aid to the Turner movement, which it has in several cases in the past years, and I refer to the Detroit Turners, the Western Pennsylvania District, whose loans were returned with interest.

We have a loan with the Rochester Turners of \$45,000. They are paying interest, and are hopefully striving to get into a position to take over their building, which would free some funds. We also have a loan with Lawrence Turnverein.

We have petitions from the following societies: Moline Turners, Springfield Turners, Clinton Turners (Mass.), Charleroi Turners, and Chattanooga Turners.

We have approved a \$10,000 loan at 4% to the Charleroi Turners, payable in monthly payments with interest for ten years, and secured by a first deed on their property.

We have request pending of the Springfield Turners and also Clinton Turners of Massachusetts.

It is our intention to help if our finances permit, but our societies should remember that proper security is needed for a loan, such as a first or second deed on property, or a personal security such as stocks or bonds. These are necessary because of Government investigation which checks on proper collateral because of its being a trust fund.

We also have plans for other help to societies, but we must be sure that all details are in accord with the Internal Revenue Department. We also ask societies to plan well in advance of securing a loan from the Endowment Fund because of processing petitions.

I believe we are reasonably coming close to the reason for which the Endowment Trust was created to help where needed.

With Turner Greetings,  
John A. Westermeyer, President  
American Turners Endowment Trust

At this time Turner Reskovitz dismissed the ladies present so they could attend a social hour as guests of the Women's Auxiliary of the McKeesport Turners.

Turner Reskovitz called upon Turner Pressley Pippin, Middle Atlantic District, for the report of the Credentials Committee:

## REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order by temporary chairman Turner John Westermeyer at 2:35 P.M. Turner Herbert Heider nominated Turner John Westermeyer as Permanent Chairman of the Credentials Committee. Seconded by Turner Elmer Crook. Nominations were closed and the vote taken. Turner Westermeyer assumed seat as Permanent Chairman.

Turner Elmer Crook nominated Turner Pressley Pippin for the position of Secretary. Nominations were closed, the vote taken and Turner Pippin assumed the position as Committee secretary.

Roll call was made and corrections made. Attendance was as follows:

John Westermeyer	-	St. Louis District
Fred Boeker	-	New Jersey District
George Kuettner	-	Minnesota District
William O. Huth	-	Western New York District
Elmer Crook	-	Missouri District
Dick Senn	-	Central District5
Axel Nordstrom	-	New England District
Herman Niehaus	-	Western Pennsylvania District
Herbert Heider	-	New York District
Walter Schrader	-	Illinois District
Pressley Pippin	-	Middle Atlantic District
Walter Guenther	-	Lake Erie District

The next order of business was a check of delegates by districts. The list compiled by the National office was checked over and totals of federal votes verified. The total of 138 Federal votes was accepted by the Credentials Committee after a finding that Southern California is not in attendance.

Recommended by the Committee that members-at-large be considered on the same basis as districts in qualifying for Federal votes in future conventions.

Delegates listed by committees:

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Warren Dalbke	John Stevens	Aaron Orchard	Herbert Klapheke
Edward Timm	Christ Wuest	Max Spanier	Walter Guenther
Larry Woolworth	Fred Boeker	Wm. Naab	

### BOWLING COMMITTEE

Joseph Koutnik	Thomas Trame	Dick Senn	Robert St. Peters
Walter Schnurr	Herman Zweifel	Ken Garrison	Leonard Weber
Nick Meyer	Edward W. Timm	James Rue	John Smocer
George Hemer	John Pfeiffer	Edward Grimm-A	Michael Bissel-A
David Porter	H. R. Lingenfelter	Anthony Ragno	

### CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Frank Komm	Lucille Bothfeld	Eugene Gilbert	Joseph Becker
Margery Stocker-A	Gene Solfronk	Luella Roth	Betty Barker
Clarence Lahrman, Jr.	Edward J. Sexton	David Parker	E. Nystrom-A
Pauline McIntyre	Oscar Baer-A		



FINANCE COMMITTEE

John A. Westermeyer  
Richard L. Neihaus  
Christ Wuest

Warren Dalbke  
Nick Meyer  
Robert S. White, Sr.

Harold Pehlke  
Elmer Crook  
William Chapman-A

Eugene Gilbert  
Max Spanier  
Jack Howarth-A

NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Larry Woolworth  
Theresa Smith  
Glen Dau  
Gene Solfronk  
Herbert Klapheke  
Ernest Gebhardt-A  
Edward Wellman  
Frank A. Lynch  
Richard Mayfield--A

Edward W. Elste  
Pressley Pippin  
Robert Ping  
Aaron Orchard  
Axel Nordstrom  
Adolph H. Zink  
Jack McCarthy  
Robert J. Volker  
Jack Meyers-A

Herman Zweifel  
Walter Hain-A  
Arthur H. Hoyler  
Robert Schuler  
William Moran  
Emil Lang  
John Kovaly  
A. Herman Niehaus  
Geo. Kuettner

Warren Dalbke  
Carl R. Anderson  
Forrest  
Steinlage  
John Milne  
James Wunder  
Wm. Fearon-A

PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

John A. Westermeyer  
August Andre  
Aaron Orchard  
Thomas Lemmon

Walter Schrader  
Fred Largent  
Herbert Heider  
James Stoffel

Louis Baker  
Wm. O. Huth  
Earl Stevenson

J. Edw. Hille  
Elmer Crook  
Chas. E. Hall

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Alex Diamant  
Jack McAdoo  
Ray Karl  
Otto Ernst  
Eugene Gilbert  
Adrian DeJong  
Robert Marx  
Jim Douglas

Rita M. Wuest  
Jack Wilson  
Charles Kremtz-A  
Fred Boeker  
James Farkus  
Robert Dau  
A. J. O'Donnell  
John Stevens

Wm. Thane  
John Butela-A  
Rolf Helmke  
Walter L. Guenther  
Fred Bartels-A  
Wm. A. Naab  
Robert J. Murray

Merle Dillon  
John Hill-A  
Ralph Markus  
Kay Kitson  
Daisy M. Pippin  
John M. Stocker  
Oliver A. Fiebig

NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Wm. Ellinger

Stanley Spiegel

Wm. H. Huth

Herbert  
Heider

Delegates Listed by DistrictsCENTRAL STATES

Thomas Trame  
Luella Roth  
Forrest Steinlage

Dick Senn  
Betty Barker  
Herbert Klapheke

Robert St. Peters  
Clarence Lahrman  
Oliver Fiebig

Walter Schnurr  
Robt. Schuler  
Jim Douglas

ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Herman Zweifel  
Harold Pehlke  
Edward Elste

Frank Komm  
Rolf Helmke  
Walter Schrader

Lucille Bothfeld  
Ralph Markus  
Louis Baker

Warren Dalbke  
Otto Ernst  
Wm. Ellinger

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

Pauline McIntyre

Walter Guenther

Theresa Smith

Kat Kitson

MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Pressley Pippin  
Walter Hain

J. Edward Hille

August Andre

Adrian DeJong

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

George Kuettner	John Stevens
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MISSOURI DISTRICT

Nick Meyer	Gene Solfronk	Elmer Crook	Robert Marx
Aaron Orchard			

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

David Parker	Robert S. White, Sr	Merle Dillon	Jack McAdoo
H.R. Lingenfelter	Stanley Spiegel	Thos. Lemmon	Earl Stevenson
Chas. E. Hall	Edw. W. Timm	James Rue	John Smocer
George Remer	John Pfeiffer	Emil Lang	John Milne
Edward Wellman	Jack McCarthy	John Kovaly	James Wunder
Frank A. Lynch	Robt. J. Volker	A. Herman Niehaus	Ray Karl
Wm. E. Fearon-A	Richard Mayfield-A	Jack Myers-A	Jack C. Wilson-A
John Butela -A	John Hill -A	E. Nystrom-A	Edw. Grimm-A
Michael Bissel-A	David Porter-A	Wm. Chapman-A	Jack Howarth-A
James Stoffel-A	Chas. Krentz-Z	Anthony Ragno-A	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - NoneMEMBERS -AT -LARGE

Daisy Pippin

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Max Soanier	Anthony J. O'Donnell	Robt. J. Murray	Axel Nordstrom
Wm. Moran	Ernest Gebhardt-A	Oscar Baer-A	

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Fred Boeker

NEW YORK DISTRICT

Edw. J. Sexton	Christ Wuest	Alex Diamant	Rita Wuest
Wm. Thane	Adolph Zink	Herbert Heider	

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT

John Westermeyer	Lee Osborn	Larry Woolworth
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SOUTH BEND DISTRICT

Joseph C. Koutnik

UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

Ken Garrison	Joseph Becker	Richard Neihaus	Robert Dau
Carl Anderson	Glen Dau	Fred Largent	

WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Eugene Gilbert	James Farkas	Fred Bartels
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WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT

Wm. Naab	Robt. Ping	Wm. Huth	John Stocker
Margery Stocker	Arthur Hoyler	Leonard Weber-A	



Central States District	20
Illinois District	12
Lake Erie District	6
Middle Atlantic District	8
Minnesota District	2
Missouri District	5
New England District	15
New Jersey District	1
New York District	7
Rocky Mountain District	0
St. Louis District	5
South Bend District	5
Southern California District	0
Upper Mississippi District	10
Western New York District	6
Western Pennsylvania District	32
Wisconsin District	3
Members at Large	<u>1</u>
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Recommendation was made that any district having seven or more delegates to the convention place at least one delegate on each committee.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
 John Westermeyer, Chairman  
 Pressley Pippin, Secretary

Turner Steinlage of the Central States District requested that the name of Joseph Lubbers be added to the list of their delegates, to serve on the Finance Committee. He also requested that in place of Herbert Klapheke on the Nominating and National Affairs Committee, the name of Walter Schnurr be placed.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the Credentials Committee with the above corrections. Passed.

Turner Reskovitz then called for nominations for Permanent Chairman of the Convention. The name of Turner Walter Schrader (Ill.) was proposed by Koutnik (So.Bend), seconded by Diamant (NY). Motion was made that nominations be closed; seconded and passed. Turner Reskovitz declared Turner Schrader as Permanent Chairman and Turner Schrader took the chair.

Nominations for Vice Chairman were called for by the Chairman, and Turner Heider (NY) was nominated and seconded. The name of Turner Jack McCarthy (W.Pa.) was nominated and seconded. Turner Heider declined the nomination in favor of Turner McCarthy. Motion was made, seconded and passed to close the nominations, and the Chairman declared that a unanimous ballot would be cast for Turner McCarthy as Permanent Vice-Chairman.

Turner Lucille Bothfeld was nominated for Permanent Secretary, and seconded. Motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations, and Turner Bothfeld was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for herself as Permanent Secretary.

Turner Robert Marx (Mo.) was nominated for Permanent Assistant Secretary. Seconded. Motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations, and the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Marx as Assistant Secretary.

Turner Adolph Zink (NY) was nominated and seconded for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms. Motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations be closed, and the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Zink as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Motion was made by Dalbke (Ill.) and seconded to accept the report of the President. Carried.

Motion was made by P. Pippin (Mid.Atl.) and seconded that a parliamentarian be chosen for the Convention. Carried.

Turner George Jacquin was nominated for Parliamentarian. Seconded. Motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations be closed, and the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Jacquin as Parliamentarian.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report of the First Vice-President.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Second Vice-President.



Turner Schrader then called for the report of the National Secretary:

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

To the 53rd National Convention of the American Turners  
Greetings:

If the events of last year could have been known to me in advance, I would have insisted that the task ahead of me was an impossible one. Although it meant taking work home on weekends and giving up vacations, it still could not have been done without the assistance of the National Executive Committee and the National Council. These fine people were so helpful, and often in their letters to me would be the kind offer, "If there is any way I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to ask." Even one of our members-at-large was kind enough to help with typing of membership lists for the mailer of Turner Topics. So now I want to express my thanks to these wonderful Turners for their assistance and guidance during a very trying year.

Dr. Eklund first became ill during the summer of 1969. He developed a cough and seemed to have difficulty breathing. After several visits to his doctor, it was decided that he should be hospitalized for a week of tests and observation. So on July 14th he was admitted to Highland Hospital for that purpose. After his release, he went daily to the hospital for X-ray treatments. He did not respond favorably to the treatments. In fact, it was discovered that he had suffered damage to the heart. On September 29th, he was again admitted to the hospital for about a week.

After that he was confined to his home. During that time I kept in touch with him by phone and visits. I delivered his mail and kept him informed. He never lost interest in Turner affairs. He did some work at home on correspondence and membership lists until he became too weak to continue. President Reskovitz visited him twice at his home and at one of these visits Dr. Eklund turned in his resignation as National Secretary.

In February he was again admitted to the Highland Hospital and from there to the Veteran's Hospital in Batavia, where he died of lung cancer on March 7, 1970. In fact, on that weekend, the Executive Committee members were in Rochester for a meeting, and President Reskovitz had been with him shortly before he passed away. Some of his last thoughts were of the Turners and concern for the National office.

Because of Dr. Eklund, my years with the Turner National Office have been most pleasant. He was a kind, considerate man to work for and was seldom away from the office. We each had our duties and tried to share the work equally.

We have all felt a great loss with his passing, and he will be missed for a long time to come.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Mrs.) Gretchen Willer  
Secretary

Motion was made, seconded and carried that this report be accepted.

At this time the Chairman called for a moment of silence in respect to the memory of Dr. Eklund and all Turners who have died since our last Convention.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the report of Turner Westermeyer on the Endowment Trust Fund be accepted.

Chairman Schrader called on Treasurer Warren Dalbke for his report. He stated that the 1969 audit reports for the A-T-R Corporation and for the Endowment Trust Fund are completed and will be turned over to the Finance Committee for study. The auditor's report for the General Fund has not yet been completed. However, the National Secretary's report has been given to the auditor and approved through June 30, 1969, and will be turned over to the Finance Committee.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report of the National Treasurer.

The report of the Physical Education Chairman, Turner Arnold Trummer, was then given:

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

During the two activity seasons 1968-1969 and 1969-1970, I had hoped for a full schedule of championships. Of the activity schedule I projected for each year, only the Volleyball and Golf Tournaments became a reality. Either we are no longer playing the other sports to the extent of fostering a tournament, or we are not doing our part as a National body to assist these sports.

A successful volleyball tournament was held in Chicago, Illinois, April 13, 1969. The event drew 13 men's teams and 8 women's teams; Mr. Kurt Irmischer was the chairman of the event. The tournament was well organized, but I regret that we did not have an adequate report on this tournament. I requested a report personally, and by letter, dated April 18, 1969.

From the report of Turner Joe Simon, Chairman of the 1969 Golf Tournament in Beaver Falls, Pa., this event held July 18, 19 & 20, was successful. There were 186 men entered, and 20 women. I'm sure we remember the fine detailed account with pictures, published in the Turner Topics.

The Kansas City Turners asked for, and received, national sanction for their regional Turnfest held in June of 1969. I was happy to see so many young people in the active and junior competitions. The affair was different, or should I say like the "old-old" days, in that many camped on the grounds. Although somewhat hampered by weather, the event was a success and was completed on time.

On May 16 & 17, 1970, the North St. Louis Turners were host for the 1970 National Volleyball Tournament. The event was run in superb



facilities. Nine men's teams were entered and seven women's teams. Through foresighted planning for economical facilities and social functions, the tournament proved to be a big financial success.

The Golf championship at the Fort Wayne Turners July 17-18-19, 1970, I'm sure, will be long remembered by those who attended. Beside the sport, the social evenings were well planned. A fine banquet and dance on Friday, and a dance with the gym class kids entertaining on Saturday. As yet, I have not received a report on this event. While in Fort Wayne, I was told that there were 150 entered in this year's Golf Tournament.

A regional sanctioned Turnfest was held in June, 1970, at the Illinois District Turner Camp. I could not attend this event. Our regional counselor Aaron Orchard reported to me that the event was a success, and that there were many young Turners entered.

As the Turner representative to the U.S.G.F. Congress, I report the highlights of the past two years have been:

1. Complete revised and expanded code of points for men and women
2. Forming of the United States Gymnastic Commission
3. First continental judges course conducted by F.I.G. personnel

In representing the Turners, I was privileged to attend the organizational meeting for the 20th Olympiad, and as Turner representative to the men's Gymnastic Games Committee, I can report that gymnastics is gaining in importance as an Olympic sport. The Gymnastic Games Committee has held four meetings, of which I attended two. The general program has been to:

1. Form a program to accomplish a long-term training effect for those persons who are most likely to represent us.
2. Select candidates for the Olympic Coach.
3. Form plan to select competitors for Olympic trials.
4. Present needs of the team to the U.S.O.C. for finances.

The American Turners Leader's Course for 1969 was held in August at the Concordia Turners, St. Louis, Missouri. Twenty-seven were in attendance-- 15 women and 12 men. This was the largest enrollment of the recent series. Turners came from 9 states and their average age was 32 years. Most of these people were teaching in Turners.

Harry Warnken of the Kansas City Turners did a very capable job as assistant director. Walter Eberhardt, professor and supervisor of Physical Education at St. Louis University, and Louis Kitlaus, Director of Physical Education for the St. Louis Public Schools, served as guest lecturers.

Our recent Leader's Course, August 2 through 8, 1970, held at the Illinois Turner Camp, met our expectations as to adjustments. We wanted fewer leaders and got 18. We wanted those who came to be teaching. Of the 18 that came, 14 were teaching Turner classes and 4 were assisting. With statistics like that, our efforts are directed toward our needs. Harry Warnken and Arnold Trummer taught the course. The Chicago Turners were gracious hosts and accommodated us in true camp style.

I have been associated with five leader's courses, and I can say that the Leaders Course has become a worthwhile institution for the American Turners. This is reflected in the fact that we have had so many leaders repeat the course two, three, and more times. I would recommend that the teaching staff be increased to three and that some of the more advanced teaching techniques be instituted for the more capable leaders.

On March 21, 22, 1970, the National Festival Rules Committee was called to meet in St. Louis, Missouri. In attendance were Turners Gene Mitchel, Ferd Roethlisberger, James Szilagyi, and Arnold Trummer. We were to consider the recommendations from the districts in finalizing the rules. From the Districts we received twenty-five very good recommendations.

We believe that we have established a Festival Program that will reflect Turner tradition and the activities presented in our societies today. No one will be over-burdened, but still adequate activities will be assured. Performance demands are graded to suit the class divisions. Scoring has been adjusted to fairly reward beginners and accomplished performers.

You will find the new rules book organized in a more logical order, and the schedules for the class divisions have been standardized. The unused material has been eliminated with provisions established to create new events, or to recall old ones, as the need arises. These rules will be presented to this convention for approval.

In reflecting over the past two years, I have learned much from many people who are wise in the Turner movement. Generally, these people are of the opinion, (as I am), the Turners need a strong National Activities program. The Championship activities, if they merit support through participation, should be subsidized to a reasonable extent that the host Society gain in program fulfillment and profit, for effort expended. The National Council, at the meeting of January 10, 1970, has supported me in this matter. The Chairman of Health and Physical Education can now receive bids for National Championships with reasonable request for subsidies to supplement entry fees to cover the cost of facilities, officials and trophies. The meet will be self-supporting.

As this two-year term as chairman of Health and Physical Education closes, I think of the adage "Look before you leap". I have done much looking, in the hope that, when I "leaped", it was an effective service for the American Turners.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arnold Trummer, Chairman

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the above report.

Chairman Schrader then called on JoAnn Mueller, Cultural Chairman.

#### REPORT OF THE CULTURAL CHAIRMAN

Turner Greetings to the Officers, Delegates, and Guests Attending This 53rd National Convention:

How true it is that time passes too quickly when we are enjoying what we are doing. While, in these past two years, I have been learning the



functions of my position as Cultural Chairman, I have acquired an immense insight into the structure of Turnerism.

I have attended two National Council meetings. The first was in October, 1968, at which time the council approved funds to permit the meeting of the National Cultural Committee during the 1968-69 period. This meeting was held November, 1969, at the Northwest Chicago Turner Hall and was attended by six of the eight Regional Cultural Chairmen. The minutes of this meeting were published in the November/December issue of Turner Topics. I feel that the spirit of unity and the amount and content of the dialogue that took place at this meeting, concerning the cultural programs in the various regions, helped to give the committee members a broader over-all view of the total cultural plan, rather than the limited view one gets when restricted to a single region. One of the many items to be discussed at this convention by the cultural committee will be a request to have the National Cultural Committee meet at least once every two years. I hope the delegates to this convention will recognize the tremendous value of such bi-yearly meetings and approve of the recommendation when it is presented.

The November date for the Cultural meeting was selected so that the committee could view the Annual Bazaar presented by the Ladies Auxiliary. The variety of unusual hand-made articles gave the committee members many ideas to take back to their respective regions.

In February, 1969, I received and accepted from Mr. Erwin Schrader, Secretary of the Illinois District, an invitation to attend a musical production that was produced by the joint efforts of several societies in the Illinois District and was presented at the Northwest Chicago Turner Hall. Besides providing the Turner members and their guests with a gala affair, this joint effort culturally enriched the Societies that participated in such a way that there could be no doubt in the minds of those who attended just how much a program such as this can offer a community.

An extended Executive Committee was held in Rochester in June 1969, affording me the opportunity to visit the National office and with the expert aid of our late secretary, Dr. Eklund, who originated the position and was the first National Cultural Chairman, I was able to study the files and material compiled by my predecessors.

By this time, I had begun receiving some monthly report forms, and by the first weeks of August, 1969, these forms were being judged. The results were sent to the National office for publication in the January/February issue of Turner Topics as was the usual custom, but due to the illness and death of the National Secretary, this report was published in the recent July/August issue. These results were for the 1968-69 period, and the New York Turnverein in Region II was the National winner, with a total accumulation of 1,877 points.

On the cover of this July/August issue of Turner Topics, there appears a photograph of the large ballet class of the New York Turnverein. Mr. Edward Sexton and the people that support him and work with him are to be congratulated. They are constantly offering the members of their society the opportunity to participate in a variety of cultural programs.

Many times the societies that do not have an active cultural program will say that it is because their members are not interested and will not support any cultural projects, but to reach any amount of success any program must be based on the needs and interest of the participants. How many times are the members of societies asked to express their ideas and thoughts so that programs could be planned to fill the members' needs and interest? I feel that herein lies the difference between those societies that have successful programs and those that have none at all.

To help celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Concordia Turners, the 1969 Council meeting was held in St. Louis, January 1970. While attending this meeting, I had the opportunity to visit the Concordia Turner Hall and I was conducted on a tour of the cultural programs' working area by Mr. Eugene Solfronk. This tour convinced me that every society could come up with a nook or attic where culturally-oriented classes could be held. It may take some ingenuity, but I'm sure Mr. Solfronk and Mr. Sexton can verify that the gratification that comes from seeing the creativity emerging from these classes is well worth all the effort.

During the last week of February 1970, I was part of a committee that met in Milwaukee to make the final selection of the site for the 1971 National Festival. I can assure you that many capable and energetic people are working to make it a most successful Festival.

As my term of office draws to a close, I would like to thank all eighteen societies that have been faithfully sending in monthly reports. Keep up the good work so that your programs will grow and your societies will be able to continue to offer their members more for their dues.

May I again say how very much these last two years have added to my personal growth and love of the principles and ideals that are embodied in the Turner organization.

I sincerely hope that I have given, in some small measure, to the Turner movement in return for the many benefits I have received.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jo Mueller  
National Cultural Chairman

Motion was made, seconded and carried that this report be accepted and referred to the Cultural Committee.

The report of the National Bowling Chairman was then presented:

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL BOWLING CHAIRMAN

To the 53rd National Convention of the American Turners  
Greetings:

In the past two years, since the Buffalo Convention, two National Bowling Tournaments were held. One meeting of the National Bowling Committee was held in South Bend, Indiana, and two National Junior Bowling Meets were conducted.



The 1969 National Bowling Tournament was held in Louisville, Kentucky. They had 193 men's teams and 116 women's teams entered, a total of about 1,550 Turners participating in six weekends. It was a well handled and successful tournament. Louisville's opening weeks program will be one I will long remember, also a very nice floor show was presented each weekend. Our National President Stephen Reskovitz was present at the opening weeks ceremony. The profit from Bowling, Programs, Ball Check and Souvenirs amounted to \$3,229.00. The National General Fund and the National Bowling Fund received \$882.20.

The 1970 National Bowling Tournament was held in Toledo, Ohio. They had 200 men's teams and 128 women's teams entered, a total of about 1,650 Turners participating in seven weekends. Stephen Reskovitz, National President, was present at the opening weekend ceremonies. This was a very successful tournament, with many complimentary letters being received from various individuals and societies. The floor show of all Turner talent will long be remembered. The profit from Bowling, Programs, Ball Check and Souvenirs amounted to \$3,811.72. They also showed a food profit of \$1,952.89. The National General Fund and National Bowling Fund received \$964.80 from this tournament.

Three societies submitted bids for site of the 1971 National Bowling Tournament. The societies bidding were: American Turners-Northwest Chicago, American Turners-South Bend, and the Fort Wayne Turners. Fort Wayne withdrew in favor of one of the other two societies. A written poll was taken, which resulted in American Turners-Northwest Chicago receiving two votes and the American Turners-South Bend receiving six votes. This awarded the 1971 National Bowling Tournament to American Turners-South Bend, Indiana.

The National Bowling Committee meeting was held in South Bend, Indiana, on July 11, 1970. Miss Rose Marie Brecht, a member of the Bowling Committee, acted as secretary. The national bowling rules and other governing bowling material was gone over by the committee. The following important changes were made.

1. One shadow ball each day in team and one minor event.
2. Men's rules the handicap was changed from 75 to 70% of the difference between 200 pins per game, with a limit of 40 pins per game handicap.
3. Women's rules the handicap was changed from 75 to 70% of the difference between 190 pins per game, with a limit of 50 pins per game handicap.

One resolution being submitted to the bowling committee of the convention on Monday is on advance reservations. We hope the recommendation of the National Bowling Committee will be followed. Two societies presented applications for the 1972 National Bowling Tournament. The societies were Johnstown Turn Verein and Syracuse Turners, Inc. Ed Timm and John Endzwick gave a report on the investigation they made of the two societies. A secret poll was then taken with Johnstown receiving 7 votes and Syracuse no votes. This gave Johnstown the site; it has the approval of National Council. The meeting also went on record to continue the Junior Bowling Meets. The next bowling meet will be held between November 15 and December 15, 1970, in each home Turner society city. An article will appear in Turner Topics and also letters will be mailed to each Turner society in September. I ask that each delegate help to create more interest in this junior meet in their society.

The 1968 National Junior Bowling Meet had 203 participants and the 1969 meet had 217 participants. The meets have been running at a small financial loss, due to the fact that we are now awarding three trophies in each age group. This loss has been taken out of the National Bowling Committee Fund. I hope that more societies will become interested in this junior meet. The districts or societies that participated these last two years are: Upper Mississippi District, American Turners-Louisville, American Turners-South Bend, American Turners-Toledo, Buffalo Turners and Covington Turners. Buffalo, New York, with 17 entries, and Covington, Ky., with one entry, were the newcomers.

The 1971 National Bowling Tournament will be held in South Bend, Indiana from March 27, 1971 through May 16, 1971. The men will bowl at Chippewa Lanes, while the women will bowl their team event at the South Bend Turner Lanes and the minor events at Chippewa Lanes. The headquarters motel will be Town Tower Motel, a member of the Quality Court Motel Chain and a half block from Turner Hall. We hope for a large entry, so be sure and make your weekend reservations soon.

From the 1969 and the 1970 National Bowling Tournaments the National Bowling Fund received a total of \$1,385.25 (Louisville \$661.65 and Toledo \$723.60.) The American Turners General Fund received a total of \$461.75 (Louisville \$220.55 and Toledo \$241.20). The South Bend meeting cost \$740.43. This leaves a balance of \$955.68 as of July 31, 1970.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the National Bowling Committee for their assistance during these past two years.

Respectfully submitted  
With Turner Greetings,  
Wilfred H. Racker, Chairman  
National Bowling Committee

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept this report and refer it to the meeting of the Bowling Committee.

At this time Chairman Schrader called upon the chairman of the Convention Committee, Turner John Kovaly, who announced the locations of the various committee meeting rooms. Turner Schrader announced that the Nominating Committee was to hold its meeting no later than 3:00 P.M. in the Games Room.

Turner Schrader set the time for re-convening the Convention at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday morning for a half-day session. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the first session of the Convention was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.



## SECOND SESSION

The second session was called to order at 9:47 A.M. on August 18, 1970, by Chairman Schrader in the gymnasium of the McKeesport Turners, McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Dalbke (Ill.), seconded by Huth (W. NY), and carried.

Convention Chairman Kovaly announced that the morning session would continue until approximately 12:30, at which time a luncheon would be served by the McKeesport ladies. Buses will leave the Turner Hall promptly at 6:00 P.M. to attend the races, and will return to the Turner Hall, where the ladies have prepared a buffet lunch.

Past-President George Jacquin was introduced by Chairman Schrader. Turner Jacquin reminded the delegates that the National Office has a supply of Turner song books on hand and will be willing to send them upon request. He also showed cigarette lighters - both men's and women's - and olive wreaths which are on hand at the National Office. He then introduced his predecessor, Past-President Carl Anderson.

Chairman Schrader appointed Turners Jacquin, Reskovitz, and Anderson to ~~extend~~ the greetings of this Convention to the Ladies Auxiliary 26th National Convention.

Turner Schrader announced that Roberts Rules of Order will govern the Convention. Delegates will be permitted to speak for not more than three minutes at any one time, and no delegate will be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the Convention. These regulations shall not apply to delegates submitting reports, who may speak as often as occasion requires, to answer questions.

Motion was made by Diamant (NY), seconded by Orchard (Mo.) to accept the above rules of debate. Motion passed.

The report of the Committee on Health and Physical Education was read by its secretary, Turner Daisy Pippin.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The committee was called to order by Turner A. J. O'Donnell at 9:45 A.M.

Turner O'Donnell was elected as chairman of the committee and Turner Daisy Pippin was elected as secretary of the committee.

A roll call roster was signed by the following:

Robert A. Marx	Arnold Trummer	Walter Guenther
Robert Dau	Ray Karl	Merle Dillon
Adrian DeJong	Robert Murray	John Stevens
William Thane	John Stocker	William Naab
Otto Ernst	Rolf Helmke	Fred Boeker
Rita Wuest	Alex Diamant	James Farkus
A. J. O'Donnell	Daisy Pippin	Eugene Gilbert
Kay Kitson	Jim Douglas	
Coach Calhoun (replacing O. Fiebig) and Audrey Vande Lune (Guest)		

The order of business was as follows:

A recommendation from the St. Louis District

- (1) We recommend to the national physical education that all national meets or tournaments be awarded two (2) years in advance.

A motion was made by Turner Boeker to recommend to the convention they adopt the above recommendation and adhere to same. The motion was seconded by Turner Ernst. Passed.

- (2) Recommend that we request the national organization to make certain that participants in meets, championships and festivals be requested to give evidence of membership in the American Turners for six months.

A motion was made by Turner Marx to accept the recommendation to the convention and was seconded by Turner Dau.

A recommendation from the Western Pennsylvania District

RECOMMEND in order to eliminate confusion and to allow for proper preparations for the awarding the national golf tournaments to make the national golf tournament award system similar to the national bowling award system.

THAT the National Golf Chairman convene a meeting of representatives of each participating society sometime during the national golf tournament which is normally held the third weekend of July.

RECOMMEND that each participating society would have one representative at this meeting. At this meeting, the following year's golf tournament would be tentatively awarded to a specific society and the dates of the tournament tentatively set.

RECOMMEND That this would be subject to final approval of the National Council.



A motion was made by Turner Guenther and seconded by Turner Rita Wuest to accept these recommendations in this committee and to recommend them to the convention.

A recommendation from the Western Pennsylvania District

RECOMMEND at this meeting, bids for the tournament to be held two years hence would be submitted for consideration. FURTHER

THAT the purpose of this resolution is to allow the selected host society to reserve a golf course far enough in advance so there would be no question about the dates. Reserving a golf course for three (3) days is very difficult on short notice. This would allow participants to arrange for vacations and time off early in the new year. In business today, these arrangements are frequently demanded in January or February.

EXAMPLE OF HOW THIS WOULD WORK:

At Fort Wayne, in 1970, National Golf Chairman Simon would convene a meeting sometime in the evening of July 17, 18, or 19. At this meeting would be one representative of each of the societies participating in the 1970 tournament. The tournament for 1971 would be awarded to one of the interested societies. This would have to be agreeable to a simple majority of the representatives present. Tentative dates would also be established. (Normally the third week in July)

Bids for the 1972 tournament could be submitted at this time for future consideration.

These arrangements would be submitted to the National Council for final approval during the current year. The host society could then publicize the information in the Turner Topics prior to the new year.

A motion was made to accept these recommendations and to submit them to the convention, by Turner Dau and seconded by Turner Boeker. Passed

A recommendation from the Illinois District

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Technical Committee at this convention prepare a program whereby compulsory exercises and drills be prepared by the National Physical Education Committee at least three (3) years in advance of a National Turnfest so that they may be used by all societies at District and Regional meets.

A motion was made by Turner Thane and seconded by Turner Ernst to accept this recommendation to the convention. Turner Diamant made a motion to amend this recommendation to read two years in place of three (3) years.

The amendment was accepted and the motion in its corrected form was passed.

A recommendation from the New Jersey Turn District

WHEREAS there is a ruling that a competitor must be 15 years of age before the day of the Turnfest and whereas a person so denied a chance to compete may not be in the ranks of Turners four years

hence. It therefore be resolved that the festival rules give no low age limit and we adopt a policy: Who can, may.

A correction to this recommendation to the convention is as follows:

"Whereas there is a ruling that a competitor must be 15 years of age before the day of the Turnfest and whereas a person so denied a chance to compete, may not be in the ranks of Turners four years hence. It therefore be resolved that the National Festival Rules give the age of 14 to 17 years of age for our junior competitors.

After a discussion the corrected recommendation was accepted by the committee. The motion was made by Turner Stevens and seconded by Turner Boeker.

The committee meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:45 A.M. The committee reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

The next order of business was the discussion on the recently revised National Festival Rules. The revisions were explained by Turner Trummer.

At this time there were questions posed and discussed. These appeared on pages 8, 9, 10 and 35.

A recommendation from the Milwaukee Turners:

To equalize the scoring system (males vs. females) and to correlate the rules regarding the physical exposures and the allocation of society points for performances of equal value.

CHANGES, as related to the 1970 Revised National Festival Rules:

- No. 1: Instead of requiring 4 compulsory and 4 optional exercises from Upper Grade Females (thereby producing 8 exercises), require only 2 compulsories and 4 optionals, thereby reducing the number of female gymnastic events to 6 which would equal that of the males, thus providing an equal basis for the adoption of an awarding system.
- No. 2: Appropriate the same number of society points for the same score reached by either male or female. (This could be fair only if the respective male and female difficulty grades are in the same percentage relationship to the minimum difficulty level demanded by the FIG from top performers.) (See later).
- No. 3: Award considerably more Society points for the required and optional performances of Upper Grade Females, as compared to the low demand in the Lower Grade....the same way as it is evident in the treatment of males.

GUIDE (to appreciate the estimated difficulty level of present Turner grades as compared to FIG standards -- upon which the evaluation of gymnastic performances is based.):

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A motion was made by Turner Thane and seconded by Turner Boeker that this recommendation from the Milwaukee Turners, explained by Turner Farkas, be accepted by this committee and recommended to the convention floor.

Next was the discussion of the women's events in a national turnfest. A motion was made by Turner Gene Gilbert and seconded by Turner Marx to adopt 4 compulsory routines for senior ladies, age groups 30-39 and 40-49. These are: 1 compulsory routine on the side horse, the uneven bars, the low balance beam and the low parallel bars. All optional routines are to be omitted for these age groups. The motion was accepted.

Turner Marx and Turner Thane made a motion to the Physical Education Committee to recommend to the National Convention to accept the National Festival Rules with the added recommendations and revisions that were discussed at length and then accepted by the committee.

At this time Model Drills were discussed by Turner Gilbert and Turner Farkas explained their ideas of the Milwaukee Turners for the upcoming Turnfest they will host in 1971. It was their wish to make the model drills non-competitive and to be performed on the last day of the Turnfest so they could be used as an entertainment focal point of the festival. These ideas were rejected. It was the wish of this committee to have the model drills retained as stated in the National Festival Rules.

At this time there was correspondence submitted by Turner Boeker that he received from Deutscher Turner-Bund in Germany. This correspondence had to be translated and therefore was tabled. Turner Boeker was not present at the time due to another meeting he had to attend. The motion made to table this correspondence was made by Turner Diamant and seconded by Turner Rita Wuest.

At the completion of this business a motion was made to adjourn at 3:30 P.M. by Turner Helmke and seconded by Turner Diamant. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
With Turner Greetings,  
A. J. O'Donnell, Chairman  
Daisy Pippin, Secretary

Inasmuch as this was a lengthy report with many recommendations, Turner Schrader ruled that each one would be read and considered individually.

Motion was made by Diamant (NY), seconded by Boeker (NJ) that the Convention approve Recommendation No. 1: We recommend to the national physical education that all national meets or tournaments be awarded two (2) years in advance. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Diamant (NY), seconded by Huth (W.NY), that the Convention approve Recommend No. 2: Recommend that we request the national organization to make certain that participants in meets, championships and festivals be requested to give evidence of membership in the American Turners for six months. Motion passed.

At this time the regular order of business was suspended while a committee of ladies from the Auxiliary extended their greetings to our Convention.

Motion was made by Murray (New Engl.), seconded by P.Pippin (Mid.Atl.) that the Convention adopt as a resolution the recommendation of the Western Pennsylvania District contained on page 25 of these minutes, and approved by the committee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dau (Upper Miss.), seconded by Boeker (NJ), that the Convention adopt as a resolution the recommendation from the Western Pennsylvania District approved by the Committee and contained on page 26 of these minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Thane (NY), seconded by Murray (NewEngl.) that the following resolution be adopted: BE IT RESOLVED that the National Technical Committee at this convention prepare a program whereby compulsory exercises and drills be prepared by the National Physical Education Committee at least two (2) years in advance of a National Turnfest so that they may be used by all societies at District and Regional meets. After some discussion, an amendment was made to the above motion by Helmke (Ill.), seconded by Douglas (Cent. States) to change the wording that the compulsory exercises and drills be prepared at least three (3) years in advance. The amendment was passed and Chairman Schrader ruled the amended motion was adopted.



With reference to the amended motion passed in the previous paragraph, Turner O'Donnell, who had been chairman of the Committee on Health and Physical Education, pointed out that this motion does not make it mandatory for a society or district to use the exercises for three years in advance. The word "may" in the motion leaves it to the discretion of the group conducting the meet.

Motion was made by Gilbert (Wisc.), seconded by Rita Wuest (NY), that the following recommendation of the committee be accepted by the Convention: Whereas there is a ruling that a competitor must be 15 years of age before the day of the Turnfest and whereas a person so denied a chance to compete may not be in the ranks of Turners four years hence. It therefore be resolved that the National Festival Rules give the age of 14 to 17 years of age for our junior competitors.

In the discussion on the above motion it was pointed out that its intent is to allow junior competition. Motion was carried.

Turner O'Donnell, chairman of the committee, explained to the delegates that a mistake had been made in the proposed new National Festival Rules book on page 8, Article 1, No. 1. The word "not" should not have appeared, and it is the intent of the Physical Education Chairman and his committee that Turner instructors should be allowed to compete in Turner events. Motion to approve the deletion of the word "not" on this page was made by Pressley Pippin (Mid.Atl.), seconded by Thane (NY), and passed.

Motion was made by Farkus (Wisc.), seconded by O'Donnell (New Engl.), that the Convention adopt the resolution of the Milwaukee Turners as approved by the committee on page 27 of these minutes. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Farkus (Wisc.), seconded by Diamant (NY), to adopt the recommendation of the committee that there be four compulsory routines for senior ladies, age groups 30-39 and 40-49. These are to be one compulsory routine on the side horse, the uneven bars, the low balance beam and the low parallel bars. All optional routines are to be omitted for these age groups. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Huth (W.NY), seconded by O'Donnell (New Engl.) that the National Convention accept the National Festival Rules with the added recommendations and revisions that were discussed at length and then accepted by the committee and by the Convention.

An amendment to the above motion was made by Farkus (Wisc.), seconded by Gilbert (Wisc.) to specify that model drills should not be competitive events to be judged. The amendment was defeated, and the original motion was then passed.

This completed consideration of the Physical Education report, and Chairman Schrader called for the report of the Finance Committee, which was read by Turner Christ Wuest, its secretary.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Temporary Chairman John Westermeyer with the following committee members in attendance: Turners John Westermeyer, Christ Wuest, Warren Dalbke, Robert S. White, Sr., Max Spanier, Harold R. Pehlke, Joseph B. Lubbers, Nick Meyer. First and Second Vice Presidents William Meyer and Clifford Anderson also attended the meeting.

Turner John Westermeyer was elected Permanent Chairman and Turner Christ Wuest was chosen as Secretary.

The committee discussed the resolution submitted by the Missouri District, as follows:

"Inasmuch as we do have a 25¢ per capita tax for the National Festival, the Missouri District now asks this convention to create another fund, similar to the Festival Fund, by asking for another 25¢ to be used exclusively for the National Championships."

Motion was made by Pehlke, seconded by Spanier, and carried that this resolution be rejected.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that this committee recommend to the Convention that the National Council be given authority to increase financial assistance for National championships from General funds as needed.

The committee notes that the balance in the Instructors Fund as of December 31, 1969, is \$28,876.08, and recommends that in future reports both the current value and the book value of holdings be included.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the financial report on the Jahn Educational Fund, showing a balance of \$106,451.92 on March 31, 1970, be accepted as read.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the financial report on the Endowment Trust Fund, showing a balance of \$68,220.00 as of December 31, 1969, be accepted as read.

The report for the A-T-R Corporation, showing a balance of \$35,378.00, was presented to the committee. Motion was made by Dalbke, seconded by Lubbers, and carried that this report be accepted as read.

Motion was made by Dalbke, seconded by Pehlke, that the Finance Committee recommend that the Convention authorize a strongly worded letter from the National Council to the officers of Cleveland East Side and Cleveland S.T.V. advising that their membership will not be allowed to participate in any National event until their delinquent per capita tax has been received in full by the National office; also that the individual members within these societies receive a letter explaining our action. Motion carried.

The committee adjourned for lunch at 11:55 A.M. and reconvened at 1:20 P.M.



Report of cash receipts to the General Fund for seven months ending July 31, 1970, was presented to the committee. Motion was made by Dalbke, seconded by Lubbers, that an auditor's report must be submitted in time for the next convention. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Dalbke, seconded by White, and passed that the committee accept the auditor's interim report on the General Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M. upon motion properly made, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
John A. Westermeyer, Chairman  
Christ Wuest, Secretary

JAHN EDUCATIONAL FUND

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1970

Balance Available for Distribution at March 31, 1969		\$10,094.06
Income for Year -		
Interest	\$ 1,580.91	
Dividends	2,532.69	
Total	<u>4,113.60</u>	
Less - 1/3 transferred to Capital Investment Account	<u>1,371.20</u>	
Balance of Income (2/3) Available for Distribution	2,742.40	
Expenditures for Year -		
1969 American Turners Leaders Course	\$ 1,626.53	
American Turner Topics	1,200.00	
Safe Deposit Box Rent	<u>7.00</u>	<u>2,833.53</u>
Net Decrease in Funds Available for Distribution--for Year		91.13*
Balance Available for Distribution at March 31, 1970		<u><u>\$10,002.93</u></u>

JAHN EDUCATIONAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS  
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1970

	Capital Investment Fund	Available for Distribution	Total
Balance March 31, 1969	\$34,317.62	\$10,094.06	\$44,411.68
Income for Year Ended March 31, 1970	1,371.20	2,742.40	4,113.60
Expenditures for Year Ended March 31, 1970	--	2,833.53*	2,833.53*
Capital Gain Dividends	3,073.75	--	3,073.75
Balance March 31, 1970	<u><u>\$38,762.57</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,002.93</u></u>	<u><u>\$48,765.50</u></u>

JAHN EDUCATIONAL FUND  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS  
MARCH 31, 1970 & 1969

	1970	1969	Increase over 1969
Assets			
Cash in Checking & Savings Accounts	\$ 37,200.91	\$ 25,911.46	\$11,289.45
Long-Term Investments	<u>69,251.01</u>	<u>76,186.64</u>	<u>6,935.63*</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$106,451.92</u></u>	<u><u>\$102,098.10</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,353.82</u></u>
Capital			
Subscriptions	\$ 52,436.55	\$ 52,436.55	\$ --
Bequests	5,249.87	5,249.87	--
Retained Earnings	<u>48,765.50</u>	<u>44,411.68</u>	<u>4,353.82</u>
Total Capital	<u><u>\$106,451.92</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 102,098.10</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,353.82</u></u>

\* Denotes Red Figure



INSTRUCTORS' FUND OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE

DECEMBER 31, 1969

	<u>Capital Investment Fund</u>	<u>Available for Distribution</u>	<u>Total</u>
Original Contributions - 1931			
American Turners (Plus accrued interest)	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Cleveland S.T.V.	2,500.00		2,500.00
Germania T.V.V. of Cleveland	2,500.00		2,500.00
Total	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
Other Contributions; gain and losses on sale of securities - net, since inception	5,206.81		5,206.81
Net earnings - 1931 to 12-31-69	5,070.44	\$15,211.33	20,281.77
Total	20,277.25	15,211.33	35,488.58
Less: Expenditures - 1931 to 12-31-69	--	6,612.50	6,612.50
Balances 12-31-69	\$20,277.25	\$ 8,598.83	\$28,876.08

TRUSTEES OF THE INSTRUCTORS' FUND

July 31, 1970

Chairman - George M. Heeschen	4585 Liberty Road	South Euclid, Ohio	44121
Secretary - John Kovats	3440 W. 159th St.	Cleveland, Ohio	44111
Treasurer - John Blaser	4157 Ruple Rd.	Cleveland, Ohio	44121
Carl Hein	131 E. 5th Ave.	Berea, Ohio	44017
Al Steinke	22449 Lake Rd. Apt. 310F	Rocky River, Ohio	44116
Frank Lapinskas	20880 Goller	Euclid, Ohio	44119
Herman Eisele	2657 Noble Rd.	Cleveland, Ohio	44121

Motion was made by Dalbke (ILL), seconded by Pehlke (ILL), that the National Council be given authority to increase financial assistance for National championships from General funds as needed. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Dalbke (ILL), seconded by Thane (NY), to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that in future reports of the Instructors Fund both the current value and the book value of holdings be included. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Diamant (NY), seconded by Spanier (NEW ENGL.) to accept the report of the Jahn Educational Fund. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Pehlke (ILL), seconded by Moran (NE), to accept the auditor's report of the Endowment Trust Fund as of December 31, 1969, which showed a balance of \$68,220.00. Motion passed. (Turner Reskovitz pointed out that since that time the Endowment Trust Fund has grown and is now about \$86,000.00, although this is not an official figure.)

Motion was made by Elste (ILL), seconded by Thane (NY), to accept the report of the A-T-R Corporation showing a balance of \$35,378.00. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Dalbke (ILL), seconded by Zweifel (ILL), to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the National Council be authorized to send a strongly worded letter to the officers of Cleveland East Side and Cleveland S.T.V., advising that their membership will not be allowed to participate in any National event until their delinquent per capita tax has been received in full by the National office; also that the individual members within these societies receive a letter explaining this action. Before a vote was taken on this motion, Turner Racker, president of the Lake Erie District, and Turner Huth, Regional Councilor, explained to the delegates what steps have been taken to date in an attempt to collect these taxes. Motion was passed. It was pointed out to the delegates that this action would in no way affect competition of honorary members.

Motion was made by Dalbke (ILL), seconded by Timm (WPa), to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that an auditor's report on the General Fund must be submitted in time for the next convention. Motion passed. (Turner Dalbke explained that the tentative report showed total assets of \$27,383, with a Festival Fund of \$17,209, and that the auditor has confirmed these figures.)

Motion was made by Dalbke (ILL), seconded by Huth (WNY), to concur with the Committee's recommendation to accept the auditor's interim report on the General Fund. Motion passed.

At this time the report of the Committee on National Publications and Publicity was read to the delegates by its secretary, Turner Spiegel.



## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Temporary Chairman William Huth with the following delegates in attendance: Turners William Ellinger, Herbert Heider, Forrest Steinlage, Larry Woolworth, Harold Pehlke, William Huth, and Stanley Spiegel. Turner William Huth was elected as Permanent Chairman and Turner Stanley Spiegel was chosen Secretary.

Chairman Huth read the resolution in reference to orientation to be used in initiation of new members. This resolution was passed and instituted at previous convention. Copies of it are available by request to the National Office.

This committee recommends that all societies send news items concerning activities to National Headquarters, to be published in Turner Topics.

It is recommended that all societies, districts and the National office publicize as much as possible in their local newspapers.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
William O. Huth, Chairman  
Stanley Spiegel, Secretary

Motion was made by Timm (WPa), seconded by Karl (WPa), that the recommendation of the committee that all societies send news items to National Headquarters be concurred with. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Koutnik (SO.BD.), seconded by Daisy Pippin, to concur with the recommendation of the committee that all societies, districts and the National Office publicize as much as possible in their local newspapers. Motion passed. IT WAS STRESSED THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION REFERS TO PUBLICITY SPECIFICALLY, SINCE CERTAIN ADVERTISING BY SOCIETIES MAY BE AGAINST INTERNAL REVENUE REGULATIONS AND COULD CAUSE A SOCIETY TO LOSE ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

Turner Huth urged that in the future all societies work for publicity and that they try to see that there is a delegate from each district on the committee at future Conventions. With more delegates at this committee meeting, more ideas and suggestions could have been discussed.

Turner Jacquin again called the attention of the delegates to the brochure "Join the American Turners" which is available for the asking to any society for use with their literature in membership drives.

At this time the report of the Cultural Committee was read by its secretary, Turner Barker.

## REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The meeting began at 9:40 A.M. Monday, August 17, 1970. Frank Komm was Temporary Chairman. Roll call was taken. Present were Turners Frank Komm, Clarence Lahrman, Pauline McIntyre, Lucille Bothfeld, Gene Solfronk, Edward Sexton, Oscar Baer, Eugene Gilbert, Luella Roth, David Parker, Joseph Becker, Betty Barker, JoAnn Mueller. Edward Sexton was nominated and seconded for Chairman. Passed. Betty Barker was elected Secretary.

Resolution from the Wisconsin District regarding not having a Queen contest at the National Festival in June, 1971, was read and discussed. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Lahrman, and passed that the resolution be adopted with the addition of the word "only", as follows: BE IT RESOLVED that we dispense with holding a Queen Contest in connection with the 1971 National Festival only, to be held June 24-27, 1971, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Resolution was read and discussed from the Wisconsin District regarding the addition of two new classifications in cultural competition -- those of creative stitchery and acrylic paintings. Motion was made by Lahrman and seconded by Oscar Baer to revise the entry forms by a committee, with suggestions from professional judges. It was agreed that three entries must be received from three different individuals in a category before it can be judged for society points.

Motion was made by Bothfeld, seconded by Baer, that under the classification of "Collections" we eliminate Present Day and Antique category titles but keep all sub classes; also that collections must consist of three or more articles in a sub class and must be submitted with a written history or information regarding the exhibit shown -- this history to be part of the judging. Motion carried.

Recommendation was made that each society bring a flag or banner from their society to represent their society at opening pageantry but not to be for competition. Passed.

Buffalo Turner William Naab spoke on having a toastmaster group.

Motion was made by Dave Parker, duly seconded, to hold bi-yearly National Cultural Committee meetings in the year that follows a National Convention. Passed.

Motion made by Roth, seconded by Baer, and passed that the society have the option of reporting monthly or yearly, monthly reports being preferred. Award to be called the Dr. Eklund Award. Award to be a certificate suitable for framing to be retained by the winning society. Year being from September 1 through June 30. Competition to be based on three groups:

- I 1-150 members
- II-151-400 members
- III-401 members and over.

Recommendation that a hang-up calendar be incorporated on the back of the Turner Topics for the next two months.



Motion was made by Joseph Becker and seconded by Solfronk that cultural activities be included in all invitational meets. Passed.

Motion made by Pauline McIntyre to leave the time limit of stage presentations and other groups to the discretion of the Festival Committee. Passed.

Recommendation that Jo Ann Mueller be reelected National Cultural Chairman. Motion to this effect was made by Solfronk, seconded by Komm, and carried.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of our late National Secretary and first National Cultural Chairman, Dr. Eklund.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward Sexton, Chairman  
Betty Barker, Secretary

Motion was made by Orchard (MO), seconded by Pehlke (ILL), concurring with the recommendation of the committee that we dispense with holding a Queen Contest in connection with the 1971 National Festival only, to be held June 24, to 27, 1971, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Gilbert (WISC), seconded by McIntyre (Lake Erie), that the cultural entry forms be revised by professional judges and that three entries must be received from three different individuals in a category before they may be judged for society points. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Pehlke (ILL), seconded by Farkus (WISC), to concur with the recommendation of the committee that under the classification of "Collections" we eliminate Present Day and Antique category titles but keep all sub classes; also that collections must consist of three or more articles in a sub class and must be submitted with a written history or information regarding the exhibit shown -- this history to be part of the judging. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Zweifel (ILL), seconded by Thane (NY), to concur with the recommendation of the committee that each society bring a flag or banner from their society to represent their society at the opening pageantry for the Milwaukee National Festival, but not to be for competition. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Anderson (Upper Miss), seconded by Stoffel (WPa), to concur with the recommendation of the committee that a bi-yearly National Cultural Committee meeting be held in the year that follows a National Convention. Motion was made by Zweifel (ILL), seconded by Thane (NY), to amend this motion by adding the words "if approved by the National Council." The amendment was passed and the amended motion was then approved.

In discussing the next recommendation of the Cultural Committee, the intent of the Committee was not clear as to the judging

period or the grace period to be allowed in filing cultural reports. The next recommendation was also confusing as to the intent of the committee. The Chairman asked the committee to caucus on these points and return with their recommendations to the next Convention session.

Turner Timm (WPa) requested that he be excused from the Convention due to the death of his mother. The Chairman expressed the condolences of the Convention and excused Turner Timm.

The Second Session of the 53rd National Convention, upon motion duly made and seconded, was adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

### THIRD SESSION

The third session of the 53rd National Convention of the American Turners was called to order at 9:45 A.M. by Turner Schrader in the gymnasium of the McKeesport Turners on Wednesday, August 19, 1970.

Turner Schrader again, on behalf of all the assembled delegates, thanked the ladies of the McKeesport Turners for the wonderful meals which they have been serving.

Turner Betty Barker, secretary of the Cultural Committee, announced that the Committee had met and revised their recommendation regarding cultural reports. The new recommendation is as follows: "Motion made by Roth, seconded by Baer, and passed that the society have the option of reporting monthly or yearly -- monthly reports being preferred. Award to be a certificate suitable for framing, to be retained by the winning society. The award to be called the Dr. Eklund Award. All societies will be given credit for reports submitted for the period starting July 1 and ending June 30 of each year. The usual period of grace for submitting these reports to the National Cultural Chairman will be 30 days following the last day of the fiscal period."

Motion was made by Schuler (Cent.States), seconded by Niehaus (WPa) to accept the above recommendation. Motion carried.

Turner Barker reported that in its caucus the committee had voted to eliminate the reference to a hang-up calendar from its report, since this was the province of another committee. Motion was made by Baer (NE), seconded by Wuest (NY) to concur with the request of the committee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Diamant (NY), seconded by Thane (NY), to concur with the recommendation of the committee that cultural activities be included in all invitational meets. An amendment to this motion was made by Dalbke (ILL) to add the words "if feasible," to the above motion. Seconded by Orchard and passed. The amended motion was then carried.



Motion was made by Senn (Cent.States), seconded by Lahrman (Central States) that the time limit of stage presentations and other groups in competition be left to the discretion of the Festival Committee. Motion carried.

Turner Koutnik (So.Bd.) reported that although no action was taken by the Cultural Committee on the subject of toastmaster groups, Turner Chairman Mueller has a supply of literature showing how a society may start such a group if they are interested.

Chairman Schrader then called for the report of the Committee on National Affairs, which was read by its secretary, Turner Forrest Steinlage:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

The meeting was opened at 9:55 A.M. by Temporary Chairman Larry Woolworth. The following delegates were in attendance:

Axel F. Nordstrom	John J. McCarthy	John M. Kovaly
James Wunder	Pressley Pippin	Forrest Steinlage
Larry Woolworth	George F. Kuettner	Carl R. Anderson
Robert D. Ping	Edward W. Elste	Theresa Smith
Frank A. Lynch	A. Herman Niehaus	Edward Wellman
Aaron Orchard	William Moran	Robert J. Volkev
Emil Lang	Adolph H. Zink	

Visitors were Stephen H. Reskovitz, William R. Meyer, George Jacquin, and Gretchen Willer.

Turner Steinlage nominated Turner Woolworth for Permanent Chairman, and it was seconded and passed. Turner Forrest Steinlage was nominated for Secretary by Turner Aaron Orchard. It was seconded and passed.

The resolution from New England District to pay expenses of regional councilors to a national convention was not adopted. The motion was made not to adopt the resolution by Turner Elste and was seconded and carried.

The resolution to move the National office from Rochester, N. Y., to Louisville, Ky., was rejected. The motion to reject was made by Turner Kovaly and seconded and carried.

A resolution from the Middle Atlantic District submitted to the committee on Principles and Statutes to change the procedure on election of regional councilors was presented to the National Affairs Committee for discussion. No action taken.

A motion by Turner Orchard to adopt the resolution from the Middle Atlantic District that the election of officers be the last order of business of the Convention was seconded and passed.

A motion by Turner Pippin to ~~expel~~ the Denver Turners for non-payment of their 1969 dues was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Forrest F. Steinlage, Secretary  
Larry Woolworth, Chairman



Motion was made by P.Pippin (Mid.Atl.), seconded by Dau (Upper Miss.) to reject the recommendation of the committee that the election of officers be the last order of business of the Convention. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Dalbke (ILL), seconded by Zweifel(ILL) that the Denver Turners be expelled for non-payment of their 1969 dues. In the discussion which followed as to whether Denver should be allowed a further period of time in which to make this payment, Turner Jacquin spoke against the motion and Turner Meyer read the copy of the letter which the National Office had written to Denver at the time they indicated their desire to withdraw. They were advised on April 10, 1970, that their application to withdraw had been considered by the Executive Committee and would be accepted contingent upon the paying of their per capita taxes. No reply has been received to this letter. The motion to expel was passed.

Chairman Schrader then called for the report of the Bowling Committee, which was read by its secretary, Turner Porter:

#### REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Bowling Committee was called to order on Monday, August 17, 1970, in the bowling alleys of the McKeesport Turners at 9:50 A.M.

Turner Joseph Koutnik of South Bend was elected as Chairman of this Committee, and Turner G. David Porter of Rochester, Pa., was elected Secretary.

Members of the committee in attendance were Turners Joseph Koutnik, South Bend; Turner Walter Schnurr of Louisville, Nick Meyer, G. David Porter, Herman Zweifel, Edward W. Timm, Dick Senn, James Rue, Anthony Ragno, Robert St. Peters, John Smocer, and Michael Bissel.

We read and considered two resolutions submitted. One was submitted by the Central States District, the other was submitted by National Bowling Chairman Wilfred H. Racker.

The resolution from the Central States District recommended that consideration be given to the possibility of establishing a handicap average for non-league bowlers entering our National Tournament. This resolution was rejected by the committee.

The following resolution submitted by Bowling Chairman Racker was accepted by the committee:

"RECOMMEND that bids for advance reservations for following years National Bowling Tournament must be postmarked at least one day after close of present tournament. No personal handing over the reservations. If more reservations come in on the same postmark than can be handled, then the society with most distance to travel be given first choice."

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That all Turner societies seek full participation in the National Bowling Tournament at South Bend, Indiana, in 1971.
2. That all Turner societies seek full participation in the National Bowling Tournament at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1972.
3. That all societies consider and support the Seventh National Junior Bowling Meet held in each city in the fall of 1970.
4. That this committee recommends to the Nominating Committee that Turner Wilfred Racker be reelected to National Bowling Chairman and be commended for his efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph C. Koutnik, Chairman  
George D. Porter, Secretary

Motion was made by Dalbke (ILL), seconded by Zweifel (ILL), that the recommendation of the Bowling Committee that bids for advance reservations for following years National Bowling Tournament must be postmarked at least one day after close of present tournament, etc. (see Par. 7 of above report) be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schnurr (Cent.States), seconded by Niehaus (WPa), that all Turner societies be urged to seek full participation in the National Bowling Tournament at South Bend, Indiana, in 1971. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Parker (WPa), seconded by Spanier (NE) to concur with the recommendation of the committee that all Turner societies seek full participation in the National Bowling Tournament at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1972. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Dalbke (ILL), seconded by Wuest (NY), to concur with the recommendation of the committee that all societies consider and support the Seventh National Junior Bowling Meet held in each city in the fall of 1970. Motion passed.

Turner Nick Meyer (MO) asked the Convention to reconsider the resolution which had been submitted by the Central States District regarding the establishment of a handicap average for non-league bowlers entering our National Tournament. This recommendation had been rejected by the Committee, and Chairman Schrader ruled that it would be out of order to consider it at this time since no minority report had been submitted.

The report of the Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances was then read by its secretary, Turner Heider:



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES

Turners present were A. Andre, T. Lemmon, W. Schrader, H. Heider, L. Baker, W. O. Huth, J. E. Hille, E. Crook, C. E. Hall, and A. A. Orchard (part-time). Temporary Chairman A. Andre called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. Turner E. Crook was elected Permanent Chairman and H. Heider, Secretary.

The following resolution was passed:

That Paragraph 33 be changed to read: "The Regional Councilor shall be elected by the District Representatives of the Region he is to represent. Election of the Regional Councilor shall be held at least 60 days before a National Convention. All Districts within the respective Region shall be notified 30 days prior to this election. Election shall not be held unless all Districts within the Region are represented or have acknowledged having received notice and are unable to send a representative.

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"Should the Regional Councilor be unable to continue or perform his duties, the District Representatives shall declare a vacancy and they shall have the power to hold a caucus to replace such a Councilor after all Districts within the Region are notified."

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt Resolution #2, as follows:

That paragraph 34 be changed to read: "Nominations for all National offices, except that of the Regional Councilors shall be permitted from the Convention floor."

It was recommended by motion properly made, seconded and passed that Resolution 3 be revised to read that the 53rd Convention grant Turner Ernest Buerker of Schenectady Honorary Life Membership, being totally incapacitated due to Turner activities.

A motion was passed to reject the following resolution:

"RECOMMEND that Life Membership of the American Turners be reduced from forty (40) years to thirty (30) years continuous membership.

"RECOMMEND that members of thirty (30) years continuous membership in the American Turners be exempt from National dues, and

"FURTHER RECOMMEND that they be issued a Life Membership Card (Gold Card).

A motion was passed that Section 31A be added to the Statutes to read as follows:

"The Chairman of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education shall be a technically qualified Turner teacher actively engaged in a Turner Society. If such a technically qualified Turner teacher is not available for this office, then a technically qualified Turner may be elected or appointed until such time as a technically qualified Turner teacher is available."

A motion was passed that Paragraph 108B be added to the Statutes, to read:

"Honorary 40 and 50-year members of the American Turners, who have formerly been members of a Society that has withdrawn from the American Turners or whose Society was dissolved, shall hereafter be classified as members at large unless they become members of another active Society, without regard to mileage from societies."

A motion was passed that Section 62A be added to the Statutes, to read: "The National Golf Chairman shall be a regular member of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education."

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbert Heider, Secretary  
Elmer Crook, Chairman

Motion was made by Crook (MO), seconded by Diamant (NY) that the first recommendation of the above committee regarding Paragraphs 33 and 33b be adopted by the Convention. The resolution was passed unanimously.

During the discussion on the above motion, it was pointed out that it would be the responsibility of each region to implement the manner in which they choose their district representatives, unless and until such time as a statute is passed as to their selection.

Motion was made by Huth (WNY), seconded by Boeker (NJ), that Paragraph 34 of the Statutes be changed to read: "Nominations for all National offices except that of the Regional Councilors shall be permitted from the Convention floor." The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Thane (NY), seconded by Boeker (NJ) that the 53rd Convention grant Turner Ernest Buerker of Schenectady Turners an Honorary Life Membership, since he is totally incapacitated due to Turner activities. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Farkus (WISC), seconded by Ernst (ILL), that Section 31A be added to the Statutes to read as follows:

"The Chairman of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education shall be a technically qualified Turner teacher actively engaged in a Turner Society. If such a technically qualified Turner teacher is not available for this office, then a technically qualified Turner may be elected or appointed until such time as a technically qualified Turner teacher is available."

The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Crook (MO), seconded by Huth (WNY), that Paragraph 108B be added to the Statutes, to read:



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The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion was made Farkus (WISC), seconded by Stevens (MINN) that the recommendation of the Committee that Section 62A be changed should be rejected. Turners Farkus and Stevens rescinded their motion so an affirmative motion could be made. Motion was made by Huth (WNY), seconded by Lemmon (WPA) that Section 62A be added to the Statutes, to read:

"The National Golf Chairman shall be a regular member of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education."

After a lengthy discussion the motion was passed. No federal vote was taken, since the few members opposing stated they would not request this.

The Chairman then called for the report of the Nominating Committee, which was presented by its secretary, Turner Schnurr:

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Nominating Committee was called to order at 3:00 P.M., August 17, 1970.

Turner Warren Dalbke was chosen as Chairman and Turner W. Schnurr was elected Secretary.

The following slate was chosen:

President	Stephen Reskovitz and William Meyer
First Vice-President	Clifford Anderson and Forrest Steinlage
Second Vice-President	Wilfred Racker and Edward Timm

#### Regional Counselors:

Region 1	-	Oscar Baer
Region 2	-	Fred Boeker
Region 3	-	Forrest Steinlage
Region 4	-	Wm. O. Huth
Region 5	-	Warren Dalbke
Region 6	-	John Westermeyer
Region 7	-	Robert Dau
Region 8	-	Otto Nell
Region 9	-	A. Herman Niehaus

#### Major Committee Chairmen:

Physical Education	-	Arnold Trummer
Cultural	-	JoAnn Mueller
Bowling	-	Wilfred Racker

Chairman Schrader appointed the following tellers for the elections of officers: Turners Hille (Mid.Atl.), Schuler (Cent.States), and Zweifel (Ill.).

For President: Submitted by Nominating Committee - Stephen Reskovitz  
William Meyer

Call for nominations from the floor. Turner Reskovitz asked to speak. He explained that although he had considered it a great honor to serve as President of the American Turners, he now finds it necessary for reasons of health to withdraw his name as a candidate. Turner Clifford Anderson was nominated by P. Pippin (Mid.Atl.). Seconding speeches were made for each of the remaining candidates. Dalbke (ILL) moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by O'Donnell (NE) and passed. Ballots were collected, and after tallying the votes, the tellers announced that Turner Meyer had received 75 Federal votes; Turner Anderson, 63. The Chair declared Turner William/as the new President of the American Turners.  
Meyer

Turner Meyer thanked the delegates for their confidence in him, and was congratulated by Turner Anderson.

The Third Session of the 53rd National Convention was adjourned for lunch at 12:35 P.M.

#### FOURTH SESSION

The Fourth Session of the 53rd National Convention was called to order by Chairman Schrader at 1:35 P.M. in the gymnasium of the McKeesport Turners.

Turner Elste (ILL) presented a written proxy from the Wisconsin District, who had found it necessary to leave the Convention: "The Wisconsin delegation hereby authorizes the Illinois delegation to vote the three votes of the Wisconsin delegation." This was signed by Turners Farkas and Gilbert. Motion was made by Niehaus (WPA), seconded by Andre (Mid.Atl.) that the request of the Wisconsin District be rejected. The chair ruled this motion was out of order, inasmuch as Statute Par. 19 permits such a proxy. He ruled that the Illinois District has the right to vote for Wisconsin.

At this time Chairman Schrader turned the chair over to Vice-Chairman McCarthy (WPA). Turner McCarthy presented Turner Stephen Reskovitz with a gavel as a memento of the fine work which he has done for the American Turners.

For First Vice-President: Submitted by Nominating Committee -  
Clifford Anderson and Forrest Steinlage



Call for nominations from floor. Motion by O'Donnell (NE), seconded by Spanier (NE) that nominations be closed. Passed. Seconding speeches were made for each candidate. Ballots were collected, and after tallying the votes the tellers announced that Turner Anderson had received 103 Federal votes; Turner Steinlage, 35. The chair declared Turner Clifford Anderson the new First Vice-President of the American Turners.

For Second Vice-President: Submitted by Nominating Committee -  
Wilfred Racker and Edward Timm

Turner Heider (NY) was nominated by Diamant (NY). Turner Frank Lynch (WPA) was nominated by Stevens (Minn.) Turner Steinlage was nominated by Senn (Cent.States). Motion by Dalbke (Ill.), seconded by Koutnik (So.Bd.), that nominations be closed. Passed. Seconding speeches were made for each of the candidates. Ballots were collected, and after tallying the votes the tellers announced the following results: Racker, 48; Steinlage, 31; Timm, 27; Heider, 19; Lynch, 13. The name of Turner Lynch was dropped, and on the next ballot the results were: Racker, 55; Timm, 38; Steinlage, 31; Heider, 14. The name of Turner Heider was dropped, and the result of the next ballot was: Racker, 63; Timm, 44; Steinlage, 31. Turner Steinlage's name was dropped, and the results of the last ballot were: Racker, 94; Timm, 44. The chair declared Turner Wilfred Racker our new Second Vice-President.

For Physical Education Chairman: Submitted by Nominating Committee --  
Arnold Trummer

Call for nominations from the floor. Motion by Diamant (NY) that nominations be closed. Seconded by Pehlke (Ill.) and passed. Motion that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Arnold Trummer as Physical Education Chairman was made by Kovaly (WPA), seconded and passed.

For Cultural Chairman: Submitted by Nominating Committee -- JoAnn Mueller

Call for nominations from the floor. Turner Edward Sexton (NY) was nominated by Diamant (NY). Turner Sexton declined. Motion that nominations be closed was made by Kovaly (WPA), seconded by Pehlke (Ill.), and passed. Motion made by Pehlke (Ill.), seconded by Baker (Ill.), and passed that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner JoAnn Mueller as the Cultural Chairman.

For Bowling Chairman: Submitted by Nominating Committee -- Wilfred Racker

In view of his election as Second Vice-President, Turner Racker declined the nomination for Bowling Chairman. Call for nominations from the floor. Turner Robert St. Peter was nominated by Steinlage. Turner Edward Timm was nominated by Walter (WPA). Motion by Pehlke (Ill) seconded by Kovaly (WPA) that nominations be closed. Motion carried. Ballots were collected, and the tellers reported the following results: Timm, 79; St.Peter, 59. The chair declared Turner Edward Timm as the new Bowling Chairman.

During the time the tellers were absent, counting the votes, during the preceding elections, various announcements were made by representatives of the various Districts. Turners Reskovitz and Westernmeyer spoke of the Endowment Trust Fund. Turner Westernmeyer explained that they had now used up just about all of their available funds on loans to various societies, and he asked that the delegates urge their societies to support this fund. As a result, representatives of the various districts started the ball rolling by collecting among their delegates, with the result that each delegation turned over a contribution to the Trust Fund, for a total of approximately \$100.00.

Turner Racker announced that he would continue to handle the Junior Bowling Meet for this year, inasmuch as it would be unfair to expect the new Bowling Chairman to take over on an event which has already been partially handled by the previous chairman.

Turner Meyer announced that he has received confirmation of the fact that the Jahn Fund is donating \$1,000.00 to the Clinton (Mass.) Turners for their fund for the new building.

To continue with the elections:

For Region 1 Councilor: Submitted by Nominating Committee -- Oscar Baer

Call for nominations from the floor. Motion that nominations be closed was made by Pippin (Mid.Atl.), seconded by Andre (Mid.Atl.), and passed. Motion that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Baer as Region 1 Councilor was made by Dau (Upper Miss.), seconded by Niehaus (WPA) and carried.

For Region 2 Councilor: Submitted by Nominating Committee -- Fred Boeker

Call for nominations from the floor. Motion by Pippin (Mid.Atl.), seconded by Wuest (NY), that nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Boeker as Councilor for Region 2. Motion carried.

For Region 3 Councilor: Submitted by Nominating Committee -- Forrest Steinlage

Call for nominations from the floor. Motion by Lahrman (Cent.States), seconded by Porter (WPa), that nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Steinlage as Region 3 Councilor. Motion carried.

For Region 4 Councilor: Submitted by Nominating Committee -- Wm. O. Huth

Call for nominations from the floor. Motion by Ping (NY), seconded by Guenther (LE) that nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Huth as Region 4 Councilor.

For Region 5 Councilor: Submitted by Nominating Committee - Warren Dalbke

Call for nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Komm (Ill.) seconded by Parker, that nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Dalbke as Councilor of Region 5.



For Region 6 Councilor: Submitted by Nominating Committee - John Westermeyer

Call for nominations from the floor. Turner Elmer Crook was nominated by Orchard (Mo.). Motion that nominations be closed was made by Schrader (Ill.), seconded by Moran (NE), and passed. Ballots were collected, and after tallying them the tellers announced that Turner Westermeyer had received 58½ votes and Turner Crook 79½ votes. The chair declared Turner Crook the new Councilor of Region 6.

For Region 7 Councilor: Submitted by Nominating Committee - Robert Dau

Call for nominations from the floor. Motion by Woolworth (St.L.), seconded by Kuettnr (Minn.) that nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Dau as Region 7 Councilor.

For Region 8 Councilor: Submitted by Nominating Committee - Otto Nell

Call for nominations from the floor. Turner Jacquin read a letter from Turner Nell expressing his regrets at being unable to attend the Convention and indicating his desire to remain as Councilor. He also enclosed a substantial donation to the Endowment Trust Fund. Motion was made by Schuler (Cent.States), seconded by Niehaus (WPa) that nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Nell as the Region 8 Councilor.

For Region 9 Councilor: Submitted by Nominating Committee - A.Herman Niehaus

Call for nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Porter (WPa), seconded by Wuest (NY), that nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Niehaus as Councilor of Region 9.

At this time Chairman Schrader resumed his seat as chairman of the Convention.

For Endowment Trust Fund Trustee: Submitted by Nominating Committee --  
Stephen Reskovitz and Carl Anderson

Call for nominations from the floor. Turner Robert Schuler was nominated by Schnurr (Cent.States), but declined in favor of Turner Reskovitz, who has done so much for this fund over the years. Turner Dau (Upper Miss.) stated that he had been authorized by Turner Anderson (who had to leave the Convention early) to decline the nomination in favor of Turner Reskovitz. Motion was made by Thane (NY), seconded by Boeker (NJ), and carried to close the nominations, and the chair then instructed the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Stephen Reskovitz as Endowment Trust Fund Trustee.

Under Unfinished Business, Turner Meyer announced that within the past several weeks additional applications have been received from applicants for the position of National Secretary. Although some of these applicants could work out of Rochester, others might not be able to. The Council will be making a decision in the near future as

the National Secretary. In order that they not be hampered in the event they received an application from a qualified applicant from another city, he asked that the Convention give the National Council authority to make a move of National Headquarters if necessary.

Motion was made by Elste (Ill.), seconded by Lahrman (Cent.States) that this Convention authorize the National Council to move the National Office if they deem it necessary for the best interests of the American Turners. After a lengthy and heated discussion a Federal vote was taken. The results were: 122 For; 7 Against; 9 Abstained. Motion was carried.

Turner Boeker announced that he has a sound film available on the Berlin Turnfest. This is available to any society for the cost of postage and insuring the mailing.

Turner Hall (WPa) made a motion that we elect a National Golf Chairman at this time. Seconded by Lynch (WPa) and carried.

Motion was made by Hall that Turner Joseph Simon be the new Golf Chairman. Motion that nominations be closed and the secretary instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Simon was made by Pippin (Mid. Atl.), seconded by Thane and passed.

Turner Boeker announced that he has been looking into the possibility of a charter flight to the Olympics in 1972. We could charter a plane of 250 capacity, leaving Chicago, at a cost of \$235 from Chicago and \$215 from the touchdown in New York. The agency he has contacted has 360 rooms available, but it would be necessary for societies to contact him VERY, VERY SOON, since rooms are being grabbed up very quickly.

At this time, with the consent of the delegates present, a minority report was presented by Turner Douglas (Cent.States) on the item which had been voted on earlier under the Physical Education Committee's report. This had to do with the elimination of the optional exercises for women in the 30-39 age group and the 40-49 age group. He presented his report and made the following recommendation: That optionals be included for senior ladies in the 30-39 and 40-49 age groups, and that there be a meeting with the Physical Education Committee and instructors to work out the details. This was seconded by Helmke (Ill.) and was passed.

Motion was made by Dalbke (Ill.), seconded by Huth (WNY), that the Convention go on record as officially awarding the 1971 National Festival to Milwaukee, so a press release can be made. Motion carried.

A bid for the 1972 National Convention was submitted by Turner Crook (Mo.). Motion was made by Woolworth (St.L.), seconded by Wuest (NY) that the Convention go on record as approving this bid. Motion carried.

Turner Crook repeated the bid made by his society and accepted by the 1968 Convention for the 1975 National Festival. Motion was made by Schnurr, seconded by Niehaus, and carried that the Convention again go on record as approving the selection of Concordia, St. Louis, by the Council to run the 1975 National Festival.



Turner Guenther (LE) made a motion that the American Turners have a national flag, to be made by the Cultural Committee. Seconded by Schnurr (Cent.States). Motion passed.

Turner Niehaus asked that a standing vote of appreciation be given for the wonderful way in which Chairman Schrader conducted the Convention. The Convention Chairman, Turner John Kovaly, made a presentation to Turner Schrader of the gavel which he had used.

Motion was made by Dalbke (Ill.), seconded by Wuest (NY), that the 53rd National Convention be adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille B. Bothfeld (Ill.)  
Convention Chairman