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# 60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

of

#### AMERICAN TURNERS

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# OFFICIAL MINUTES

of the

60TH CONVENTION

of the

AMERICAN TURNERS

Held at Monaca, Pennsylvania
August 5-8, 1984

#### FIRST SESSION

Sunday Evening, August 5, 1984

The 60th Convention of the American Turners convened at 8:07 P.M. on Sunday, August 5, 1984 at the Monaca Turner Hall in Monaca, Pennsylvania. The flags were presented by the T.N.T., who also sang the Turner song and the national anthem. The Convention was officially called to order by Turner Warren Dalbke, National President, who introduced the local president, Turner Frank Lynch, who welcomed the delegates on behalf of the host society and led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Turner Nick Mamula, chairman of the local convention committee, was also introduced, as was the president of the National Women's Auxiliary.

National Cultural Chairperson JoAnn Mueller presented the 1984 Convention Princess, Sharon Campbell of Akron Turners along with Linda Counts of Aurora FrischAuf Turners, first runner-up and Laura Klingensmith of Akron, second runner-up.

Turner Lynch called for nominations for temporary chairman of the Convention. Turner Lynch was nominated by Dalbke (ILL). Turner Eldon Zahm (CS) was nominated by Westermeyer (STL), but declined the nomination. Nominations were closed and Turner Lynch assumed the chair.

Turner President Dalbke then presented his report to the Convention.

(All reports of officers and committee chairmen are presented at the end of the report of the First Session.)

National President Dalbke presented Turner John Westermeyer the Turner Hall of Fame award for his many efforts in the gymnastics area.

At this time Chairman Lynch called for the report of the Credentials Committee, which was read by its secretary, William Severns (LE). Turner Dahm, chairman of the committee announced that since the committee had met a letter was received from the New Jersey District authorizing the New York District by official proxy to vote their two Federal votes. Motion was made by Bothfeld (ILL), seconded by Timm (WPA) that the Credentials Committee report, as corrected by the delegates at this time, be accepted and that the delegates be seated. Motion was carried. The corrected report follows.

#### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee was called to order at 3:50 P.M. on August 5, 1984 with the following Turners present: Eldon Zahm (CS), David Hollatz (UpMiss), Clifford Anderson, National Officer & Guest, Tom Clinton (WPA), Ann Trankle (ILL), Richard Barnes (CS) (Guest), Daisy Pippin (MidAtl), Oliver A. Fiebig (CS), William Severns (LE), George J. Jacquin (WNY), Henry W. Schroeder (NY), John A. Westermeyer (StL), Russell E. Jewett (NE).

Eldon Zahm (CS) was elected chairman by unanimous vote. William Severns (LE) was elected secretary by unanimous vote. Delegates and committees were revised as follows:

# DELEGATES LISTED BY DISTRICT

# WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT - 36 Federal Votes

Ed Timm	Earl McGunigale	George Evans	Dave Krimm
Oliver Roeder	Ray Mechem	David Dugan	Bernard Harris
Jane Buzek	Vaughn Parrish	Charles Jurges	Bob White
E. Ray Hodge	Theodore Blasche	Robert Volker	Bob Buzek
Roger DeBertrand	Joseph Morris	Dolores Koch	Sam Solomon
Millard Grumbling	Joe Maholage	Robert Fronko	Edward Wellman
John Kovay	Nick Mamula	John Demshur	Nelle Volker
Joseph Biddle	Claifford Anderson	Rich Zanetti	Bob Holsinger
Herb Banco	Frank Lynch	Thomas Clinton	Peg White (A)
Helen Matik (A)	Ethel Palm (A)	George Baltic (A)	Harold Hoenig (A)
Dennis Grant (A)	Frank Fuller (A)	Brud Zitta	

# MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT - 11 Federal Votes

Paul Merritt	Ed Rosendale	Daisy Haar-Pippin

#### LAKE ERIE DISTRICT - 8 Federal Votes

Donald Lentz	Pauline McIntyre	Frank Lapinskas	Kay Kitson
William Severns	Wilfred Racker	Hans Wandscher	

according to official proxy.)

# CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT - 45 Federal Votes

Robert St. Peters Sr	S A GRIEVANCES	Mary Lubbers	Betty Heppner			
	Phyllis Pearson	Dona Schaefer	Charles Lintz			
George Pearson	John Silotto	John Neal	Dick Wolff			
Jim Rabe	Frank Fielman	Wm. Woehrle	Jon Hickey			
Ann Schnurr	Bill Maier	Harold Jornod	Joe Lubbers			
Dr. Hugh Enyart	Robert Swan	Leland Korkhouse	Robert Schuler			
J. C. Barker	Eldon Zahm	Virginia Korkhouse	Joe Sauer			
Richard Strebinger	Wm. Grauel	Richard Bade	Phyllis June (A)			
Morley Ringer	Mary Thompson (A)	Oliver Fiebig	sos. Clinton (MPA)			

# NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - 20 Federal Votes

T.Roger Steele	Wm. Thaute	Robt. E. Bourdon	Walter Paton
Harry J. George	Russell E. Jewett	Walter O'Malley	Wm. Braunhardt

NEW YORK DISTRICT - 6 Federal Votes

Hertha Hermann J.Omar Gagnon

Walter Pfister Edwin Spitznagel Henry Schroeder Emma Gebhardt (A) Eugene Keller

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT - 9 Federal Votes

Nick Meyer Patricia Anderson

Elmer Serb Dennis Zeller

Eugene Solfronk John Westermeyer

Dave Barthold Worley Bingaman

UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT - 13 Federal Votes

David Hollatz Betty Dau

Ted Wiethop

Rolland Niebes

Carl B. Heald

Glen Dau

WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT - 1 Federal Vote

George J. Jacquin

WISCONSIN DISTRICT - 3 Federal Votes

Olga Weidemann Carol Udovich

Al Udovich

ILLINOIS DISTRICT - 29 Federal Votes

Ann Trankle Richard Goeke Jerry Jacquin Carl Irps

Woody Vockeroth Jack Farny

Ruth Boysen Ed Colton Augie Thomas Jack Petty

George Boysen Bucky Cazel

Barb Davis Ralph Markus Brud Zitta Walter Schrader Lou Garfinkle Doug Clark

Lucille Bothfeld Steve Carlin Hans Grigo Herman Zweifel Barbara Hugi Dan Hall

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT - 2 Federal Votes (To be voted by the New York District according to official proxy.)

MEMBERS AT LARGE - 1 Federal Vote

Minnie Ragno

#### DELEGATES LISTED BY COMMITTEE

# PRINCIPLES, STATUTES & GRIEVANCES

Joe Sauer (CS) Eldon Zahm (CS) Lou Garfinkle (ILL) Dan Hall (ILL) Walter P. O'Malley (NE) Worley Bingaman (STL) Herb Banco (WPA) Al Udovich (WISC)

Richard Strebinger (CS) Richard Bade (CS) Barbara Hugi (ILL) Hans Wandscher (LE) Edwin Spitznagel (NY) Ted Wiethcp (STL) Frank Lynch (WPA) Betty Dau (UpMiss)

Wm. Grauel (CS) John Neal (CS) Doug Clark (ILL) Daisy Haar-Pippin (MidAtl) John Westermeyer (STL) Geo. Jacquin (WNY) Thos. Clinton (WPA) Robert San (CS)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Eldon Zahm (CS) Daisy Haar-Pippin (MidAtl) John Westermeyer (STL) Dave Hollatz (UpMiss)

Ann Trankle (ILL) Russell Jewett (NE) George Jacquin (WNY)

Wm. Severns (LE) Henry Schroeder (NY) Thos. Clinton (WPA)

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dick Wolff (CS) Daisy Haar-Pippin (MidAtl) George Jacquin (WNY)

Ann Trankle (ILL) Walter F. Pfister (NY) Ed Timm (WPA) Pauline McIntyre (LE) Elmer Serb (STL)

# BOWLING COMMITTEE

Robert St. Peters, Sr. (CS) Paul Merritt (MidAtl) Ed Timm (WPA) Oliver Roeder (WPA) Morley Ringer (CS)

Ann Trankle (ILL) Nick Meyer (STL) Earl McGunigale (WPA) Ray Mechem (WPA)

Donald Lentz (LE) Elmer Serb (STL) George Evans (WPA) David Dugan (WPA)

# CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mary Lubbers (CS) Phyllis Pearson (CS) Barb Davis (ILL) Eugene Solfronk (STL) Jane Buzek (WPA) Olga Wiedemann (WISC)

Betty Heppner (CS) Dona Schaefer (CS) Pauline McIntyre (LE) David Hollatz (UpMiss) Vaughn Parrish (WPA)

Mary Thompson (CS) Ruth Boysen (ILL) Hertha Hermann (NY) Bernard Harris (WPA) Charles Jurges (WPA)

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Silotto (CS) John Neal (CS) Lucille Bothfeld (ILL) Richard Goeke (ILL)

Charles Lintz (CS) Frank Lapinskas (LE) George Pearson (CS) Walter Pfister (NY) Nick Meyer (STL) Bob White (WPA) E. Ray Hodge (WPA) Theodore Blasche (WPA) Robert Volker (WPA)

Dick Wolff (CS) Henry Schroeder (NY)

# HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Jim Rabe (CS) Betty Heppner (CS) John Neal (CS) Harold Jornod (CS) Ed Colton (ILL) Jerry Jacquin (ILL)

Frank Fielman (CS) Wm. Woehrle (CS) John Hickey (CS) John Silotto (CS) Ann Schnurr (CS) Bill Maier (CS) Robert St. Peters, Sr.(CS) Dona Schaefer (CS) Eldon Zahm (CS) Dick Wolff (CS) Ralph Markus (ILL) Steve Carlin (I Augie Thomas (ILL) Kay Kitson (LE) Ed Rosendale (MidAtl) T. R. Steele (NE) Wm. Thaute (NE) Robt. E. Bourdon (NE) Walter Paton (NE) Harry J. George Eugene Keller (NY) Henry Schroeder (NY) Dave Barthold (STL) Patricia Anderson (STL) Bob Buzek (WPA) Roger DeBertrand (WPA) Joseph Morris (WPA) George Jacquin (WNY) Dolores Koch (WPA) Carl Heald (UpMiss) Carol Udovich (WISC)

Steve Carlin (ILL) Harry J. George (NE)

#### ATHLETIC - SUBCOMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Robert St. Peters, Sr. (CS) Dona Schaefer (CS) Brud Zitta (ILL) Eugene Keller (NY) Dennis Zeller (STL) John Westermeyer (STL)

Jim Rabe (CS) Millard Grumbling (WPA) Bill Maier (CS) Hans Grigo (ILL) Carl Heald (UpMiss) Joe Maholage (WPA) Robert Fronko (WPA)

Dick Wolff (CS) Carl Irps (ILL)

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Joe Lubbers (CS)
Frank Fielman (CS)
J. C. Barker (CS)
Walter Schrader (ILL)
Jack Farny (ILL)
Harry George (NE)
Walter P. O'Malley (NE)
Jerry Jacquin (ILL)
Rolland Niebes (UpMiss)
Edw. Wellman (WPA)
John Lemshur (WPA)
Cliff Anderson (WPA)
Wm. Braunhardt (NE)

Dr. Hugh Enyart (CS)
Leland Korkhouse (CS)
Eldon Zahm (CS)
Herman Zweifel (ILL)
Wm. Severns (LE)
Russell Jewett (NE)
J. O. Gagnon (NY)
John Westermeyer (STL)
George Jacquin (WNY)
John Kovay (WPA)
Nelle Volker (WPA)
Al Udovich (WISC)
Minnie Ragno (At Large)

Robert Swan (CS)
Robert Schuler (CS)
Jack Petty (ILL)
Woody Vockeroth (ILL)
Wilfred Racker (LE)
T. Roger Steele (NE)
Dennis Zeller (STL)
Glen Dau (UpMiss)
Sam Solomon (WPA)
Nick Mamula (WPA)
Joseph Biddle (WPA)
Oliver Fiebig (CS)

#### NATIONAL PUBLICATION & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Dr. Hugh Enyart (CS)
Bucky Cazel (ILL)
Worley Bingaman (STL)
Rich Zanetti (WPA)

Virginia Korkhouse (CS) Wm. Braunhardt (NE) Betty Dau (UpMiss) Bob Holsinger (WPA) Dick Wolff (CS) George Boysen (ILL) Edwin Spitznagel (NY)

No report was received from the New England District, so their delegates are presented as listed on their mandate.

Motion was made by Bill Severns (LE) and seconded by Dave Hollatz (UM) that John Westermeyer (STL) replace Elmer Serb (STL) on Credentials Committee. Passed unanimously.

Minnie Ragno was chosen as a delegate for the members at large. This makes a total of 184 official federal votes.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon Zahm, Chairman William Severns, Secretary

Upon a call for nominations for permanent convention chairman, Eldon Zahm was nominated by Westermeyer (STL). Clifford Anderson, Bucky Cazel and Frank Lynch were also properly nominated. All refused the nominations. Motion was made by Dalbke that Turner Frank Lynch be renominated. There were no further nominations and Turner Lynch assumed the chair.

For vice-chairman of the convention, Turner Robert Swan was nominated by Zahm (CS). There were no further nominations and the secretary was ordered to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Swan.

For permanent secretary, Lucille Bothfeld was nominated by Barnes. There being no further nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Turner Bothfeld.

Upon the call for nominations for sergeant at arms, Ed Timm was nominated by Serb (STL); Betty Dau by Jacquin (WNY); and Tom Clinton by Harold Hoenig (WNY). There were no further nominations, and the chair declared all three elected.

Turner George Jacquin was elected as parliamentarian by Dalbke. There were no further nominations, so the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Jacquin.

Motion was made by Cazel (ILL) to accept the president's report and refer it to the proper convention committees. Seconded by Spitznagel (NY) and passed.

Reports were then read by Robert Dau, First Vice-President; Clifford Anderson Second Vice-President; Shirley Luckhardt, National Secretary (read by L. Bothfeld, convention secretary); William Meyer, Treasurer. Motion was made by Steele (NE), seconded by Severns (LE) that the treasurer's report be accepted and turned over to the Finance Committee.

Further reports were read by Harry Warnken, Chairman of National Health and Physical Education Committee; JoAnn Mueller, Chairperson of National Cultural Education Committee; Richard Barnes, Chairman of the National Bowling Committee; John Westermeyer, Chairman of the Endowment Trust Fund; Frank Lapinskas, Chairman of the Instructors' Fund; Henry Schroeder, Chairman of the Jahn Educational Fund; and Robert Dau, Editor of Turner Topics. In each case a motion was properly made, seconded and carried accepting the report and referring it to the proper committees for action.

Chairman Lynch announced that the Nominating Committee will meet after the other committee meetings on Monday afternoon. He announced that banquet tickets must be purchased before noon on Monday.

Delegate Ann Schnurr asked the names of the other two men who had been chosen for the Turner Hall of Fame along with Turner John Westermeyer. Turner Dalbke announced that Turner Jerry Jacquin of Aurora Turners (ILL) and Turner Charles Calhoun of Central States were also honored.

Motion was made by Bingaman (STL), seconded by Dugan (WPA) that the convention reconvene on Tuesday, August 7, 1984 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

The first session was adjourned at 10:32 P.M.



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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

2) To the Delegates of the 60th National Convention of the American Turners and the 23rd Convention of the Momen's Auxiliary to the American Turners:

Turner Chairman, Delegates, Ladies and Guests:

It is with great pleasure I address this convention this evening knowing full well that we have had an exciting past two years of hard work on the part of your National Council and its officers.

I have had the pleasure of writing current reports for the American Turner Topics throughout these past years to keep you informed as to our activities within the Turner world. We all owe a great vote of thanks to those men and women who have made my past two years as President an exciting and rewarding term. This evening, I will not dwell on any specifics as our officers and chairmen will fill you in on many of the details. However, I would be remiss if I did not add my personal contratulations and thanks to each of our elected officials including regional counselors and committee chairmen. I have received full cooperation from each and every Council member and at this time would like to personally thank the following for extraordinary performance: Turner Bob Dau for his continued work on the American Turner Topics, to Cliff Anderson for his help in procuring compensation for one of our injured instructors, to Shirley Luckhardt, our Secretary who has revitalized the National Office so that every Turner society has a direct contact with the National organization. To a Past President and present Treasurer, Turner Bill Meyer, a heartfelt thanks for keeping our finances in line, and also setting up the budget for our recent Turnfest in Indianapolis. To Past President, Bob Schuler for his continued support in helping in and around the National Office.

About three years ago a committee of Turners Schuler, Meyer and Spitznagle was appointed to gather information and design a program for Regional Conferences. Thru their excellent work we have held our first National Conference in Region 5, this past year. This conference was a huge success and will certainly be put on the road for other Regions as soon as suitable dates can be arranged. This conference is a must for all our Regions because it explains and promotes the use of the National Office and its available information for all societies.

I wish to also thank Turner Joanne Mueller, who has headed our Cultural Committee for many years and who now finds it necessary to relinquish this job. It is my hope that this convention will choose as energetic and interested person: for this very important committee. As you all know, bowling is our most popular Turner activity and its chairman, Turner Dick Barnes has done an excellent job in helping the host societies plan and run this vital ovent.

During these past two years, having the fortune to also be the Illinois District resident, I have had an enspot relationship with the National Gym Camp, the TNT program and the leadership course. I want to personally thank Turner Harry Warnken, our Physical ducation Chairman, for his untiring efforts in assisting with National Championships and many other activities including the above mentioned. We of the American Turners re also very fortunate to have the presence of a very talented man who has dedicated imself to our TNT and National Gym Program. Turner Bud Marquette has done a super job ith our young people and has promoted a most positive gymnastics training program that

has turned into our greatest public relations tool. Along with Turners Warnken and Marquette, I wish to also thank Turner Ed Colton for his continued administrative ability with the above programs. Harry, Bud and Ed are an unbeatable combination and deserve our greatest laudits. As many of you know, we are in the midst of the 23rd Olympiads and one cannot help but feel a great deal of pride in the United States of America's involvement and successes which have been cultivated by men such as Harry, Bud and Ed.

What a tremendous personal feeling it was to hear an "ABC" announcer credit Turnerism for starting gymnastics in the U.S.A. and as you know by now, we "Team U.S.A." won the Gold Team Medals and our gals won the Silver. Now is the time for our societies to capitalize on our programs. The youth of America will be crying out for our type of programs and we must be ready.

Along with the above Turners we must also recognize and thank the 30 plus staff of adults who joined us at the National Gym Camp. These people are all volunteer members and also must feel proud of their accomplishment.

Our recent Turnfest in Indianapolis was one of our finest events. The 500 competitors from throughout the Turner world will have many pleasant memories and I again wish to thank the host society and its hard working committee for a super effort in our behalf.

Many of you are aware that the Endowment Trust Fund and its officers is one of the American Turners greatest supporters. There is not a society in our federation that has not been helped by the efforts of this committee and I wish to thank Turners John Westemeyer, President, Turner George Jacquin, Vice-President, Treasurer, Bob Volker, Secretary, Bob Dau and Trustees, Turners Bob Schuler and Will Racker for their dedication and interest throughout the past years.

And whore would we be without the Jahn Fund, under the leadership of Turner Henry Schroeder, we have been able to sustain publication of the American Turner Topics which is a most important avenue of communication with our entire membership. The Jahn Fund has helped us in many ways and we know they too take pride in knowing that their contributions have been well used to promote the American Turners cause.

The Womens Auxiliary to the American Turners has also continued to support our many programs and I wish to thank them for their contribution.

I have had many great moments during visitation to some 25 societies over this past term. Perhaps one of my greatest thrills would have to be, being present at the dedication of 2 new Turner buildings including the Aurora Turners and the Eiche Turners in our Illinois District. I have also had the pleasure of watching Turner people renovating present structures and thinking positive about their future. In our federation of societies, we of the National Council are limited to giving experienced advice and personal laudits to those who are doing well. To those societies who seem to be waning for lack of mombership or money, we are still looking for ways to help them over the rough times. We who come from flourishing societies must help those in need! As you know, the economics of this country are just now beginning to show some promise and hopefully will continue in the coming years. As our Treasurer will point out, we of the National Office have been very frugal knowing full well that our sources of income are very limited. This problem forces much of the National Office work to be carried on thru the Regional Counselors who to a man have done their best under sometimes very adverse circumstances.

With the closing of the Louisville Turners building, where our National Office was located, it was of extreme importance that we relocate to a commercial office building so that our headquarters would be available to all Turners and societies without interuption. Your executive staff found a suitable location in Louisville as as a result have set up its headquarters for your continued use. It is natural to expect

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that the expenses in a commercial establishment would increase and they have.

In looking over the financial statements of the past two years, I find that we are running neck and neck with our income derived from our membership. It became necessary to change the publication of the Turner Topics from bi-monthly to a quarterly issue due to economic reasons. It is fair to say that no connecil member liked this decision, however, in this day and age, economics play a most important part. Perhaps the members of this Convention can help us find a solution so that we can again publish bi-monthly.

This Convention will deal with some 14 resolutions. Let us all give our best thinking to them.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge that we have a bright future and that with the Turner spirit we will continue to work on behalf of our membership. Again, I thank each of you for your continued support and hope that the deliberations of our committees will bring us closer together and more determined to continue our great heritage.

Thank you.

With Turner greetings, Wanen E. Dallke

Warren E. Dalbke

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# REPORT OF THE 1st VICE PRESIDENT

The delegates of the 60th National Convention of the American Turners and the 33rd Convention of the Women's Auxiliary to the American Turners.

Turner Greetings,

My tenure of the past two years as First Vice President of the American Turners has not been very satisfying to me nor do I think rewarding to the National Organization. As can be noted by the following agenda, my activities were somewhat limited.

In April of 1983 I participated in the National Bowling Tournament in Louisville. I also made a trip from Florida to Indianapolis for the 46th National Festival in July of 1983. I attended National Council meetings, Kansas City in 1982 and St. Paul in 1983. It has been my pleasure to have been invited to the last two Turner Christmas luncheons in Treasure Island, Florida and also to join the fun at the Florida Turner Picnics. These Florida events have prompted a renewed interest in formulating an Honorary Turner Society in the State of Florida, this I have undertaken to further. A resolution to establish such a society is before this convention.

During the past few years it has been our misfortune to lose a few societies so it is a ray of hope that we can see a new society form-The River City Turners in Louisville is a starter. Recently we have had a revived interest from a former Turner Society in Burlington, Iowa. While on a recent visit to Davenport and Moline (Upper Mississippi District) I accompanied Carl Heald, Region VII Councilor, on a 90 mile downriver trip to Burlington to see their facilities. We met with their officers to aquaint them with the Turner principles. It could be a start, Councilor Heald will be following up with further contacts.

Another area to be considered is the Minneapolis St. Anthony Turners combining with a group of young local gym enthusiasts. I know that Turner Heald is also aware of this potential. I am sure that these opportunities also exist in other districts in the country.

As I mentioned in my opening paragraph, I have not felt productive in my capacity as First Vice President. The predominant reason is one of geography, that is, being outside the normal realm of operation and not being closely associated with any society or district. Mail correspondence and phone conversations are not adequate and do not replace personal contacts. Contrarily, I do not find these same reasons affecting my job as editor of Turner Topics. Therefore, I do not intend to seek a second term of office as Vice President, rather, I want to open the position for some other Turner willing to get a two year initiation before campaigning for the presidency.

In summary I want to sincerely thank the American Turners for electing me to office at the last convention and I also offer my apologies for not foreseeing the aforementioned complications when I accepted. Serving the American Turners for the past 48 years has been an im

Report of the 1st Vice President, cont.

portant and satisfying part of my life, I hope that it will continue to be so.

Best Turner regards to all of you delegates and I hope that this convention will bring forth new ideas and new methods for a continued growth and success of the American Turners.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Dau

1st Vice President

# Report Of Second Vice-President

In making this my report as second Vice-President, I don't have too much to report as I had no special assignment.

I attended the Council Meeting that was held at Kansas City in 1982.

I also attended the National Bowling Tournament and participated in the the tournament, that was held in Louisville, Ky., in 1983, also in the National Tournament what was this year in Wilmington, Delaware, both were very successful. While in Louisville, we had a short Executive Meeting, we discussed why some Societies havin't mailed their statistical reports in as yet, also discussed per capita tax not being sent in. The council meeting was set up to be held at St Paul Turners, I brought up about a tentative date and agenda for the 1984 National Convention to be held at Monaca Turners, Monaca, Pa.. The convention should be held down to four (4) days,. August 5th to 8th rather than August 5th to 9th, which was reported in

I also attended the National Council Meeting that was held at St Paul, Minnesota in 1983. I attended the National Golf Tournament that was held at Monaca Turners, it was also a very successful tournament, but the weather was very hot. They also had a very nice Women's Tournament, I also attended the Golf Banquet, along with Jim Camp, National Golf Chairman.

tentative schedule.

Frank Lapinskas, Preident of Instructors Fund made a visit to Western Pennsylvania District and I took him to Beaver Falls, Monaca and Rowhester furners. We had one of our instructors injured and Frank came to check on hor The Instructors Fund gave her a donation to cover some of her expenses.

We had our Turn-fest this past year at Athenieum Turners, Anapolis, Ind.

Lt was very successful. Rochester was the only society from our district that

participated.

I have made visits to all societies in our district, attended the Western Penna. District Convention, attended Anniversarys and picnics, ttended the 100th Anniversary of McKeesport Turn-Sisters, also attended the

the McKeesport forty (40) year Membership Banquet, attended the Monongahela rorty (40) year Membership Banquet, in which Robert Volker and Cy Pizzuti received their forty (40) year Gold Cards.

Our Western Pennsylvania District is very active in Gymnastics, Bowling, and Golf. Monongahela Turners took part in National Softball Tournament at incinnati Turners in 1983, I am very proud that I talked Monaca and Rochester urners to go to the Gym Camp in 1983. Rochester is also going to Gym Camp his summer. Rochester Turners was host to the American Turners T.N.T. Team his past Easter week-end, the parents and team really had a good work out ession and enjoyed their stay.

If it wasn't for the high taxes and raising the cost of utilities, we ould all survive a little better.

ts been my pleasure to serve with all you good Turners and I wish you ll the best.

Festival Fund and Induspent Trust Fund for both ye

presented for raying by the finance committee at this conven-

for each year and combines the castions for each year to show the results over the two year pariod since our last National Convention. In addition, the two year expenses, of each type, have been compared to total two year imcome to solve the ratio

With Turnergreetings

Light C. Anderson

Clifford E. Anderson

A copy of the second second 2nd Vice-President

# Report of the National Treasurer

To the 60th National Convention of

The American Turners

Monaca, Pennsylvania - August 5-8, 1984

To the Officers of the American Turners; Delegates to the 60th National Convention; Other Fellow Turners, Friends and Guests --

Greetings:

A condensed version of our independent certified public accountants' audited financial statements of the American Turners, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1983 was published in the most recent issue of Turner Topics. A similar report of the financial results for the year ended December 31, 1982 was published in Turner Topics a year ago.

All of the books and supporting records pertaining to the American Turners, Inc. General Fund and Festival Fund were made available to and subject to full audit procedures for the years 1982 and 1983 by the C.P.A. firm of Grover C. Greweling and Co. of Louisville, KY. The Endowment Trust Fund books and records were subject to internal audit procedures and reporting. Copies of the Endowment Trust Fund audited financial reports for 1982 and 1983 were made available to the C.P.A. firm during their audits of the General Fund. The Endowment Trust Fund audited financial statements for the years 1982 and 1983 were also published in Turner Topics.

A copy of the full audit reports for the General Fund, Festival Fund and Endowment Trust Fund for both years will be presented for review by the finance committee at this convention. The General Fund audit included a review of the financial activities of bowling and the National Turner Youth Gymnastic program (NTYGD) for both years. The audits do not cover the financial results of the Jahn Fund or the Instructor's Fund, as these funds are not under the jurisdiction of the American Turners, Inc., but are administrated by the self perpetuating trustees of each fund. Each of these two funds is responsible for maintaining its separate accounting records and arranges for its own audits, if any. Copies of the financial reports of these two funds have appeared in Turner Topics from time to time.

In addition to the reports mentioned above, I have attached a Statement of Income and Expense of the General Fund for the two year period ended December 31, 1983. This report has re-cast the financial results in a more informative format for each year and combines the captions for each year to show the results over the two year period since our last National Convention. In addition, the two year expenses, of each type, have been compared to total two year income to show the ratio of each expense to available income to give a better picture of

how our income was used. Of the \$110,000 total income available during the 2 year period over 1/3 was spent on the printing and mailing of Turner Topics; over 1/4 on travel expenses, mostly for National Council and National Committee meetings; 1/5 went for payroll costs and the remaining 1/5 went for all the other expenses necessary for running the National Organization.

During the two year period we had a net loss of While this sort of loss can be tolerated for a short period of time, something must be done to correct the situation. The National Council addressed this problem at its last meeting and has cut the publishing period for Turner Topics from bimonthly to quarterly, thereby saving the cost of one printing and mailing each year. As the net cost of printing and mailing Turner Topics over the 1982-83 period was \$36,623.00 (over 1/3 of total National expenditures for the period), this will hopefully result in substantial savings during 1984 and 1985. However, prior to this year, the rent for the National Office, including electricity, was \$100.00 per month. Since the Louisville Turners sold their building, the National Office was forced to find other facilities at a substantial increase, plus a separate electric bill. Also, transportation and motel costs are continuing to escalate so that we cannot really anticipate any savings in our total expenses during the next two years. If our total revenue available from increased membership does not materialize, we will be forced to seek an increase in percapita taxes at the 1986 convention.

An additional finance problem that still faces us, although not as serious as it has been in the past, is the slow remittance to the National, of per-capita taxes collected by the Societies. As of the date this report was written, Cleveland East Side and Concordia still had not settled their per-capita tax accounts for 1983. In addition, Beaver Falls and Springfield were billed for per capita-taxes for 1981 (total \$844.00) for members that they classified as Social in their statistical reports and did not include in their percapita tax remittances. This convention should decide what final disposition should be made of this problem.

One final financial matter for the consideration of this convention is the use of the funds that were donated to the American Turners in 1982 when the ATR Corporation was dissolved. The ATR by-laws required that all assets be donated to the American Turners if the corporation was dissolved. The 1982 convention passed a resolution to invest these funds in a special escrow account of the Endowment Trust Fund for two years (until the date of this convention). If the Rochester, N.Y. Turners have reorganized and entered into a Turner building

project by the opening date of the 60th Convention, this special fund plus accrued interest, would be assigned to Rochester to use in its building construction program. If not, this convention will have to decide how these funds are to be used.

It has been a pleasure serving you as a National Officer over these past 18 years.

Respectively Submitted With Turner Greetings,

William R. Meyer/ National Treasurer

Attachments

# American Turners, Inc. General Fund

# Statement of Income and Expenses Two Year Period Ended December 31, 1983

	Periods Year 1982	Ended Dec Year 1983	ember 31, 2 Years 1983	2 Year Expenses as a % of Total 2 Year Income
Income			10 日本 10 日本	
Per Capita Taxes and M.A.L. Bowling - Net	\$51,784 ( 954)	\$49,801 1,481	\$101,585 527	
National Turner Youth Gymnastic Development (NTYGD) - Net Sales of Promotional Supplies - Net Interest	(2,312) 924 2,801	2,601 1,109 2,484	289 2,033 5,285	
Total Income	\$52,243	\$57,476	\$109,719	100.0%
Expenses				
Salaries and Payroll Taxes Rent	\$10,839 1,200	\$11,820 1,200	\$ 22,659 2,400	20.7%
Office Supplies and Expense, Printing and Postage Telephone	4,596 1,121	7,222 1,169	11,818 2,290 27,528	10.8 2.1 25.1
Travel Insurance Auditing	16,554 519 1,874	10,974 426 1,750	945 3,624	.8
Printing and Mailing Turner Topics - Net of Contributions and Advertising Scholarships and Awards A.A.U., U.S.G.F. and U.S.V.B.A. Dues	17,916 261 325 341	18,707 825 225 523	36,623 1,086 550 864	33.4 1.0 .5
Depreciation  Total Expenses	\$55,546	\$54,841	\$110,387	100.6%
Excess of Income Over Expenses	\$(3,303)	\$ 2,635	\$ (668)	

Report of the National Secretary

To The 60th National Convention of the

American Turners

Monaca, Pennsylvania - August 5-8, 1984

Turner Greetings,

As a few Turners are still using the old National office address, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Societies that the National office has a new address and telephone number effective as of April 1, 1984:

2503 South Preston Street
P. O. Box 17345
Louisville, Kentucky 40217
Phone - 502-636-2395

Please be sure to include the post office box number in all correspondence as we do not have a mailbox in the new office.

I am happy to say that the River City Turners of Louisville has been added to our list of American Turner Societies in 1984. In the beginning of 1983, we had a total of 64 Societies. Later in the year, the Philadelphia Society dropped out of the National and then the Mount Vernon and New York Societies merged to form the American Turners-New York, Inc., making a total of 62 Societies for 1983. We had a total of 13,168 dues-paying members for 1983, 927 honorary members, 33 servicemen, and 84 members at large. In 1982, 59 cards were issued to 40-year honorary members, 48 in 1983, and 61 so far this year. In 1982, 40 cards were issued to 50-year honorary members, 47 in 1983, and 34 so far this year.

In July of this year, after placing an order for several of the Turner mugs for a Society, the manufacturer reported a substantial increase in the cost of the mugs. The price of the 16-ounce mugs raised from \$11.30 to \$16.50 each, an increase of \$5.20. The 24-ounce mugs raised from \$12.95 to \$19.80 each, an increase of \$5.85. There is also a manufacturer's handling charge of \$8.00 plus postage and insurance on each order.

There is still a problem in that Societies do not always file honorary membership applications for those who have been Turner members for 40 and 50 years. These members deserve their gold cards. I urge Societies to go through your records and file the applications for your Society's 40 and 50 year members. The rules for honorary members are contained in the Informational Brochure, a copy of which was sent to each Society president last year. Application blanks for honorary members can be obtained from the National office. All information on the application must be filled—in and then signed by Society officers. The application must also be signed by the Regional Councilor of your area and then forwarded to the National office for processing. Please allow at least five weeks to process the gold card before presentation to your honorary members.

For the past two years, many Societies have not been making quarterly per capita tax payments as they should. A per capita tax statement is sent to each Society quarterly, yet at this writing, there are 14 Societies who haven't made a single payment on their 1984 per capita tax and they are in violation of the Principles and Statutes. The Societies in arrears are: Akron,

Central of Rockford, Concordia, Eintracht, Fitchburg, Keystone, Madison, Moline, Monaca, New Ulm, St. Paul, South Side, Syracuse and Union Hill. This represents 9 Districts and 8 Regions.

I extend my thanks and appreciation to those Societies who fulfill their obligations towards upholding the Principles and Statutes by sending quarterly per capita tax payments, filing yearly statistical reports with the National office, etc. I also thank those who take the time to answer the correspondence sent to them from the National office.

petitions and well attended, except for senior volleyball. The open welleyball

of qualified judges was conspicuous (by its absence. Certainly leveryone would; at that the facilifices for the competitions at Indiana University (IUPU) were

My best wishes for a successful Convention.

With Turner Greetings,

Shirley Suckharat

National Secretary

port of the Chairman of the National Health & Physical Education Committee

: The 60th National Convention of the American Turners, Monaca, PA August, 1984

# rner Greetings!

The committee met twice since the last convention. First, on Dec. 26-27, 1982 met at Athenaeum Turners in preparation for the 1983 Turnfest. Exercises and ills were demonstrated and video-taped. The '83 meeting was postponed to January -29, '84 and held at Elgin (Ill.) Turners. Both meetings were well attended, with ree new members present at the Elgin meeting from Regions I, III and IX. Agenda cluded regional reports, Turnfest review, and revision of National Festival Rules. e revision is still in progress in the hands of a special committee. The question restructuring this P.E. committee into chairmen for the various sports and program tivities was initiated by the chairman, but unanimously opposed by the committee. is would necessitate a statutory change. Minutes of both meetings appeared in rner Topics.

# National Championships

As is customary, those activities that are competed in a National Championship at coincide with competitions in a National Festival are not scheduled in a festal year. Consequently, no bids were sought or accepted for gymnastics or volley-ll.

Two bids were received for the '83 12" Open Softball Championship. The event sawarded to Cincinnati Central Turners by National Council. A successful tournent was reported. Council was represented by Turner Bob Schuler of Louisville. bids were submitted for the '83 Basketball Championship.

For 1984 events, the council awarded Open Volleyball to South Bend Turners, nior Volleyball to Athenaeum Turners, Gymnastics to Moline Turners, 16" and 30 & er 12" Softball to Fort Wayne Turners, and 12" Open Softball to Louisville Turners. National Golf Tournament had previously been awarded to Moline Turners. The lleyball tournaments, gymnastics meet and open 12" softball were all successful mpetitions and well attended, except for senior volleyball. The open volleyball meanment was competed in two divisions for the first time, as determined by the 32 convention. Results of volleyball and gymnastics have been reported in Topics. Tional Council was represented, as required by our rules, by Dick Wolff at South and, Warnken at Athenaeum, Carl Heald and your chairman at Moline, and Bob Schuler Louisville.

The 16" softball and 30 and over 12" softball tournaments were cancelled beuse of a lack of entries. Hearsay reports on the golf tournament indicated a
add turnout and a good time. Reg. VII Councilor Carl Heald represented council.
35 bids have been submitted for the three softball tournaments and a tentative bid
the gymnastics championship. Interest has been expressed for a National Fencing
ampionship. Additional bids for 1985 and 1986 national events are solicited and
lcomed. Societies who bid on national championship events are urged to read the
dding Guide carefully and to adhere to the rules set forth.

# 1983 National Festival

The Athenaeum Turners has been commended for staging a successful 46th National stival, and well it should be, in spite of certain shortcomings, due perhaps, to experience. The committees worked very hard, and the physical competitions were ducted under the direction of very qualified personnnel. The usual problem of a ck of qualified judges was conspicuous by its absence. Certainly, everyone would ree that the facilities for the competitions at Indiana University (IUPUI) were perb—or, in the more popular vernacular—SUPER!!

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Some statistics that should be of interest to those of you that attended, and ose that wish they had:

Official entries - 516 Total participants - 486

Gymnastics - Jr. Girls & Act. Women - 92; Senior Women - 55 Jr. Boys & Active Men - 30; Senior Men - 50

Track & Field- Jr. Girls & Act. Women -104; Senior Women - 106 Jr. Boys & Active Men - 53; Senior Men - 119

10 Kilometer Run - popular event - 18 women and 25 men
Other individual special events had entries of 7 or less, except swimming-most in any swimming event--3 boys/men and 3 girls/women
I would recommend that the rules be amended to add a senior division in swimming.

Sixteen of the 27 societies entered presented 38 Class Free Exercise (Compulsory)
Drills. Only three societies presented Model Drills.

A large entry and good competition existed in volleyball, with 6 to 10 teams playing in each Active and Senior division, but only one Jr. team.

Much interest was evident in Special Games, i.e. individual competition, with 26 men and women in racquetball, 21 in golf, and 35 in tennis.

The confusion surrounding the awarding of honor award pins for attending four or ce festivals will be eliminated with the clarification of that section of the Nation-Festival Rules. Heretofore, the interpretation of that rule had not been an issue.

The financial report showed the operational cost of the festival to be approxately 250 dollars under its approved budget of \$14,675. A formal letter of bid has en received from Turner Harry George, representing the Adams Turners of Adams, MA, host the next National Festival in June of 1987.

# National Gymnastic Camp and Turner National Team

In addition to team and individual championships, the program of national events cluded the 1983 and 1984 National Gym Camps, Turner National Team (TNT) Camps and rkshops, and in 1984, a combination National Turner Leaders Course and Gymnastics aches Workshop. The '83 Gym Camp was limited to two weeks, plus a week of TNT camp, a to the National Festival. Camp began June 27 and ended July 17. Total enrollment s 207—full house. The camp continues to be a strong progressive activity of the t'l. P. E. and Sports program. Sufficient credit cannot be given to Turners Bud Marette, Ed Colton, and the coaching staff, many of whom regularly give from two to ur weeks of their summer vacations or jobs to coach the young Turners. In '83 the mpers hailed from eighteen societies in seven districts—by far the widest over—all rticipation of all our national programs.

The '84 camp was conducted in a circus theme. The enrollment was somewhat larger an '83, but spread over four weeks. The camp fee for regular campers was \$130.00, cluding a free T-shirt. The TNT week fee was \$200 this year, with the extra \$70 ing applied to uniforms, tote bags, travel expense and insurance. Leaders Course udents received assistance toward their \$125 fee from the Endowment Trust. Their urse included a daily instruction period in the various forms of Rhythmic Gymnastics, '84 Olympic event, which is becoming increasingly important in competitions and hibitions throughout the country. Leaders Course enrollment totaled eighteen—xteen women and two men, representing nine societies in five districts.

Three-day TNT workshops were held at Kansas City Turners during the 1982 and 1983 anksgiving week-ends, and at Milwaukee (in '83) and Rochester, PA for girls, Monaca

or boys in '84, just prior to Easter. Exhibitions included six performances at he Knoxville, Tenn. World's Fair in '82. In '83, under the banner of "Gym Campades f 1983", TNT gymnasts exhibited at Milwaukee Turners, the National Festival at thenaeum, Elgin Turners' 100th Anniversary Show, and at the German-American Festival n Toledo, under the auspices of Toledo Turners, especially the Wandschers. Here gain, their two-a-day shows thrilled several thousand spectators. You read about it n Turner Topics.

The expenses of the TNT, which include those mentioned above, plus adult superision, are borne by TNT parents, TNT camp fees, grants from Endowment Trust, plus onations from individuals, societies, and districts, who believe in the time and nergy expended by the youngsters and staff and know that the American Turners

got a good thing goin'". This kind of P. R. we need!

# Miscellanous

With the approval of our National President and National Treasurer, and through he action of the National Executive Committee, the Gym Camp and TNT funds were con-

blidated into one fund to facilitate bookkeeping procedures.

In addition to my own society, where I spend considerable time, I have visited ifteen societies in eight districts in my official capacity (some two or three times) ince the last convention. As the American Turners representative, it was also my uty to attend two meetings of the USGF Board of Directors and one Delegate Assembly f the U.S. Volleyball Ass'n. Reports on all visitations and conferences have been iled with our national office.

In response to requests for a Turner program of gymnastics that would be helpful o Turner instructors and coaches, Turner Marquette has compiled a four-part progression of gymnastics that will serve as a valuable guide for all Turner programs where nexperienced and experienced instructors, coaches and leaders are in charge. Inforation on availability of copies may be had soon by contacting the National Turner ffice

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, it has been my pleasure to work with members of the National Counil and National Health & Physical Education Committee during the past two years. I ook forward with confidence to the continued progress of the American Turners Physial Education programs under the guidance of the next National Council. Turners, I ish you a successful convention.

> Respecfully submitted, Harry Warnken .

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL CHAIRMAN TO THE 60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

TURNER GREETINGS TO THE OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND GUESTS:

I am sorry to report that over the last two years the number of societies participating in the Annual Society Cultural Report Competition has declined drastically. I fear that this can only mean that the cultural programs in a great deal of Turner societies has gone by the way side. I do want to take this opportunity to thank once again the Cultural Chairmen that have been faithful in sending in the society reports. The nours of volunteer time that goes into these reports often time is so many times taken for granted and I want to tell each and everyone of you that I do appreciate all your efforts to keep the cultural programs alive in your societies.

The big event over the last two years of course was the 1983 Festival held in Indianapolis, Indiana . The Cultural Exhibit was a lovely event and seems to grow larger every Festival.

I was given special permission to award three individuals a 1982-83

INDIVIDUAL CULTURAL AWARD: Ruth Boysen of the N.W.CHICAGO TURNERS

Eugene Solfronk of Concordia Turners

Ralph Slotke of Milwaukee Turners

These fine Turners were honored for their long time dedication to the

Cultural Programs in their home societies.

I hope those of you attending this convention that do not presently have a local Cultural Chairman or an active program will return to your society and see to it that one is elected or appointed. After all, "the Sound Mind-Sound Body " motto and the principals of the American Turners is what should distinguish us from the gym clubs and sports organizations that abound in the United States today.

Thank you again for the pleasure of serving these many years as your National Cultural Chairman. It truly has been the best part of my life.

Sincerely submitted.

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# REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BOWLING CHAIRMAN TO THE 60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

During the last two years, I have attended the National Council Weetings held in Kansas City and St. Paul. Also, I have attended the opening and participated in the National Bowling Tournaments held in Louisville and Wilmington. Due in part to the shortage of funds, I have asked for and received permission to hold a committee meeting just prior to the opening of this Convention of which I will have a report on later

Serving as your National Bowling Chairman continues to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. The opportunity to set up the
National Tournaments with enthusiastic and dedicated Turners has
been a real joy. When I find these ingredients carried over each
week into the National Tournament, it can only result in a successful
Tournament, as evidenced by the 1984 National Tournament hosted by
the Wilmington Turners. While the turnout for the Wilmington Tournament was somewhat less than expected, it was a financial success.
A profit of over \$5,000.00 was realized. I would publicly like to
acknowledge and thank all the Tournament Officers and workers for
all their efforts put into this National Tournament.

The 1983 National Tournament at Louisville provided us with several firsts. Most noteworthy was the bowling of a perfect 300 game by 300 Broadtrick of the North St. Louis Turners Society. He was 300 warded an Outstanding Achievement plaque from the National Bowling Committee as well as special recognition in the Louisville newspaper 300 and the American Bowling Congress. Another first was the use of 301 automatic scorers. With a few exceptions, they worked very well. I would recommend their use again. The one advantage I especially 31 like is that it allows the smaller Societies an opportunity to bid 301 hosting the National Bowling Tournament. Overscheduling on at 302 least one weekend was a problem for the bowlers, as it did not allow 303 them sufficient time to enter into the evening festivities. While 304 the Tournament as a whole was a financial success, I'm sure it could 304 been much larger, if they had not gone against our advice and 304 the surprise of the surprise our 300 game by 300 game

unior Bowling entries seem to fall short of my expectations, and sincerely think that it is due in part to laxity at the local level if having someone in charge of providing a Junior Bowling program for heir Society. The Toledo and South Bend Societies are good examples if a good Junior Bowling program. In conjunction with bowling in the ational Meet, they set aside one day and conduct a local singles tourament and afterwards provide the bowlers with an award banquet at no lost to the bowler. This is a good way to get these future Turner embers involved with Turner programs. In 1982, we had a total of bowlers from 15 Societies. In 1983 we had a total of 347 bowlers from 13 Societies. For the fourth year in a row, the Junior Bowlers from 13 Societies. For the fourth year in a row, the Junior Bowlers from 15 Society won the society plaque.

Orth St. Louis is the Host Society for the 1985 Tournament. Their ast Tournament, 1973, was enjoyed by many and we are looking forward another well organized and successful Tournament.

Respectfully Submitted, Auchard a. Barnea

# MERICAN TURNERS

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# TURNER TOPICS REPORT

To: the delegates to the 60th National Convention of the American Turners and to the 33rd Convention of the Women's Auxiliary to The American Turners.

Turner Greetings.

The overall operation of the Turner Topics has been going quite smoothly. Of course there are always some minute problems but these are usually easily resolved. Articles submitted do vary quite a lot, both in composition and content. Some societies and districts are very cognizant of using the Topics as a means of publicising their events. Other Turners are evidently reticent about sharing their activities with us all. Of course, we cannot publish a Turner gossip sheet but big events, important functions, civic involvement are always newsworthy. We also welcome good photos accompanying the articles. When taking pictures for possible publication, be sure you have plenty of light, good focus and get in close.

Although there are constant address changes, deletions for various reasons and "No Address" return copies, this is a normal situation and is being held to a minimum. If all of our members would send in address changes promptly and if societies would notify me of deletions regularly, the number of 25¢ Postage Dues could be cut drastically. At present we average about 500 an issue. Our last mailing was 15, 656 copies.

At the last Council meeting, October 1983, it was decided to publish the Turner Topics quarterly instead of bi-monthly. This decision was prompted by the increased cost of mailing the magazine. Although four issues instead of six will reduce our annual publication cost and lessens my job somewhat, I still feel that the American Turners are not being adequately served by this cut back in number of issues per year. I am hopeful that some solution will be forthcoming from this convention that will allow us to return to our original bi-monthly mailings.

For the past six years it has been my honor and pleasure to have served as your Turner Topics editor and I now offer my continued services in this capacity for at least a few more years.

With Turner regards,

Bob Dau, editor Turner Topics

The 60th Convention of the American Turners at the Monaco Turners, Monaco, Pennsylvania.

Report of the American Turners Endowment Trust Fund for the RE: Years of 1982-1983.

# Greetings:

- I. herewith, submit my report for the past two years with some encouragement from the upturn of activities in our fund, such as:
- The Rochester Turners loan has been liquidated and, therefore, the Endowment Fund has been satisfied. The balance of the original loan of \$28.500, plus accrued interest, has been paid by the A-T-R Corporation. An escrow for the amount of the balance of the sale of \$29.186 is invested in one (1) United States Treasury Note. If there is no action by the Rochester Turners within two (2) years, the balance will be given to the Endowment Trust Fund (which will be as of this 60th Convention).
- We have only one society that defaulted on their loan of \$5,000; but the Endowment Fund has agreed to extend this loan with accruing interest until paid.
- We have investment loans to the following societies; Adams Turners, Springfield Turners, Wilmington Turners, Providence Turners, Beaver Falls Turners, Aurora Turners, Turnverien-Eiche Turners. All are current. It was agreed to keep the maximum loans at \$5,000 and interest rate at 5%.

- We gave donations of \$1.000 to the 198h Leaders Course. \$500 to Gym Camp and \$500 to the Turner National Team program. donation of \$1,000 was authorized to the American Turners Business Leadership Conference for the purpose of getting it under way.
- We have received donations of \$6,000, including a bequest from Bruno Pieterchoff, formally of the Lawrence Turners, for \$2,000.

Over the last six years, we have made grants totalling \$28,000 to 56 societies, which are not re-payable, and were used to purchase gymnastic and cultural equipment.

The Rochester Turners settlement date is subject to the mandate of the 59th Convention in Clinton, Massachusetts. There are approximately 10 remaining members of the Rochester Turners, who would like to secure the balance of this escrow to join a German organization. This German organization comprises eleven (11) associate organizations of which the Rochester Turners would be one and would have one vote. We, the Trustees, feel this is an unwise investment as the money would be dissipated to all associate member organizations. Therefore, we recommend the escrow in the amount of \$33,018.82 be given to the Endow-Went Trust Fund for use in perpetuating the American Turner movement.

Respectfully submitted and with Turner Greetings, I am,

John A. Westermeyer

President Endowment Trust Fund -

American Turners

# SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 60th Convention of American Turners was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairman Lynch on Tuesday, August 7, 1984. He led the Convention in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Lynch appointed a committee of three -- Turners Warren Dalbke, Clifford Anderson and Robert Dau -- to extend the greetings of this Convention to the National Convention of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Turners.

Turner Lynch then 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 to approve these rules of debate was properly made, seconded and carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by its secretary, Ann Trankle:

# REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Meeting convened at 1:25 P.M. with the following members present: Turners Serb, Timm, Wolff, G. Jacquin, Pippin, McIntyre, Pfister and Trankle.

D. Wolff was nominated chairman and Ann Trankle was nominated scretary.

Ann Trankle placed the name of Warren Dalbke in nomination for President.

E. Serb moved that nominations be closed.

- E. Timm placed the name of Clifford Anderson in nomination for First Vice-President.
- D. Wolff placed the name of Edwin Spitznagel in nomination for First Vice-President. Ann Trankle placed the name of Ed Colton in nomination for First Vice-President.
- P. McIntyre moved that nominations be closed.
- P. McIntyre placed the name of Bill Severns in nomination for Second Vice-President. D. Wolff placed the name of Bill Woehrle in nomination for Second Vice-President.

Ann Trankle placed the name of Dick Barnes in nomination for Bowling Chairman.

- P. McIntyre placed the name of Harry Warnken in nomination for Health & Physical Education Chairman.
- P. McIntyre placed the name of Dona Schaefer in nomination for Cultural Chairman.

The following have been elected by their respective Regions as Regional Counselors:

Region 1 - Russell E. Jewett

2 - Edwin Spitznagel 3 - Dick Wolff

4 - Wilfred Racker

5 - Elwood Vockeroth

Charles (CS) 4 6 - Elmer Serb

7 - Carl B. Heald

8 - E. Jan Roberts

9 - Edward Timm

The following names were placed in nomination for the six-year term of the Endowment Trust Fund: John Westermeyer, Bill Meyer, Bob Dau.

> Ann Trankle, Secretary Dick Wolff, Chairman

Turner Lynch appointed Turners Ed Rosendale (MidAtl), Walter Paton (NE) and Rich Goeke (ILL) to act as tellers for the elections.

Turner Dalbke was nominated by the Nominating Committee. There were no further nominations from the floor, and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Dalbke as president.

Turners were three Turners nominated by the Nominating Committee for the position of First Vice President: Clifford Anderson, Edwin Spitznagel and Ed Colton. There were no further nominations from the floor. Seconding speeches were made by Schroeder (NY) for Spitznagel; Jacquin (ILL) for Colton, and Volker (WPA) for Anderson. On the first ballot Turner Anderson received 78 votes; Colton, 62; and Spitznagel, 44. A second ballot was taken between Turners Anderson and Colton. The final count showed 107 votes for Colton and 77 for Anderson. Turner Colton was declared duly elected First Vice-President.

Turners Bill Woehrle and Bill Severns had been nominated by the committee for the position of Second Vice President. Nominations from the floor included JoAnn Mueller by Schuler (CS); Cliff Anderson by Timm (WPA): After the first ballot Turner Severns was dropped; after the second ballot JoAnn Mueller was dropped; and on the third ballot Turner Woehrle was elected Second Vice-President.

There were no additional nominations from the floor for Bowling Chairman, so the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Richard Barnes as Bowling Chairman.

There were no additional nominations from the floor for the Chairman of Health and Physical Education, so the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Harry Warnken for that position.

There were no additional nominations from the floor for Cultural Education Chairman, so the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Dona Schaefer for that position.

The Committee had nominated Turners Westermeyer, Bill Meyer and Bob Dau for the position of trustee of the Endowment Trust Fund. Turner Meyer withdrew his name. The election was held and Turner Westermeyer was elected to the position.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Turner George Pearson, its secretary.

# REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at 9:10 A.M. on Monday, August 6, 1984. Turner Charles Lintz was elected chairman and Turner George Pearson was elected secretary. The following delegates were present: Charles Lintz (CS); John Silotto (CS); Lucille Bothfeld, (ILL); Henry Schroeder (NY); Bob White (WPA); Robert Volker (WPA); Frank Lapinskas (LE): John Neal (CS); Walter Pfister (NY); George Pearson (CS); Richard Goeke (ILL); Nick Meyer (STL); and Treasurer William Meyer, guest. Absent: D. Wolff, E. Ray Hodges (WPA) and Theodore Blasche (WPA).

Turner Treasurer Willia m Meyer submitted to the Finance Committee the following items:

- 1. Audit reports for years 1982-1983
- 2. Reported that all societies have paid per capita tax for year 1983
- 3. Social memberships for Springfield, Mass. and Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania must be resolved.
- 4. Turner Topics Printing cost \$4,000 per issue.

Turner Robert Volker reported that the Endowment Trust Fund received from A-T-R Corporation the amount of \$29,186.36 to be held in escrow until this convention. With the interest accumulated, this fund now amounts to \$33,253.00. It was the mandate of the 1982 convention that this money be held in a separate escrow account until the 1984 convention. If at that time the Rochester Turners could show a bona fide attempt to form a new Turner society the money could possibly be returned to them.

Turner Bothfeld made a motion to recommend to the Convention that the special escrow account of the Endowment Trust Fund containing the A-T-R funds be terminated and all funds returned to the National Office. Seconded by Frank Lapinskas (LE) and carried.

The resolution to increase the per capita tax to fund six issues of Turner Topics per year was received too late to act upon in this convention.

Motion was made by Schroeder (NY) that Turner Topics once again be published six times a year, and that we request the Jahn Fund to increase their contribution and ask the Endowment Trust Fund to help support this action until the Convention can resolve this situation. Seconded by R. Goeke and carried.

Motion was made by Bothfeld (ILL) that this committee recommend to the Convention that the National Council be instructed to prepare a proper and timely resolution for the next National Convention to raise the per capita tax in an amount which would solve the present financial problem of the six-issue-per-year Turner Topics. Motion was seconded by Schroeder (NY) and carried.

Motion was made by Bothfeld (ILL) that this committee commends Treasurer William Meyer on his excellent job as treasurer and for his reports, and that they be accepted as presented.

Motion was made by Bothfeld (ILL), seconded by Lapinskas (LE) that this convention direct the National Office to drop the 1981 receivables in the amount of \$792.00 for Beaver Falls and \$50.00 for Springfield, Mass., and that these amounts be removed from the accounts receivable books.

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 A.M. by Turners Walter Pfister and John Neal.

Charles Lintz, Chairman George Pearson, Secretary

Motion was made by Bothfeld (ILL) and seconded that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted in its entirety with the exception of the report on the A-T-R funds. Motion was carried.

The report of the National Publication & Publicity Committee was read by its secretary, George Boysen (ILL):

# REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLICATION & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M. by Dr. Hugh Enyart as temporary chairman. In attendance: Dr. Hugh Enyart (CS), Dick Wolff (CS), Bucky Cazel (ILL), George Boysen (ILL), William Braunhardt (NE), Rich Zanetti (WPA), Russell Jewett (NE).

Motions were made and passed to elect Dr. Enyart as chairman and George Boysen as secretary. Chairman Enyart read resolution #6:

RESOLVED: That the per capita tax be increased the amount necessary to restore the Turner Topics to every two (2) month issuance.

for consideration by the committee. A long discussion was held on the matter, including a review of current costs. The following recommendations are made:

- 1. Resume bi-monthly publications of Turner Topics, with a temporary subsidy from the Jahn Fund and/or the Endowment Trust Fund.
- Set up a committee, including Bob Dau, Editor; Bill Meyer, Treasurer; plus added members as needed, to investigate possible cost-cutting and fund-raising measures.

The following measures are presented for committee consideration:

- A. Investigate income available through yearly contracts, for national advertising of athletic equipment and products. As a fixed circulation publication, largely devoted to gymnastics and sports, we should be able to attract advertisers, to help defray a good portion of our publication expenses.
- B. Seek competitive bids for printing of our publication, with the aim of reducing publication expenses.
- C. After implementation of these measures, if additional funds are still required, prepare a resolution for consideration at our next convention, for the raising of the per-capita tax, as needed.

Regarding publicity and public relations, we urge the National Council to push the Leadership Conference idea. As presented this year in Region 5, this is an ideal method of acquainting all districts with the manuals and promotional materials available for all societies.

Dr. Hugh Enyart, Chairman

George Boysen, Secretary

Motion was made byBoysen (ILL), seconded by Zahm (CS) to accept the report in its entirety. Motion was carried.

The report of the Cultural Education Committee was read by its secretary, Dona Schaefer, who made a motion that it be accepted in its entirety. Motion was seconded. However, a written minority report had been received from members of that committee asking the convention to rule on Resolution #2. Motion was made by Timm (WPA) and seconded to hear the minority report, which was then read by Turner Lynch. Motion was then made by Solfronk (STL), seconded by Jacquin (WNY) that Resolution #2 be adopted by the Convention. Motion was carried after a lengthy discussion. (Continued on page 36)

# REPORT OF THE CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Cultural Education Committee meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M. on Monday, August 6, 1984, with the following delegates in attendance: Bernard Harris (WPA); Eugene Solfronk (STL); Dona M. Schaefer (CS); Ruth Boysen (ILL); Mary Lubbers (CS); Jane Buzek (WPA); Hertha Hermann (NY); Phyllis Pearson (CS); George Wiedemann (guest) (WIS); Barb Davis (ILL); David Hollatz (UpMiss); Mary E. Thompson (CS); Pauline McIntyre (LE); Barbara J. Riley (CS).

Meeting was called to order by temporary chairman Mary Lubbers (CS). Dona Schaefer (CS) was elected permanent chairman and David Hollatz (UpMiss) was elected permanent secretary.

Resolutions 2 and 13, presented by New York and Central States Districts respectively, were read by the secretary. Discussion followed on both these resolutions. JoAnn Mueller, National Cultural Chairperson, explained and clarified the Turner princess eligibility requirements. Hertha Hermann (NY) explained New York's problems of membership: parents not Turner members of children in the classes. Other societies with tuition classes in gymnastics are from St. Louis and Moline.

Resolution #2: RESOLVED: that the words "must be a child of a member" be deleted and replaced with the words "must be a child actively participating in one or more Turner society educational programs for more than one calendar year."

Motion was made by Eugene Solfronk (STL), seconded by Hertha Hermann to accept resolution #2. Vote: Yes - 3; No - 8. Not accepted.

Resolution #13: RESOLVED: That the contest known as the "National Convention Princess Contest" be eliminated, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a contest be held in conjunction with the National Gymnastic Championships of the American Turners which are held yearly, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this contest be known as the "Annual National American Turner Princess Contest" (not to be confused with the "National Festival Princess Contest), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That to assure that this contest be perpetuated, the Host society of the National Gymnastic Championships  $\underline{\text{MUST}}$  hold this contest unless there be less than five (5) entries for this contest, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That to be eligible for the "Annual National American Turner Princess Contest", one must be:

- 1. Between the ages of 14 and 19 years before December 31st of the year of each contest.
- 2. Must be single, never married or a parent.
- 3. Must be an active participant of an American Turner physical or cultural program for three (3) months prior to the National Gymnastic Championships and contest.
- 4. Each society be entitled to only one (1) entry per year. Contestants to represent a Society, not a District or Region.
- 5. Winner of this contest may not enter the National Festival Princess Contest.

and be it

be required to appear before a panel of judges for judging on:

1. Individual interview

2. Appearance in leotard (no bathing suits)

3. Appearance in Formal Attire (long, short or pantsuit)

4. Answer an impromptu question (answer not to exceed one (1) min.) and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Society Cultural points be awarded, if reported to the National Cultural Chairman, as follows:

Winning Society Entrant 10 points Second 7 points Third 5 points

Third 5 points
All other entries would receive two (2) points for participating.

Motion by Ruth Boysen (ILL) second by Mary Lubbers (CS) to accept resolution #13. Vote Yes 7, No 4. Accepted.

Eugene Solfronk, (STL) reported on a thesis on Turnerism by a college student. Motion by Eugene Solfronk (STL) second by Ruth Boysen (ILL) to ask the Jahn Fund to finance this publication of American Turner History. Carried.

Changes in the National Cultural rule book (the red book) as suggested by the Cultural Committee as follows: Any societies omitted by error on page 1 and 2 be corrected and entered.

Add to Class 5 Needlecraft, Sub Class 13 Sewing (13G Quilting any article.)

Add to Class 6 Painting (Sub-Class 12 Cartoons and Caricatures (any media)

Motion by Ruth Boysen (ILL), second David Hollatz (UpMiss) to accept changes. Carried.

At this time Dona Schaefer (CS) relinquished the chair to Ruth Boysen (ILL) to present the following motion: That the National Cultural Chairman and any members of the National Cultural Committee present at a National Turnfest as a cooperative committee must be allowed to be present during the judging, the placement of ribbons and awards of the Cultural Exhibit, and during auditing of points awarded and the final audit. The detailed accounting, auditing and judging methods established by the National Cultural Committee must be adhered to by the host society. The National Cultural committee chairman and committee members must have full authority. Seconded by Ben Harris (WPA) and carried.

Eugene Solfonk (STL) suggested a vote of thanks to JoAnn Mueller for her dedicated work as National Cultural Chairman. Thanks was given as the Turner applause.

Motion by Eugene Solfronk (STL) seconded by David Hollatz (UpMiss) that Dona Schaefer (CS) be asked to serve as Cultural Chairman. Carried. (Dona accepted the request.)

Motion by Mary Lubbers (CS), seconded by Ruth Boysen (ILL) to adjourn. Carried 12:20 pm David Hollatz, Secretary

Dona Schaefer, Chairman

Motion was made by Bothfeld (ILL), seconded by Garfinkle (ILL) to amend the motion still on the floor to read that we accept the report in its entirety except for Resolution #13. The amendment was carried and then the amended motion was passed.

At this time the Convention adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m., with instructions to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

# Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was reconvened at 1:33 p.m..

The report of the Committee on Health and Physical Education was read by its secretary, Betty Heppner, who also made a motion to accept the report in its entirety. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by temporary chairman Harold Jornod (CS). Turner Jerry Jacquin (ILL) was elected chairman and Turner Betty Heppner (CS) was elected secretary. Fifty-three Turners were assigned to this committee and most were present.

Resolution #3: RESOLVED: That the Accuracy Throw event be eliminated in all future American Turner National Turnfests for all age groups.

Motion that the above resolution be accepted was made by Woehrle (CS), seconded by Colton (ILL) and carried.

Motion was made by Grigo (ILL), seconded by Jornod (CS) and carried that recommendations for sports to take the place of the Accuracy Throw be submitted in writing at a later date to the P.E. Committee, and a rationale be included to help guide the committee in its selection.

Resolution #4: RESOLVED: That the speedwalk event be eliminated in all future American Turner National Turnfests for all age groups.

Motion was made by Barthold (STL), seconded by Steele (NE) that the above resolution be accepted. Motion carried.

Resolution #7: Motion was made by Woehrle (CS), seconded by Barthold (STL) that the above resolution be rejected. Motion carried. (This resolution regarded the minimum number of entries in a National Championship event.)

Resolution #8: (Regarding advance awarding of bids to National P.E. events)

Motion was made by Thomas (ILL), seconded by Jornod (CS) that this resolution
be accepted. The motion was defeated.

Motion was made by Anderson (STL), seconded by Steele (NE) that if no bid to a National Tournament has been received in a certain year, then the P.E. Chairman and Committee may designate a district to host that event. Motion carried.

Resolution #10: (See report of the National Affairs Committee). Motion was made by Paton (NE), seconded by Barthold (STL) to accept this resolution. Motion was defeated.

Resolution #20: RESOLVED: That the members of the National Health & Physical Education Committee be assigned responsibility for supervision and organization of one or more present and/or possible future National Championship Sports and additional activities in the National Physical Education program, by the Chairman of the National Health & Physical Education Committee.

Motion to accept the above resolution was made by Steele (NE), seconded by George (NE) and carried.

Resolution #15: RESOLVED: That the wording in National Festival Rules under SPECIAL HONORS, Pg. 12, Art. 6 (HONORS AND AWARDS), par. 2a be changed to read: "Men and women who have participated as competitors, judges (including instructors and event supervisors), or official (Turner) members of the local Festival committee, shall be eligible to receive a Special Honor Award at the completion of each fourth National Festival thus attended." Final determination of the eligibility shall rest with the chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee in conjunction with the chairman of the local Festival committee.

Motion to accept the above resolution was made by Barthold (STL), seconded by Jornod (CS) and Passed.

Motion was made by Woehrle (CS), seconded by Schnurr (CS) that the National P.E. Committee determine a standard pin for the Turnfest award, to follow existing rules for the qualification of that pin. Motion carried.

Resolution #16: RESOLVED: That a senior (30 & over) division be added to the swimming competition in the National Festival Rules, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all events in senior swimming be limited to 50 yards (meters) in length.

Motion was made by Zitta (ILL), seconded by Schnurr (CS) and carried that the above resolution be accepted.

Motion was made by Barthold (STL), seconded by Anderson (STL) to change the age groups of swimming for Seniors to 30-49, and 50 and over. Motion was carried.

Resolution #17: RESOLVED: That the American Turners discontinue its membership as a National organization member of the United States Gymnastics Federation and the Amateur Athletic Union.

Motion to accept this resolution was made by Kay Kitson (LE), seconded by Markus (ILL). Motion was defeated.

Resolution #21: RESOLVED: That the National Turner Song, "Sing Turners Sing" be introduced and sung at all official Turner gatherings, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That it serve as accompaniment for the Class Free Exercise marching tactics at future National Festivals.

Motion was made by Steele (NE), seconded by George (NE) and carried that the above resolution be accepted.

Resolution #18: (Regarding Class Free Exercise Drills at National Festivals)
Motion was made by Steele (NE), seconded by George (NE) that the above resolution be accepted. Motion was defeated.

Resolution #19: RESOLVED: That the shot put event in National Turnfests for senior men, age 60 years and over be changed to 8 pound shot put, and the shot weight for senior men, ages 30-59 remain at 12 pounds.

Motion was made by Barthold (STL), seconded by Anderson (STL) and carried that the above resolution be accepted.

Resolution #22: RESOLVED: That paragraph 3 of rules for Gymnastics in the American Turners Informational Brochure be amended to read: "3. The meet shall consist of individual and team (Society) competition, using ...etc.", and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the method of scoring the team (Society) competition shall be determined and published by the National Health & Physical Education Committee.

Motion was made by Barthold (STL), seconded by Schnurr (CS) and carried that the above resolution be accepted.

A resolution from Kansas City Turners on August 1, 1984: RESOLVED: That only American Turner members, spouses, and children or legal dependents are permitted to participate in the National Turnfest and National Gymnastics Championships. Motion was made by Paton (NE), seconded by Thomas (ILL) to accept this resolution. Motion was defeated.

RESOLVED: That the National Health and Physical Education Committee recommends to the Endowment Trust Fund Trustees that they consider giving "up to" \$500 grants on a "matching fund" basis for societies purchasing weight exercise equipment for their gym programs. Motion was made by George (NE), seconded by Paton (NE) and carried to accept this resolution.

RESOLVED: That children of non-society-members, or other persons ineligible for society membership (not paying national per capita tax) be assessed an individual entry fee in addition to the team (society) or participation fee (gymnastics, swimming, etc.), the amount to be determined by this convention and LE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that such additional individual fees be payable for each group of physical events (gymnastics, track & field, swimming) and each games competition (volleyball, tennis, racquetball, etc.) conducted in any National Turnfest. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that these additionally assessed fees are to be forwarded to the national Turner office, to be received one week in advance of the national event in which the individual is to participate. The national office, in turn, shall forward a list of names of those that have paid the required fees to the host society's event chairman, affirming the eligibility of those individuals.

Motion to table this resolution was passed.

A report on the operations and general summary of the American Turner National Gym Camp Program was presented by Ed Colton. It had been prepared by Bud Marquette.

Information concerning a Gymnastics Handbook was presented to the committee by Bucky Cazel and Turner Warnken.

Information by the Adams, Mass., Turners concerning their bid for the 1987 Turnfest was presented. Motion was made by Brud Zitta (ILL), seconded by Thomas (ILL) that our committee recommend to National Council that Adams be awarded the 1987 Turnfest.

This committee recommends that Turner Harry Warnken be reelected to serve as the chairman of the National Physical Education Committee.

Meeting was adjourned with a motion to do so.

Betty Heppner, Secretary

Jerry Jacquin, Chairman

The report of the National Affairs Committee was read by its secretary, Walter P. 0'Malley, who then made a motion to approve the report in its entirety. The motion was seconded.

At this time the Convention was visited by representatives of the National Ladies Auxiliary - Jeannette Miles of Akron and Emma Gebhardt of New York, who wished us a successful convention and assured us of their continued support.

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# REPORT OF THE NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 A.M. by temporary chairman Joe Lubbers (CS).

Motion by Walter Schrader to elect Jack Petty as permanent chairman. Carried.

Motion by W. Dalbke to elect Walter P. O'Malley as secretary. Carried.

The first order of business to be presented to the committee was the dispersing of the A-T-R Fund approximating \$30,000.

Turner Dean Horning of Rochester advised the committee of the purpose of the newly organized Federation of German-American Societies in Rochester and the part that the Turners would have in said society. Many facts concerning the A-T-R and the newly formed Rochester Turners were presented to the committee with discussion lasting well over one hour.

Walter Schrader (ILL) motioned that \$10,000 be transferred from the Endowment Trust Fund to the General Fund and be held for the explicit use of the Rochester Turners for gym equipment and \$500.00 of this money be donated to the Federation of German-American Societies building fund. Also there would be a five-year time limit for the disbursement of these funds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Schuler (CS) and seconded by Will Racker that the remainder of the A-T-R funds be allocated to the Endowment Trust Fund. Carried.

Resolution #1: RESOLVED: that each regional councilor shall be elected as a delegate to every National Convention of the American Turners as one of the authorized delegates of the district where the regional councilor holds his Turner society membership, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the regional councilor so elected as a convention delegate shall hold the same status as any other delegate from his district and his convention travel expenses shall be handled in accordance with the policy of the district he represents, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that paragraph 20 of the statutes of the American Turners be amended to read as follows:

Districts are entitled to the following number of federal votes: "20... For 75 members or less, one vote; for every additional 75 members or more than one-half of this number, one additional vote. Each Society having a membership of 75 or more may elect from among its members one national delegate. The remaining delegates are to be elected by the District convention; however, one of those elected must be the regional councilor, provided said councilor holds a membership with a Turner Society in the District. One delegate may represent all the votes of his District. The number of delegates elected by any District shall not exceed the number of federal votes to which the District is entitled. Computation of the votes to which a District is entitled shall be based on the number of membership cards issued and paid to the National Council for the year preceding the Convention and such additional members as are exempted from paying per capita taxes."

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that page 5 of the "American Turners Procedural Guide", pertaining to the duties of regional councilors be amended to read as follows:

- "13. The Regional Councilor shall be reimbursed by the National Office for travel expenses incurred while conducting the responsibilities of his office except for expenses incurred while attending a National Convention. Travel expenses incurred while attending a National Convention shall be handled in accordance with the travel policy of the district represented."
- "14. The Regional Councilor shall be a delegate to all National Conventions as provided for in paragraph 20 of the American Turners Principles and Statutes."

Motion was made by Walter Schrader (ILL) seconded by Al Udovich (WISC) to concur. Carried.

Resolution #5: Motion was made by Herman Zweifel (ILL) and seconded by Glen Dau (UpMiss) to refer this resolution to the Principles and Statutes Committee.

Resolution #9 regarding streamlining of the National Office: Motion was made by Woody Vockeroth (ILL) and seconded by Jack Farny (ILL) to reject this proposal. Motion carried.

Resolution #10: BE IT RESOLVED: that the National Convention mandates a restructure of the National Health and Physical Education Committee to allow for Sports, Recreation and Games as an integral part and function of the Committee. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the future the committee should provide NEW direction and give diverse emphasis on Health, Fitness, Exercise and Family Programing.

Motion was made by John Westermeyer (STL) and seconded by R. Jewett (NE) to approve and concur with Resolution #10. Carried.

Resolution #11: Motion to refer to Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances.

Resolution #12: Motion to refer to Committee on Principles, Statutes & Grievances.

A motion by William Severns (LE) that because the pilot Regional Leadership meeting in the Illinois District was very successful the National Affairs Committee recommends that the program be continued and that the National Council vigorously pursue this program.

This committee recommends that all societies encourage female memberships.

Jack Petty, Chairman
Walter P. O'Malley, Secretary

Motion was made by Jacquin (WNY) that Resolution #1 be stricken from this report. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion was made by Bothfeld (ILL), seconded by Boysen (ILL) that the escrow account funds from the A-T-R be put into the General Fund rather than the Endowment Trust Fund. She later withdrew her motion, and the original motion to approve the report except for Resolution #1 was then passed.

The report of the Bowling Committee was read by Ann Trankle, its secretary, who

made a motion to accept the report in its entirety. Seconded and carried.

# REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

The Bowling Committee meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M., August 6, 1984 with the following members present: Turners Barnes, Serb, Evans, Timm, Dugan, Ringer, Lentz, and Trankle; also Bob St. Peters, temporary chairman.

A. Trankle was nominated chairman and secretary.

Minutes of the previous Convention Bowling Committee report were read.

Minutes of the August 5, 1984 National Committee on Bowling were read by Dick Barnes.

On Bowling Establishment Contract under costs, change word "scheduled" to "bowled."

On Bowling Reservation Agreement under approx. dates, change "From Mid March to End of May" to "Last weekend of March to End of May."

The following are changes on "Outline of Procedure for Societies Awarded a Future National Bowling Tournament."

#3. Add the following as "d" - Add National Bowling Chairman's name and address to ABC and WIBC sanction form to receive copy of all correspondence.

Paragraph #4 to be changed to read as follows: National Bowling Chairman to send invitations to all participating societies of previous tournament, include request for reservation dates giving two choices and list what weekends are available and for how many by Sept. 15th. Host society to provide application form, envelopes and postage. Host society to follow up this first letter with reminder letters:

- #5. Change posters from 3 to 2.
- #13. Delete: "National Officers."
- #15. Insert "comma" after secretary and delete "of".
- #19. Change "Sec. of Tournament" to "Tournament Bowling Secretary."

On "Application for Bowling Tournament Survey Form" change National address to: P. O. Box 17345, Louisville, Kentucky 40217.

Same form under 2-a Tournament Executive Committee:

- #4. Change "Secretaries and/or Scorers" to "Tournament Bowling Secretary."
- Add #6. "Committee on Scorers."
- Add #7. "Tournament Chairman."
- #7. Change from "Can your society furnish entertainment without charge" to "Can your society furnish entertainment at your society without charge."
- #8. Change from "Can your society furnish refreshments and meals" to "Can you furnish refreshments and meals at your society."

On Bowling rules for Men and Women, under "Participants" - Paragraph 3 - change from "18 years or over" to "20 years or under."

Delete #5.

Change individual cost of participating in the Tournament to: \$3.00 Prize fee and General Fund to 15¢ and Bowling fund to 35¢ and 10¢ to tournament expenses: this would be:

\$3.00 for prizes

1.00 for tournament expenses
.50 for National Bowling Fund and
American Turners General Fund (15¢ to General
Fund and 35¢ to Bowling Fund).

This to be effective for 1986 Tournament.

Page 5 - 3rd Paragraph starting with "In the minor events, etc." remove the last sentence and substitute the following: Scheduling of Singles, Doubles and Team must be bowled on different pairs of lanes. Local option will determine how this is accomplished.

On Page 6 under Handicap - Change 170 for men to 175.

E. Serb made a motion to accept minutes of Bowling Committee as changed or amended. Seconded and carried.

A motion was made to refer bid for 1936 Tournament site as recommended by Bowling Committee to National Council. Seconded and carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Ann Trankle, Chairman & Secretary

The report of the Committee on Principles, Statutes & Grievances was read by Lou Garfinkle, its secretary, who made a motion to accept the report in its entirety with the exception of Resolution 2 which has already been passed by the Convention. Motion was seconded.

Motion to amend was made by Neal (CS) and seconded to delete paragraphs 4 and 5 on the first page of the report and also the action on Resolution 5, which was out of order. The amendment was passed and then the amended motion was passed.

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# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES & GRIEVANCES

Committee assembled at 9:00 A.M. Monday, August 6, 1984. Present were: Joe Sauer (CS), L. Garfinkle (ILL), Ted Wiethop (STL), Worley Bingaman (STL), Richard Strebinger (CS), Dan Hall (ILL), Hans Wandscher (LE), Richard Bade (CS), Barbara Hugi (ILL), Edwin Spitznagel (NY), Wm. Grauel (CS), Doug Clark (ILL), Frank Lynch (WPA), Robert Swan (CS), Daisy Haar-Pippin (MidAtl), Thomas Clinton (WPA), Eldon Zahm (CS), George Jacquin (WNY), Betty Dau (UpMiss). There were 19 members in attendance.

George Jacquin was temporary chairman and called for election of the permanent chairman and secretary. Edwin Spitznagel (NY) was elected permanent chairman. Louis Garfinkle (ILL) was elected secretary.

The chairman decided that Resolutions 1, 2, 5, 11, 12 and 14 would be considered by our committee. Central States District made available to the committee complete copies of all resolutions submitted to the convention.

Resolution #1 submitted by National Council as mandated by the 59th Convention concerns the mandatory inclusion of the Regional Councilor as a delegate of his District. George Jacquin (WNY) made motion to recommend acceptance of this resolution. Motion seconded by Doug Clark (ILL). After considerable discussion this committee voted 4 to 13 to recommend non-acceptance of this resolution.

for discussion Eldon Zahm (CS) made a motion to submit/resolution #2 concerning the rules of the Princess contests that the restriction to a child of a member be replaced by the requirement that the participant must be a child actively participating in Turner society educational programs for more than one calendar year.

Lou Garfinkle (ILL) made motion, seconded by Doug Clark (ILL) to defer action on the resolution and refer to the Cultural Committee. Motion defeated 11 to 5.

L. Garfinkle (ILL) made motion to recommend acceptance of the resolution by the Convention; seconded by Worley Bingaman (STL). After considerable discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Doug Clark (ILL) made a motion that resolution #11 be considered on the basis of a grievance; seconded by Eldon Zahm (CS). Motion carried.

The grievance was presented, after considerable discussion including the aid of President Turner Dalbke and Turner Treasurer William Meyer. The grievance was withdrawn after a caucus by the Central States committee members.

A motion by Eldon Zahm was made to open discussion of resolution #12; seconded by Joe Sauer. Resolution #12 concerns that the positions of Public Relations Director, National Gym Camp and TNT Director be included in the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners.

After discussion, L. Garfinkle (ILL) made a motion, seconded by Joe Sauer (CS) that we recommend acceptance of this resolution and that the Convention refer this proposal to the National Council for inclusion in the Principles and Statutes at the 61st National Convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Eldon Zahm (CS), seconded by Joe Sauer (CS) that resolution #14 concerning the principles and statutes of the Central States District relative to assigning District votes be declared null and void and must conform to Article 20 of the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners be open to discussion.

After a discussion and explanation of the Central States statute by Eldon Zahm, Doug Clark (ILL) made a motion that this committee recommend that this resolution be referred to the National Council of the American Turners for resolution. Motion carried.

Resolution #5 concerning the formation of a Florida Honorary Society submitted by the National Council was discussed. Worley Bingaman (STL) made a motion, seconded by Betty Dau, that the Convention accept Resolution #5. Motion carried, 12 for, 2 against, 2 abstaining.

Committee meeting for the 60th Convention adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Edwin Spitznagel, Chairman Louis Garfinkle, Secretary

Motion was made by Jacquin, seconded by Rosendale (MidAtl) that Resolution #5, which is a statute change authorizing the formation of a Florida Honorary Society, be passed by the Convention as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Turner Hollatz (UpMiss) stated that he feels that resolutions are referred to too many committees at these conventions, resulting in the type of confusion which occurred in connection with Resolution #5.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, Turner Timm (WPA) expressed the unhappiness of himself and his society with the limitations which the Endowment Trust Fund has put on loans, that they be for no more than \$5,000 to any one society.

Turners Don Lentz of Toledo Turners and George Pearson of South Bend extended their bids to hold the 1986 convention. A federal vote was taken and South Bend was chosen for 1986 by a  $114\frac{1}{2}$  to  $69\frac{1}{2}$  majority.

Adams, Mass. Turners Paton, George and Bourdon urged their acceptance for the 1987 Turnfest. This will be decided by the National Council, who will be aware that the Health & Physical Education Committee has recommended the acceptance of this bid.

Motion was made by Zahm (CS) that the National Council be requested to set up a youth membership program with membership cards by the 1986 Convention. Motion was seconded and carried.

Turner Jack Petty (ILL) moved to thank Monaca Turners for being such gracious hosts. Seconded and carried.

Turner Sauer (CS) asked all societies to enforce the rule that all contestants must be card-carrying members. Turner Bob Dau asked that anyone who gets good pictures of the sessions of this convention send the pictures to him for publication.

Turner Lunch thanked the officers and council for their services during the past two years.

Motion was made by Mamula (WPA), seconded and carried, for adjournment at 3:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Lucille B. Bothfeld, Secretary Frank Lynch, Chairman