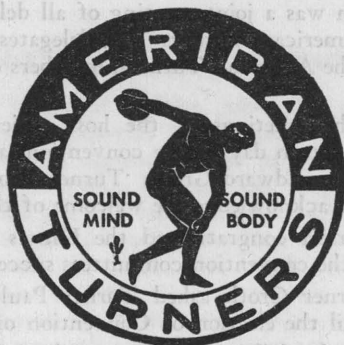


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FIRST SESSION
Sunday Evening, 29th June, 1958

This Convention was called to order by Turner Larry Woolworth, President Kansas City Turners, at 8:30 P.M. in the gymnasium of the Kansas City Turners at Kansas City, Missouri.

The opening session was a joint meeting of all delegates and alternates of the Districts of the American Turners and delegates and alternates of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners, members of the local society, and guests.

After extending the greetings of the host society, Turner Woolworth outlined the program for each day of the convention, and then introduced the National President, Turner Edward Groth. Turner Groth asked Vice-President Turner Carl Anderson to acknowledge the welcome of the Kansas City Turners.

Turner Carl Anderson congratulated the Kansas City Turners on their Centennial, and wished the convention committees success in their deliberations.

At this point, Turner Groth asked Turner Pauline Stephens to act as temporary secretary until the election of Convention officers.

Turner Groth read the following report to the joint assembly:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In his opening remarks to the 46th Convention, President Kierschner expressed regret at being unable to report much progress during the preceding two-year period.

Now, two years later, I find myself in much the same position. While most of the troublesome matters mentioned by him have been eliminated, and while a few of our societies have made creditable progress, the fact remains that there has been little change in the overall condition of our organization. This is regrettable in view of the fact that conditions for improvement have been so favorable; but unfortunately most of our societies have not taken advantage of the opportunity afforded them.

When President Eisenhower first expressed concern over the physical unfitness of our citizens, and eventually organized his Council on Youth Fitness, many members were dismayed because the American Turners were not recog-

nized or consulted; some even intimated that your officers have not made sufficient efforts in that direction. I can assure you that every possible effort was made to gain recognition, and offers of assistance were made to both Vice-President Nixon and Executive Director Dr. Shane McCarthy. After much correspondence and investigation, we eventually learned that this group had no executive authority to formulate or carry out a specific program but was organized primarily to impress upon the people the need for physical training, leaving it to our communities and private organizations to do their own promoting. A few of our societies have recognized the situation, have acted accordingly, and report improvement both in membership and in attendance at gymnasium classes.

In a further effort to gain national recognition, we have cooperated with The People to People Foundation, a program launched by President Eisenhower in 1956, and designed to achieve better international understanding and friendship among nations through exchange of ideas along economic, social, and cultural lines. The recent tour of the West German Group, and our participation in the coming Munich Festival are in keeping with this program. Three of our Turner members have been appointed on the Sports Committee of this organization. Unfortunately, only a small appropriation has been granted them by the Government, and most of their work has been on a voluntary basis.

SOCIETIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Our national picture is one of striking contrasts. At the one extreme, we have a small group of very successful and progressive societies, who faithfully carry out their obligations as outlined in our principles, who charge adequate dues which enable them to operate in a manner to gain the respect and good will of their communities. At the other extreme, we have a group with such small membership and such inadequate dues that it is impossible for them to operate as a turnverein and, as a result, find it difficult to exist. Between these two extremes we find the majority of our societies, operating with a varied degree of efficiency and success. Until this unbalanced condition is corrected, and our weaker societies strengthened, there appears to be little or no possibility of obtaining national recognition or of regaining the prestige we once enjoyed.

Perhaps the following facts obtained from statistical reports will give you a better idea of the situation. In this connection, five of our seventy-eight societies failed to make a report while nine others made only partial reports.

MEMBERSHIP — Of 73 societies reporting, 6 have less than 30 members; 11 have from 30 to 100; 39 have from 100 to 250; and only 17 have more than 250 members.

ANNUAL DUES — Of 64 societies reporting, 4 charge \$3.00 per year; one charges \$4.20; 27 charge \$5.00 to \$9.00; 13 charge 10.00; and only 19 charge \$12.00 or more.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM — 18 societies either failed to report, or do not have a program. Of the remaining 60 societies, 24 report only part time activity and, while 36 report full time programs, it is doubtful whether more than one-third of them actually have full time instructors.

CULTURAL PROGRAM — 51 societies either failed to report, or do not have a program. Of the remaining 27 societies, more than half of them have only a single project such as a chorus, band, etc., and only eight or ten have a full scale program.

In these modern times, it should be apparent that no organization can hope to make progress with annual dues of less than \$18.00 or \$20.00 and with a membership of less than 250 or 300. Even at these minimum figures, it will be difficult to conduct adequate physical and cultural programs. Many of our societies hesitate to charge over \$10.00 because of the federal tax, but they should realize that we pay even higher taxes when we buy gasoline, cigarettes, and other items.

We must recognize these facts and operate our societies on a higher scale if we are to attract new members. People are more interested in what we are doing today, rather than in what we did fifty years ago, and unless we offer a year-round program of physical, cultural, and recreation activities for the entire family, our battle will be a losing one, and other competitive organizations will pass us by.

NATIONAL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Your National Council has been able to meet only once each year, the minimum prescribed by our statutes. In addition, there were meetings of the three National Committees as well as of the group involved in the rehabilitation of the Rochester, New York Society.

The entire group of national officers has cooperated whole-heartedly in managing the affairs of our organization, and no important decisions have been made without the advice or approval of the two vice-presidents. A special vote of appreciation is due our faithful national treasurer, who after ten years of unselfish service has tendered his resignation due to the removal of our headquarters from Detroit.

Of outstanding importance has been the acquisition of the Rochester New York building and the establishment of our national headquarters there. For four years your officers and the Endowment Trustees have struggled to straighten out the tangled affairs and to revive that once prosperous society. At times the obstacles appeared unsurmountable, but at last it seems that our efforts will be crowned with success. We are indebted to our legal staff for their advice and assistance in solving many of the problems.

On May 1st our headquarters were moved from Detroit, and Secretary Eklund now has the new office operating satisfactorily. Much remains to be done however, in a financial way, as approximately \$20,000 is still needed to complete the repairs and refinancing of the property. Several months ago, an appeal was made to our individual members, asking them to contribute to this worthy cause, but their response so far has not been very enthusiastic.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

It is no exaggeration to report that our financial condition is rapidly becoming precarious, and we are faced with one of two alternatives; we must either obtain more income or curtail our services.

Although the General Fund reports might show a slight excess of income over expense, Turner Topics has long been operating at a loss, and in spite of the \$1,200 annual subsidy from the Jahn Fund, the total deficit over the past five years is well over \$10,000. Your present officers have already taken steps to eliminate or greatly reduce the loss in the future, but as a result, the size and appearance of the magazine will suffer.

It would be very desirable for your officers to be able to visit or inspect our societies, and even more desirable to have a traveling field secretary to help those requiring advice and encouragement, or to organize new societies, but both of these are out of the question under existing conditions.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

As previously reported, these activities have been rather neglected by many of our societies.

Your Cultural Chairman and her committee have tried desperately to improve the situation, but have met with little encouragement. It is unfortunate that most societies must depend on voluntary help in developing their programs.

Even more deplorable, in my opinion, has been the failure of most societies to maintain an up-to-date physical training program. For many years we were recognized as leaders in the field of gymnastics, but we have now been replaced by the A.A.U. and various collegiate conferences. This failure to maintain leadership is reflected in the declining participation in our national and regional festivals. For several years our National Secretary has distributed material and urged our instructors to conduct physical fitness tests and to report the results yet only three or four have taken advantage of this opportunity to obtain recognition and publicity.

In this connection, more consideration should be given to the results obtained from our support of the Normal College A.G.U. of Indiana University. Each year, since the absorption of our Turner College by the University, we have awarded scholarships to our boys and girls, yet upon graduation they are forced to seek employment elsewhere, instead of being engaged by our own societies.

Our bowling program appears to be the most successful, due no doubt to increasing interest in this sport. While the committee has encountered occasional difficulties, they are relatively unimportant and our national tournaments are growing each year.

ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS

As has been pointed out by my two predecessors, our organization is in the peculiar position of having three separate funds, none of them of great monetary strength, and only one of them directly benefiting the individual societies. It should be very desirable, and certainly more beneficial, if they were merged into a single trust fund, with a rotating board of trustees under control of the general membership and elected for overlapping terms of office.

The American Turners Endowment Trust, with total assets of \$50,000 is the most active of the three. Presently about 90% of its assets are tied up in the Rochester project. From time to time, efforts have been made to in-

crease this fund through contributions, but with little success. Until more funds are available, it will be unable to render assistance to any more societies.

The Jahn Educational Fund, with assets of over \$75,000 is contributing \$1,200 annually to Turner Topics, and also helped to finance the West German Team tour. Negotiations are now under way to obtain financial aid for the Rochester project.

The Instructors Fund, with assets of \$20,000 has been dormant for many years. In my opinion, this fund, created to aid needy retired instructors, is no longer required for this purpose now that we have Social Security and Federal and State old age benefits.

At their meeting in Toledo in 1957, the National Council recommended to the trustees that they consider using the income to aid needy societies in securing instructors by augmenting their salaries. So far as is known, no consideration has been given to this suggestion.

GOOD WILL TOUR OF WEST GERMAN TEAMS

After several years of negotiations, this project was finally accomplished, and the group of 8 men and 6 women gymnasts demonstrated their skill and ability in 18 cities. Much credit is due the Chicago Committee for assuming the financial responsibility and promoting the tour. Although hampered by unfavorable weather conditions, it was generally successful.

It is unfortunate that the American Turners were unable to handle this project, and even more deplorable that only four of the eighteen appearances were sponsored entirely by our societies. Two appearances were sponsored jointly by Turner societies and universities, two by independent organizations, and the remaining ten by colleges; another indication that we are losing prestige to the educational institutions.

It has been suggested that much benefit could be derived from a tour by teams of our own boys and girls, appearing in cities not having Turnvereins. Such a project has great possibilities, and is worthy of consideration.

NATIONAL FESTIVAL

This Convention will have the responsibility of deciding whether a National Festival shall be held in 1959, and the selection of the site. The success of such a venture depends as much upon participation of our societies as it does upon the society conducting it.

On several occasions in recent years it has been suggested that these festivals should be suspended or abandoned. To me, such an idea is unthinkable. They are the only means of publicly demonstrating our activities, both physical and cultural, on a national scale, and of retaining the interest of younger members. In my opinion, the abandonment of this great event would hasten the decline of our national organization. Not only should we continue to hold them every four years, but we should encourage more biennial regional and invitational meets.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

My report would not be complete without a word of praise to the various auxiliaries for the assistance rendered to their individual societies, and to the National Auxiliary for its moral and financial support. Many of our society auxiliaries are not members of the national body, and affiliation would be to their mutual advantage.

CONCLUSION

In this report, I have attempted to present a true picture of our national condition, giving you all the facts, both good and bad. Let me repeat that we have some well managed, progressive societies that are a credit to their communities and to the American Turners; but we also have some less fortunate ones where there must be much improvement before we can hope to achieve national recognition. It is within the power of you delegates to correct this situation. Most of you are officers or directors, or have influence in your society or district. May I suggest you present the message to your members and urge them to embark upon a program of improvement and progress, so that when we meet again in 1960 we can look back with pride and satisfaction upon our accomplishments.

With Turner Greetings,

/s/ EDWARD GROTH

Following this report Turner Groth introduced the President of the National Women's Auxiliary, Turner Margery Stocker, who spoke to the assembly. She urged the delegates to do their utmost to get the Ladies' Auxiliary of every society to become affiliated with the National Auxiliary—an achievement which could be of mutual benefit to the individual auxiliaries and the National Auxiliary. She expressed the hope that the deliberations of both conventions would prove fruitful.

The National Secretary, Dr. E. A. Eklund presented his report, concerning primarily the affairs of the American Turners-Rochester.

To the 47th Convention of the American Turners.

Greetings:

The office of Secretary has been a hectic operation since the conclusion of the 46th convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Immediately following the convention sessions, President Kierschner and President-elect Groth, directed your secretary to begin taking the necessary steps to comply with the action of the convention, to take over the property of the Rochester Turners, Inc.

A letter of introduction was handed to me:

August 30, 1956

Louisville, Ky.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This will introduce

Dr. E. A. Eklund

National Secretary of the American Turners, with headquarters at 8735 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit 14, Michigan. Dr. Eklund is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate and settle all claims and matters affecting the Rochester Turners, Inc. He is further authorized to take such steps and issue such directions as may be necessary to properly manage and conduct the Rochester Turners and to protect and represent the interests of the American Turners in the property of the Rochester Turners.

Any cooperation and assistance rendered to Dr. Eklund in this regard will be appreciated,

Very truly yours,

American Turners

ALFRED F. KIERSCHNER

National President.

This is a specimen of E. A. Eklund's signature

Witness: Edward Groth

On September 5, 1956, I proceeded to Rochester and found the society in partial operation, as set up previously by Turner Schiget. I had been advised in the Schiget report that some funds were in the hands of President Louis Szeles of the Rochester Society, who advised me that he could not release any fund on advice of counsel.

I immediately conferred with Turner Loeser on this statement, who advised me that in the State of New York no transfer of a non-profit organization could be completed without the consent of the State and that such an organization could only be transferred to a corporate body.

I called Marshall Troetser on the phone who agreed to come to Rochester immediately. He arrived on the morning of September 10 and an appointment was sought with Turner Loeser, who reiterated the conditions of transfer in a meeting which lasted from 3:00 p.m. to after midnight. Troester and I returned to Detroit the following morning.

Since the convention had agreed to assuming all liabilities of the Rochester Turners and since satisfaction of these liabilities was a requirement, lists of the liabilities were furnished by Loeser and Schoenheit, the Treasurer of the Rochester society. On May 7, 1957, I returned to Rochester to negotiate the liabilities for the Liability Committee named by President Groth at the organ-

ization Council meeting in Toledo in January, 1957. President Groth also named the membership of the Holding Corporation. The members of each committee:

Liability Committee

Edward P. Loeser
Charles K. Baecher
George J. Jacquin
James Szilagyi
Stephen P. Reskovitz

Holding Corporation

Carl Anderson
Harry S. Grabner
Frank Falkel
Marshall F. Troester
Charles K. Baecher

In the fall of 1957, information was received that a meeting had been called in Rochester to consider the sale of the Rochester facilities. President Groth; George Jacquin; Marshall Troester attended this meeting which after debate approved the action taken by a membership meeting held January 15, 1956:

Motion by Turner Fred Stoll, seconded by Turner Arthur Stoll, that the President and the Board of Directors be and they are hereby directed to accept the proposal to convey the real and personal property of the Rochester Turners, Inc., to the American Turners and to order and direct the officers to take action in accordance with the recommendations of the members of said meeting.

Elmer M. Shedd, Secretary pro-tem

Lewis Szeles, President

Following the Council meeting at Toledo, telegrams were dispatched to President Szeles and Edward Loeser, advising that the American Turners and its Endowment Fund would complete all steps to acquiring the property, and Turner Charles Baecher was requested to incorporate the Holding Co. under New York State law .

Since the progress of the incorporation seemed to be delayed, calls were made to Charles Baecher in Buffalo, when it was discovered that he was in the hospital and had not been able to file the incorporation papers with Secretary of State in Albany. I therefore proceeded to Buffalo at the advise of Marshall Troester so see if this work could be expedited, picked up the required documents and went to Rochester to deliver them to Turner Loeser who had agreed to help, and who filed.

Since the schedule suggested by Loeser that the incorporation should be completed by the end of June, 1957, President Groth called a meeting of the Presidents and the members of the Holding Corporation at Rochester for July 23 but unfortunately the papers did not come through until August 4th. But meetings were held with former members of the Rochester Turners to plan the reorganization and on July 28 a general meeting attended by some 30 members was held, at which the conditions of reorganization were outlined by the representatives of the American Turners and agreed to by those present.

August 14, 1957, the incorporation was completed and all papers filed with the Monroe County clerk. Finally on January 4th, 1958, a lease was drawn by the Holding Corporation, signed by the Rochester Turners putting them in business.

At the beginning I stated that this had been a hectic period. Contributing was the fact that on November 18, shortly after my return from a trip to Rochester, Miss McCloskey who had been an office secretary since Oct. 8, 1954, informed me that due to the unsettled condition of the National office she was leaving November 22, 1957. From this date on everything seemed to go wrong. Various people who tried the employment left quickly, claiming that the work was too heavy, until I finally procured the services of a Mrs. Wellman, who had experience in the Detroit Turner office, but after two months she too bogged down, having to spend over three weeks in the hospital with the shingles, a nervous manifestation which she was advised was due to overwork.

At the urging of President Groth steps were taken for the removal of the National office to Rochester, my wife going to this city the day after Easter April 7 to find living quarters and on April 22, 1958, the move was started, arriving in Rochester on April 28, 1958, where the National office is now located.

With all this there are humorous aspects to our work. Shortly after our arrival in Rochester, I had employed a Mrs. Gretchen Willer, as Secretary. She was busy alphabetizing and checking membership cards from the Philadelphia Turners, when she came across a card bearing the name of Princess Grace, The Palace, Monaco. She turned to me and asked was this a gag. After a moments thought, I suggested that she see if there were cards for a John Kelly, which she found and further among the cards were found John B. Kelly, Jr.; Mrs. John B. Kelly, Sr.; Mrs. Margaret M. Kelly and also Prince Rainier, III. So royalty is represented in the membership of the American Turners.

With Turner Greetings,

DR. E. A. EKLUND
National Secretary

Turner Groth introduced Turner Roger Catlin, President of the American Turners-Rochester.

The delegates of the Women's Auxiliary Convention then retired from the meeting, after which Turner Groth declared that the convention was ready for the formation of a permanent organization for the Convention and asked for nominations for Chairman of the Convention. Turner Joe Zimmermann was placed in nomination by Turner Edward Timm, and Turner Arthur Marthaler was nominated by Turner Louis Baker. These nominations were duly seconded, and there being no further nominations, motion was made to close the nominations—seconded and carried.

Resulting vote: Joseph J. Zimmermann 117
Arthur Marthaler 49

Turner Groth declared Turner Joseph J. Zimmermann elected as Chairman of this Convention.

Turner Zimmermann took the chair and thanked the delegates for the honor and promised to conduct the proceedings as impartially as possible.

Nominations for Vice-Chairman were than called for and Turner Frank Falkel nominated Turner Arthur Marthaler and upon acceptance of the nomination, a motion was duly made and seconded to close the nomination and unanimously

elect Turner Marthaler as Vice-Chairman of the Convention. The motion carried and Chairman Zimmerman declared Turner Marthaler duly elected.

The next office to be filled was that of Convention Secretary and Turner Louis Fleischman placed the name of Turner Pauline Stephens in nomination. Motion was made, seconded and carried to elect Turner Pauline Stephens as Convention Secretary by acclamation.

Nominations for Assistant Secretary were then called for and Turner Chas. Calhoun nominated Turner Ken Adler and upon acceptance of the nomination, a motion was duly made and seconded to close the nomination and unanimously elect Turner Adler as Assistant Secretary of the Convention.

The Chairman then called for the report of the National Cultural Chairman. Turner Sara G. Palmer gave the following report on Cultural Activities of the past two years and the present programs:

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the 47th National Convention:

Greetings:

Looking back over the past two years the cultural educational program has its gloomy side but when a study is made we find we have made some progress. We people on the cultural committee and the ones working with us feel we are holding our own but we would like to progress further.

It is difficult to give exactly the number of societies having cultural activities because of the lack of reports. When I ask societies to send me a monthly report it isn't just so I will know what is going on, though I will admit I like to know, but another reason is involved. The National office has a tax structure which exempts them from certain taxes and by having reports from societies, we have the absolute proof we are trying to abide by the rules set up for exemption of taxes. Another reason, we have yearly competition and have trophies for societies in each Region who have the best cultural program. In the physical you have your Turndays of competition but in the cultural it is impossible to have as many events so our monthly competition is our way of doing it.

I shall take the Regions separately and give you an overall picture of what is going on.

REGION I — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

There are 10 societies in this region and for many years only two reported any program, these two being Fitchburg and Springfield with their choruses and a stamp club at Fitchburg. Recently Providence Turners contacted the National office and stated they had tried to get recognition in the cultural program and had not been able to do so. They advised me they had a Band that had celebrated its 50th anniversary and were very active. I am sorry I did not know of their program and to any of the Providence delegates I humbly apologize.

It was no fault of mine but due to the lack of any report I had no way of knowing of their program. This has been corrected and I am happy to learn of their band.

I can't report too much on this region because the questionnaire I sent out was not returned to me.

REGION II — NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICTS — 15 Societies.

Mrs. Eleanore B. Crost, the Regional Chairman in this Region is one of my very active members. She has done her utmost to promote the program. The New York Turnverein have two paid instructors for their German classes and one for the dancing classes; Mt. Vernon has a paid instructor for their chorus, so does Schenectady, Wilmington has a volunteer instructor for ceramics.

The societies sending in reports are New York Turnverein, Mt. Vernon in the New York District, and Wilmington in the Middle Atlantic.

The New York District holds an annual cultural exhibit in which five societies participate and Wilmington held a Ceramic exhibit. Much credit goes to Mrs. Stephen Reskovitz for her continuous effort in the promotion of the cultural program at Wilmington. At one time there was hope that Baltimore was getting interested but there were no replies to correspondence sent there by me.

The improvement in this Region was Wilmington starting Ceramic classes and Mt. Vernon a singing section. Schenectady participates in Inter-City Festivals—the Mt. Vernon ladies dance at some functions and their chorus sing occasionally at outside functions.

In the New York District meetings equal opportunity is given to the District Cultural chairman to report, if the need arises for a vote on some question or appropriation of funds, careful consideration is given. New Jersey District does not discuss cultural education and Middle Atlantic touches on it very lightly.

REGION III — CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT — 7 Societies

Louisville and Ft. Wayne are the only two societies having cultural activities. Louisville have handicrafts, Fort Wayne has their chorus. Miss Huffman the Regional Chairman feels there has been very little progress in cultural education in the past two years. An exhibit was held in Louisville in 1957 and Southside was the only other society that participated in the district. Until 1956 Louisville held an annual exhibit but that has been discontinued. At one time Southside did but this also has been discontinued. No other society did this. Louisville participated in many civic affairs and gets excellent publicity.

Fort Wayne Chorus participates in civic affairs and I think very worthy ones. Each year they sing for the shut-ins and homes for the aged. The chorus works as a unit to make money to pay their expenses and they should be commended for this.

When the district has a convention they do not send any representatives for the cultural program as they do in the physical so there is no get-together to discuss the program.

REGION IV — LAKE ERIE DISTRICT, WESTERN NEW YORK

— 8 Societies

In this Region the cultural program is very important, especially the Lake Erie. There are five societies in the L. E. District, all have cultural chairmen. Mrs. Anastasia Loehr is an outstanding person when it comes to the cultural program. She understands it and is deeply interested. Each year two days are set aside for our cultural days. The societies take turns in conducting this event. In 1957 it was held at Detroit Turners and there were 114 individual entries, the choruses from Cleveland, Toledo and Detroit, The Little Theatre from Cleveland which is an outstanding group.

The festival was held at Cleveland East Side this year and again over 100 entries were received plus the choruses from the different societies, the Little Theatre and the Follies from Toledo. All societies participate. An award dinner is held the second day of the exhibit and at this time 13 trophies are given out. We charge \$1.00 for individual entries and \$5.00 for choruses making this partly self supporting.

Each fall the cultural chairman from each society attends a meeting called by the District cultural chairman, the district pays the expense and at this meeting plans are made for the coming year.

Toledo, STV and Detroit have paid instructors for various classes. Toledo has their men's chorus, their Follies and the woman's auxiliary who participate in cultural activities, STV has German classes, Mixed Chorus, Men and Women's Chorus and their woman's auxiliary is noted for the work they do for charity at Fairview Hospital. Cleveland East Side sews for the Red Cross.

Detroit has their chorus, Ceramics, copper enameling, Adult painting, Photography, Children's classes in ceramics, drawing, painting and puppetry and outstanding classes in Children's Ballet and Adult Ballet which is entirely separate from the GYM classes. This ballet is taught by one of the outstanding ballet teachers in Detroit.

In civic participation the Toledo Men's chorus sing at the Toledo Art Museum each year with the Toledo Symphony, Detroit Ballet participates in civic affairs.

In the Western New York District the cultural program is almost dormant. At Buffalo Turners they have a small program, none at Syracuse and the newly organized Rochester Turners have not started their program yet.

REGION V — ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN DISTRICTS — 8 Societies.

In the Illinois District they are slowly but surely getting started toward a better program. When the new American Turners, "Northwest" is completed they will have a chance to set an example of what can be done. It will be a new building and as they can form their class activities. More interest is being shown.

They have a yearly variety show in which all the societies participate and it is outstanding, a District essay contest was conducted, they have numerous square dances and they have a closing show at their Turner Camp. At the Turner Summer camp they have classes in Handicraft and Music appreciation. There will be a cultural exhibit at Turner Camp on August 17th.

Every one of you should visit the Turner Summer Camp in this district. What they are doing for the youth in their district is an example of living up to the Turner principles.

At their District Convention they have their cultural committee and they give their report the same as the physical, new ideas are suggested and plans made for the coming year. Paul Apostolos, the District Cultural Chairman is very interested and with cooperation, this district can have an outstanding cultural program.

Eiche Turners in this district have an excellent feature that other societies could adopt. They invite prominent speakers and often tours are taken of the city. Not only is this educational but interesting.

In the Wisconsin District, the Milwaukee Turners have been quite steady with their classes for children, their chorus although all members are not Turners. They did start one under the leadership of Bill Koth that was all Turner members but he met with discouragement and this was discontinued. They have an annual society exhibit of the handicraft made by the different groups. The woman's auxiliary at this society do worthy things and for entertainment they have excellent book reviews and other educational features.

The Sheboygan and Madison Turners have no cultural program that I know of.

At one time the South Bend Turners had an excellent dramatic group but this has been discontinued. I came across an interesting fact recently. The South Bend Turner chorus was organized in 1862, a year after the South Bend Turners were founded. It became quite a large chorus and went well until the Civil War came along and then it was interrupted for a time but in 1876 it was reorganized and enlarged. The last I could find about this chorus was where they gave a concert on April 23, 1933, which was its 70th annual concert. In this article it stated the chorus was well nourished during its infancy, grew up, only to fade into obscurity and oblivion and few if any of their present membership will remember the chorus.

REGION VI — ST. LOUIS AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN AND MISSOURI DISTRICT — 6 Societies.

Here is a Region where there has been an increased interest in cultural activities. Mrs. Marie Lueke is the Regional Chairman and her own society, North St. Louis could put many societies to shame. Their membership is less than 200 but they have a cultural chairman, Mrs. Alvera Horst who is constantly looking for new subjects. They have ceramics, textile painting, aluminum work, painting, handicraft and this fall, they are starting a class in weaving, they have a chorus and each year the chorus gives an outstanding performance. This society has won the top cultural award for four years. They are progressing all the time.

The program at Schillar Turners has fallen off slightly but I am sure it will be revived. Kansas City Turners are progressing. They have their chorus, Ceramics and Handicrafts and the Tiny Tots who are outstanding and you will have a chance to see them perform and hear the Chorus and the Swiss Yodlers.

Concordia Turners should be congratulated for the way they have revived their cultural program, under the direction of Eugene Solfronk. They have leathercraft, candlemaking, ceramics and mosaic work which is becoming popular. Southwest has no program.

The St. Louis District held a cultural exhibit in November, 1956, and three societies participated. North St. Louis and Kansas City and Concordia hold society exhibits each year.

In the Rocky Mountain District we hear nothing from Denver. I correspond with them but nothing developed from it.

North St. Louis, Schiller and Kansas City participate in various civic programs and have a great deal of TV program publicity. They also get good newspaper publicity.

At the district conventions the cultural is called on to give an official report and a committee is appointed to handle resolutions.

REGION VII — UPPER MISSISSIPPI AND MINNESOTA DISTRICTS — 8 Societies

There has been an improvement in the Upper Mississippi District as they have added handicraft at Central Turners where Moline, Northwest and East Davenport took part. Clinton Turners is not interested in the cultural program. Moline has their choruses, men's and women's and mixed. There were classes also in candle making, and in plastic plant making for planters in which the four societies took part.

They hold a district cultural exhibit at the same time as their district convention. They are fortunate in getting capable instructors by furnishing their materials and a place to hold the classes. Joe Becker the Regional Chairman has worked hard toward the cultural program by holding meetings each month. He appointed a co-chairman, Mrs. Marguerite Ault who conducted classes in wrapping gifts and also leathercraft.

At their district conventions the cultural program has an important part. It is discussed thoroughly and plans are made for the coming year.

In the Minnesota District there is no cultural program at all.

REGION VIII — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — 2 Societies.

There is very little activity in this Region. Los Angeles were most unfortunate that their building burned two years ago and they do not have one at this time. Mr. John Riemer advises me there has been no noticeable improvement in cultural education. No district cultural events are held. Los Angeles held a society exhibit in 1956 under the direction of Mrs. Gehrig who is a former member at STV. She had her plans made and when their building burned she held it at another place. Los Angeles Turners have their choruses and gives an annual spring and fall concert. They have a paid instructor for their choruses. At the district convention the cultural is considered a minor thing with the exception of the choruses. The San Diego Turners do not have any cultural program of any kind.

REGION IX — WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA — 10 Societies.

The woman's auxiliary make up the cultural group in this district. The McKeesport women, Rochester Central, Monaca, Monongahela combine their talents and put on Minstrel shows. A district cultural exhibit is held each year in conjunction with their district convention. At the district convention the cultural is given consideration. An effort is being made by Benny Kohn, the Regional Chairman to get a larger program started.

Motion was made by Turner J. Szilagyi to send the following telegram to Anastasia Loehr, Chairman Cultural Committee of Region IV:

ANASTASIA LOEHR

CLEVELAND, OHIO

BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY AND GOOD
HEALTH. YOUR PRESENCE IS MISSED AT THIS CONVENTION.

WITH TURNER GREETINGS,

SARA PALMER

CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL CULTURAL
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Turner Henry Schroeder gave the following report as Chairman of National Health and Physical Education Committee:

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the 47th Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

In the past two years our activities in the societies indicate a constant decline. From the Activity Reports, which about 60% of all Societies send in, we find that the Actives Class in our Societies is the smallest of them all. We lose these Actives when they enter Military Service and college, and very few return to us afterwards.

This is a serious condition all over the country. What can we do to increase the attendance in this class? My personal belief is that the Senior Men's Class in all Societies could help this situation by starting members in the Seniors at the age of 40 years. All senior competition should be changed to this effect. Whoever heard of a man calling himself a Senior or Baer at the age of thirty? We were shortsighted when we allowed this situation and the result is our poor Actives Class. Give this matter some real thought and let your delegates talk on this matter. I believe it would help all Societies.

Our National Championships in Basketball and in Apparatus were cancelled this year because of lack of entries. The reason we hear for this is that the Championships are not awarded early enough. True, but how can the Committee award them when we have to practically beg Societies to run these affairs. I am not too much concerned about these affairs because they involve only a few top-notchers, and because the money and distance involved keep even some of these away. Let's have more District and Circuit affairs.

In June, 1959, the National Festival will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. This will be an outdoor and indoor Turnfest with Track and Field as we had it in years back. It has been thirty-three years since we had a Turnfest in Louisville. With the same capable people, among them Weismueller and Groth, who ran in 1926, we are looking forward to a wonderful Turnfest. The Louisville Turners have since built a new swimming pool at their country home. Let's all start raising funds to go to Louisville with big teams.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the members of this Committee for their fine cooperation and work which they have given me, and I hope they will do the same for my successor.

Respectfully submitted

With Turner Greetings,

HENRY W. SCHROEDER, Chairman

National Health and Physical Education Committee.

The Chairman then called for the report of the National Bowling Committee, which report was represented by Chairman Turner Frank Falkel.

REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

To the 48th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

Since our last convention, we have had two very successful National Tournaments, namely Moline, Illinois and Toledo, Ohio. I do not have a copy of the financial report of Moline, but the total entries received at Toledo was \$24,211.75. Total profit realized from this tournament was \$4,570.45.

To date, the National Bowling Fund including New England, \$62.70, this 1958, and Toledo, \$763.50 giving us an estimate balance of \$1,380.89. Detroit has been awarded the 1959 National Bowling Tournament. At the present time, we have three bids for the 1960 Bowling Tournament, namely, Akron, Ohio, Rochester, New York, and Syracuse, New York. These bids will be acted upon on or before September 1, 1958.

Any bids for future Tournaments will be welcomed by a National office or National Chairman. There has been a number of very successful Tournaments in the past and more Turner Societies that have the man power to conduct such Tournaments should apply for official bid sheets.

Thank you very kindly, I am

FRANK FALKEL

National Bowling Chairman

It was regularly moved and seconded that these reports be accepted. Motion carried.

The report of the National Treasurer was made by Turner Eklund for Turner Lisle MacKay and the audit reports were given to the Finance Committee. Turner Eklund urged that serious consideration be given—throughout the convention deliberations—to the financial situation.

The Chairman called for the Report of the Credentials Committee, which was as follows:

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We hereby submit our report covering the Federal Votes to which each district is entitled and the respective committee assignments:

<i>District</i>	<i>Federal Votes</i>
Central States	10
Illinois	11
Lake Erie	34
Middle Atlantic	7
Missouri	4
Minnesota	2
New England	17
New Jersey	1
New York	8
North Pacific	1
Rocky Mountain	1
South Bend	5
Saint Louis	4
Southern California	2
Upper Mississippi	21
Western New York	5
Western Pennsylvania	34
Wisconsin	4
Total Federal Votes	171

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the South Bend delegates, L. Bogue and A. Heyn be appointed as members of each committee.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that Steve Reskovitz be made a member of each committee.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Illinois list of June 10th be approved.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that Edgar Zimmer be appointed a member of the National Affairs Committee.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the alternates from the Saint Louis District be allowed to attend all committee meetings.

Since no list of the accredited delegates and alternates present was available to the committee, the following committee appointments were made as recommended by the districts:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Fred Weigel	Edw. L. Hohenstein	Roy Boethelt
William Morrow	L. Bogue	Milton First
J. E. Schenz	A. Heyn	William Kiess
	Stephen A. Reskovitz	

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Forrest Steinlage	Louis Baker	Russell Dreher
Robert Schuler	James Szilagyi	Maurice Burlingame
Andrew Doyle	Wilfred Racker	Roger Catlin
Louis O. Greiner	Edward Barrow	Axel Nordstrom
Christ Bleidestel	Joseph J. Zimmermann	Edw. L. Hohenstein
L. Bogue	Marshall Troester	Elmer Crook
Aug. C. Andre	A. Heyn	A. Hamen
C. E. Anderson	Stephen A. Reskovitz	James Laffey
Ray Morrow	Dave Henschen	Ed. Zimmer
Fred Angerman	J. L. Beck	Ervin Kunau
	Herman Diedrich	

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Joseph Weismueller	Joseph Zimmermann	Arthur Marthaler
Phillip Gersbach	Bruce Rost	Edward Schuman
Emil Mueller	L. Bogue	Henry Krenbeck
Hugo Tess	A. Heyn	William Klier
Charles Calhoun	S. H. Reskovitz	Otto Jessen
Henry Schroeder	Otto Eckl	R. Jirus
Bob Stahl	Alex Diamant	Howard Brent
Robert White	Harry Warnken	A. Herman Niehaus
Hans Lenheis	Meta Greiner	John Stocker
	Ken Adler	

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL EDUCATION:

Margaret Huffman	Arvo Tuikka	Edgar Schmidt
Donald Sauer	Frank Oschwald	Roy Boethelt
Ida Barrow	L. Bogue	Paul Apostolos
Sara Palmer	A. Heyn	C. J. Becker
William Chapman	Benj. Kohn	Myron Nicholas
Margery Stocker	S. H. Reskovitz	

COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES, AND GRIEVANCES

G. Johnson	Elmer Crook	Alex Diamant
John Westermeyer	E. Zimmer	Thomas Nee
L. Bogue	L. Osborne	Marshall Troester
A. Heyn	L. Fleischman	Dr. A. A. Lauppe
S. H. Reskovitz	Willi Franck	

NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Walter Moering	John Quero	S. H. Reskovitz
Grace Dreher	L. Bogue	Edgar Schmidt
	A. Heyn	

BOWLING COMMITTEE:

August Kruwell	S. A. Reskovitz	Ed Pokorny
Jack Kovats	Nick Meyer	Walter Pickard
James Ruthenberg	Ed Licht	Wilfred Racker
Frank Falkel	Edward Timm	Ken Adler
L. Bogue	Earl McGunigale	Walter Kopp
A. Heyn	John Marley	

ALTERNATES:

G. Roth	Ed Masters	Ray Butler, Jr.
J. Zimmermann	Nick Meyer	John Germak
Marie Lueke	Art Gude	C. V. Ward Fyke
Harold Knedel	Aaron Orchard	Henry Zinkham
Pauline Stephens	Ralph Anderson	Ray Sheedy
Ervin Kunau	E. Horn	

Respectfully submitted
With Turner Greetings,

/s/ S. H. RESKOVITZ, Chairman

/s/ HERMAN DIEDRICH, Secretary

FRED W. WEIGEL, Central States

JAMES SZILAGYI, Lake Erie

S. H. RESKOVITZ, Middle Atlantic

EDGAR J. SCHMIDT, Missouri

GEORGE KUETTNER, Minnesota

ARVO TUIKKA, New England

LOUIS FLEISCHMAN, New York

ALFRED H. HEYN, South Bend

EDW. L. HOHENSTEIN, St. Louis

WILLI FRANCK, Upper Mississippi

JOHN M. STOCKER, Western New York

HERMAN DITDRICH, Wisconsin

New Jersey, Rocky Mountain, and Southern
California—no representative present.

Motion was made, seconded, and duly carried that Convention accept the report of the Credentials Committee and committee assignments, and Chairman declared the delegates to be duly accredited and entitled to seat, voice, and vote at this 47th Convention of the American Turners.

It was announced that the Committee meetings would begin at 9:30 A.M. on Monday at the Hotel President. The name appearing first on the list of each committee will serve as temporary chairman of the committee until a chairman is elected.

At this point, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:30 P.M.

SECOND SESSION

Tuesday Morning 1 July, 1958

The second session of the 47th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order at 9:30 A.M. in the Gymnasium of the Kansas City Turners, Kansas City, Missouri, by Chairman Joseph Zimmermann.

Turner Emil Abend of Kansas City Turners was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

Chairman Zimmermann appointed Turners George Kuettner, Wilfred Racker, and Russell Dreher as a committee to present greetings to the Ladies' Auxiliary Convention on behalf of this Convention.

The following Turners were appointed to the Nominating Committee:

Forrest Steinlage — Central States District
Louis Baker — Illinois District
John Kovats — Lake Erie District
Gus Andre — Middle Atlantic Districts
Roy Boethelt — Missouri District
George Kuettner — Minnesota District
Arvo Tuikka — New England District
Louis Fleischman — New York District
Alfred Heyn — South Bend District
Ervin Kunau — Saint Louis District
Lee Osborne — Upper Mississippi District
John Stocker — Western New York District
Earl McGunigale — Western Pennsylvania District
Walter Kopp — Wisconsin District

New Jersey, Rocky Mountain, and Southern California Districts had no representatives present.

Turner Eric Kempcke, Illinois District, asked to be seated at the Convention and motion was made, seconded, and carried to grant his request.

Chairman Zimmermann asked for approval of the following rules to govern debate at the ensuing portion of 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 required to answer questions and may also have the floor after debate is closed. Roberts Rules of Order will govern the deliberations of the Convention.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt these rules. Unanimously accepted.

The following telegram was received from Turner Andrew Doyle, Chicago:

"Will not be able to attend Convention. Will be most anxious to hear of the results and wish the Convention the best—and only regret that I will not be able to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends."

Chairman Zimmermann called for the report of the Finance Committee. Mimeographed copies of the Committee's report were distributed to all delegates and alternates before the official report was read by Turner George Kuettner, Secretary of the Committee.

(Secretary's Note: This procedure was followed for all subsequent Committee reports. Each recommendation was acted upon individually, and for ease of reference and to conserve space, the action upon each recommendation is recorded and referenced after each recommendation or resolution, and the names of the delegates who made and seconded the motions have been omitted.)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the 47th National Convention of the American Turners:
Greetings:

The Finance Committee of the Convention met with the following members present: Turners Fred Weigel, Ed Hohenstein, Roy Boethelt, Milton First, and George Kuettner.

Moved and seconded to elect Fred Weigel, Chairman, and George Kuettner, Secretary.

The Committee accepted the audit reports covering the years 1956 and 1957 as prepared and printed by Charles L. Coe, C.P.A., of Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

After due deliberation, we recommend:

1. That a quarterly membership dues report be sent to each District. Approved.
2. That the national officers prepare an annual budget to the Convention for the next two years, so that the Finance Committee could make recommendations and the Convention appropriate funds to cover the budget. Approved.
3. In view of the fact that Turner Topics is being published and distributed at a loss of \$2,000 average per year, we recommend an increase of no less than 25 cents in the per capita tax for this purpose. Tabled until Principles and Statutes. See recommendations 3 and 4 of Principles and Statutes Report.
4. That an additional 25 cents be added to the national per capita tax. This 25 cents shall be used exclusively for the payment of all essential bills incurred at the National Festivals. This money shall be known as the National Festival Fund and shall be deposited in a separate account in order to keep it from being diverted into the general fund. It shall only be used every four years, thereby guaranteeing the perpetuation of our national festivals. Tabled until Principles and Statutes. See recommendations 3 and 4 of Principles and Statutes Report.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED WEIGEL, Chairman

GEO. F. KUETTNER, Secretary

Chairman Zimmermann called for the report of the Cultural Education Committee, which was read by Paul Apostolos, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the 47th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Committee on Cultural Education convened with the following members present: Turners Margaret Huffman, Paul Apostolos, Donald Sauer, Ida Barrow, Sara Palmer, Arvo Tuikka, Frank Oschwald, Benjamin Kohn, Edgar Schmidt, Roy Boethelt, Marie Lueke, Eric Kempcke, and Joe Becker.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to elect Margaret Huffman, Chairman, and Paul Apostolos, Secretary.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That "Article 9, Little Theatre Competition, Group B" be changed to read "Article 9, Stage Presentations, Group B." Approved.
2. That Stage Presentations have two classes; namely (A) Dramatics and (B) Variety Shows. Approved.
3. If the two categories are accepted, a Society shall not present more than one presentation in each category, and each shall not exceed one hour's duration. Approved.
4. That Article 9, paragraph 6, be changed to read:
 - (A) Choice of presentation and direction.
 - (B) Interpretation.
 - (C) Clarity and projection.
 - (D) Audience Appeal.
 - (E) Pace. Approved.
5. That each of the above is to receive a maximum of 15 points, with a possible 75 point value. Approved.
6. To encourage competition at the district and society level of Junior competition with the hope that the statutes will be changed to permit Juniors 17 years of age and under to compete at National Festivals. Approved.
7. That Article 18, Painting, Group N, be enlarged to include Class 12, Modernistic Painting. Approved.
8. That a letter be sent to the American Turners, Toledo, in answer to letter received by National Cultural Chairman on 27 June, 1958, assuring them that a survey will be taken among the Turner organizations to determine if they wish to participate in a Songfest, to be sponsored by the Toledo Turners. This Songfest to be conducted over a period of week-ends similar to the Bowling Tournaments now being held. Approved.

All resolutions from the Rules Committee were duly discussed and acted upon.

The Cultural Committee wishes to go on record that we hereby extend a vote of thanks to Turner Sara G. Palmer for a job well done and for her loyal and diligent efforts as Chairman of the National Cultural Education Committee and we whole-heartedly recommend her reelection as National Cultural Chairman.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

MARGARET HUFFMAN, Chairman

PAUL APOSTOLOS, Secretary

Chairman Zimmermann called for the report of the Committee on Health and Physical Education, which was read by William Klier, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To the 47th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Committee on Health and Physical Education convened with the following Turners present: J. Weismueller, Phillip Gersbach, Emil Mueller, Hugo Tess, Henry Schroeder, Bob Stahl, Robert White, Joseph Zimmermann, Bruce Rost, Otto Eckl, Alex Diamant, Harry Warnken, John Stocker, Arthur Marthaler, Edward Schuman, Henry Krambeck, William Klier, Otto Jessen, Howard Brent, Ken Adler, A. H. Niehaus, Meta Greiner, H. R. Lehneis, and Charles Calhoun.

The Committee elected Harry Warnken as Chairman and Wm. Klier as Secretary.

The Committee wishes to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the compulsory work on apparatus for our Festivals be confined to the equipment peculiar to the Turners and that work on any other form of apparatus be designated as a special event. Approved.

2. a. That separate mass drills be written for Actives and Ladies, and a combined drill for Senior Men and Senior Women. b. That Model Drills be put on a competitive basis to insure more select numbers. Approved.

3. That the Activities Report in detail be collected by the Supervisor of the various districts, and an accumulated quarterly report from the district be sent to the National Office. Approved.

4. That the National Volleyball Tournament be held in conjunction with the 1959 National Festival. This resolution was rejected as written and the following recommendation substituted by the Committee: "We recommend that the National Volleyball Tournament be held in conjunction with the 1959 National Festival, if considered feasible by the National Health and Physical Education Committee." Approved substitute recommendation.

5. Whereas, the rules for gymnastic competition throughout the country vary insofar as number of events, all round events, and even interpretation of performance is concerned, we recommend that the National Health and Physical Education Committee of the American Turners arrange for a joint meeting of the Rules Committee of the NCAA, AAU, HSA, American Turners, and any other gymnastically interested organization for the purpose of standardizing gymnastic competitive rules. This resolution was referred to the National Health and Physical Education Committee for further consideration.

6. That an entry fee be charged for all national championships to help defray expenses of awards. Approved.

7. That the recommendation from the National Health and Physical Education Committee regarding changes in the rules for National Festivals be adopted:

CHANGES TO RULES

MEN

Special events, added — Tumbling and Still Rings.

Pentathlon, added — 220-yard dash and triple standing broad jump, in place of 100 meter dash and 120-yard low hurdles.

Relay running—440-yard relay instead of 600-yard relay, with 4 men instead of 6 men.

ALL GROUPS

Volleyball points for first four places, 7 - 5 - 3 - 1. Eliminates 2 points for participation.

MEN AND WOMEN

Swimming, added—50-yard butterfly stroke; changed—100-yard free style relay instead of 200-yard free style relay.

Society points possible: 15-10-5.

LADIES

Pentathlon has been added.

Change side horse from swinging optional to swinging obligatory.

Change side horse vault from obligatory to optional.

There will be 3 grades for apparatus competition. Upper grade must use high parallel bars for optional and obligatory exercise. Middle and lower grade must use low parallel bars for optional and obligatory (50 inches).

Special events, added—uneven parallel bars, balance beam, and free calisthenics with time limit.

Society points possible: 12-8-4.

SENIOR LADIES

Parallel bar optional and obligatory shall be performed on the low bars only.

SENIOR MEN

Special Event, added—high horizontal bar, regardless of groups.

Approved.

The report by Turner Zoltan Silagyi on the West German Gym Team Tour was read and a rising vote of thanks was extended to Turner Silagyi.

The committee submits the names of Turners Henry Schroeder and Harry Warnken to the convention floor as nominees for Chairman of National Health and Physical Education Committee.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

HARRY WARNKEN, Chairman

WM. KLIER, Secretary.

Chairman Zimmermann called for the Report of the Committee on National Affairs which was read by Forrest F. Steinlage, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

To the 47th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Committee on National Affairs convened with the following members present: Forrest Steinlage, Robert Schuler, L. O. Greiner, A. C. Andre, Louis Baker, C. E. Anderson, James Szilagyi, Edward Barrow, A. Heyn, S. H. Reskovitz, Dave Henschen, J. L. Beck, Russell Dreher, Maurice Burlingame, R. Catlin, F. Angerman, E. Kunau, E. Zimmer, E. L. Hohenstein, and Christ Bleidlstel.

Turner James Szilagyi was elected Chairman and Turner Forrest Steinlage was elected Secretary.

Recommend that the following resolutions be adopted:

1. That the National Office send out the Christmas Seals at least six weeks prior to Christmas.

2. That the National Secretary notify in writing the president and society secretary of the mailing of Turner Christmas Seals and urge them to promote the campaign.

COMBINED 1 and 2 and AMENDED by rising vote to read as follows:

That the National Office send out National Turner Seals in time for National Turner Week and notify in writing the president and society secretary of the mailing of these National Turner Seals and urge them to promote the campaign. Approved by rising vote.

3. That the National Secretary advise each society the per capita tax outstanding after each remittance. Defeated by roll call vote—64 for, 100 against; 5 not present, and 2 not voting.

DISTRICT	FEDERAL VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT PRESENT
New York	8	7	1	—
New England	17	—	17	—
Illinois	11	11	—	—
St. Louis	4	—	4	—
Lake Erie	34	—	34	—
Western New York	5	—	5	—
Middle Atlantic	7	7	—	—
Wisconsin	4	—	4	—
New Jersey	1	—	—	1
Central States	10	—	10	—
Minnesota	2	—	—	(not voting) 2
Upper Mississippi	21	—	21	—
North Pacific	1	—	—	1
Southern California	2	—	—	2
Missouri	4	—	4	—
Rocky Mountain	1	—	—	1
South Bend	5	5	—	—
Western Pennsylvania	34	34	—	—
Total	171	64	100	7

At this point a motion was made, seconded and carried to have Turner Marshall Troester serve as parliamentarian for the balance of the Convention.

4. That the National Council endeavor to obtain through proper legislative procedure tax exemption of federal excise tax on dues under \$25.00 per annum. Approved.

5. That insofar as there were invitations to hold the next convention from six societies—Buffalo, N. Y.; Springfield, Mass.; Detroit, Michigan; Akron, Ohio; Toledo, Ohio; and Rochester, N. Y., we refer these invitations to the convention without recommendation.

REFERRED TO NEW BUSINESS

6. We again recommend that the National Council take the necessary steps to apprise President Eisenhower's Committee on Physical Fitness that the American Turners are available and most willing to assist in a program of physical fitness for the youth and/or all age groups. Approved.

7. That the National per capita tax be increased from \$1.75 per year to \$2.50 per year.

Roll call vote by districts—95 $\frac{5}{8}$ for, 70 $\frac{3}{8}$ against, 6 not present, not voting.

DISTRICT	FEDERAL VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT PRESENT
New York	8	8	—	—
New England	17	17	—	—
Illinois	11	9 $\frac{5}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	—
St. Louis	4	4	—	—
Lake Erie	34	34	—	—
Western New York	5	5	—	—
Middle Atlantic	7	—	7	(by instruction)
Wisconsin	4	4	—	—
New Jersey	1	—	—	1
Central States	10	10	—	—
Minnesota	2	—	2	—
Upper Mississippi	21	—	21	(by instruction)
North Pacific	1	—	—	1
Southern California	2	—	—	2
Missouri	4	4	—	—
Rocky Mountain	1	—	—	1
South Bend	5	—	5	—
Western Pennsylvania	34	—	34	(by instruction)
Total	171	95 $\frac{5}{8}$	70 $\frac{3}{8}$	5

Turner Troester outlined the U.S. Government procedure as to taxes concerning Turner Societies.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Central States District, we recommend that the Dayton Liederkrantz Turners be retained in the American Turners upon payment of per capita tax on all their members as of 1 Jan., 1958. Approved.

9. That the National Office appoint a committee of three qualified persons to investigate the Turner physical education scholarships to determine if

the American Turners are receiving any value from them and report on this matter to the next convention. Approved.

Resolution by the Lake Erie District requesting the national office define the rights and privileges of a membership-at-large. This change in principle and statutes was passed at the Louisville Convention in 1956. See paragraph 102 of 1957 Edition of Principles and Statutes of the American Turners. No action taken by committee.

Resolution by the Missouri District that the Christmas Seal Program of the American Turners be promoted by the National Council in conjunction with all member Societies of the American Turners on a basis of 50% of the receipts going to the individual society distributing and selling these stamps. This resolution was defeated in Committee.

Resolution by Missouri District that the host city of the next National Festival through contact with the local Chamber of Commerce devise ways and means of gaining greater recognition and cooperation by offering the Festival as a benefit for a designated popular charity. This resolution was defeated in committee.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

JAMES SZILAGYI, Chairman

FORREST F. STEINLAGE, Secretary

At this point, Mrs. Zimmermann, Mrs. Wolff, and Mrs. Koelle representing the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 20th Biennial Auxiliary Convention were escorted to the Convention floor where they presented greetings and well wishes from the auxiliary for a successful Convention.

Chairman Zimmermann cordially thanked the Ladies for their greetings and good wishes.

Turner Woolworth asked the delegates for any additional reservations required for the banquet.

The Nominating Committee was requested to get together during the lunch hour to prepare their recommendations.

The Bowling Committee report was read by Turner Walter Kopp, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

To the 47th Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Bowling Committee convened with the following members present: Turners A. Kruwell, Jack Kovats, Frank Falkel, Leonard Bogue, Nick Meyer, Edward Timm, Ken Adler, Earl McGunigale, Wilfred Racker, and Walter Kopp.

The Committee elected Frank Falkel as Chairman and Walter Kopp as secretary.

The minutes of the Toledo meeting, 1957, were read and approved.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the requirements of paragraph 3 of the application for Bowling Survey be changed to read: "Each society making application must supply at least 16 alleys for men and ten allays for women." Approved.

2. That paragraph 5 of application for Bowling Survey be changed to read: "Each Society to pay 20 cents per entry to be used—10 cents to American Turners General Fund and 10 cents to American Turners Bowling Committee Fund. Consequently, the page 2 of Rules will be changed to read "Prize money \$2.00, Tournament expense 90 cents, National fee 20 cents." New England Candlepin Bowling Tournament—20 cent fee to go as follows: 10 cents to American Turner General Fund, 10 cents to New England Candlepin District Fund. Any expenses incurred by a representative of Region No. 1 to a National Bowling Committee meeting must be borne by the New England Bowling Committee Fund." Approved.

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3. All reservations shall be on a first come, first served "tentative" schedule, but will not be final until receipts of the official entry blank with fee, prior to closing date of reservation date, January 15th. Approved.

4. Add Item 10 to application form—"Applications for American Turners National Bowling Tournament must be submitted annually." Approved.

5. Bowling Entry Form be changed to read: a. "Your highest average of first preceding season." b. "City Association Secretary." Approved.

6. Change cost of trophies to read: "Cost of men's trophies to be a minimum of \$225.00 retail and women's trophies to be a minimum of \$125.00 retail." Approved.

7. Request that the men's Traveling Trophy for National Bowling be replated. Approved.

8. Recommend to the Nominating Committee the names of Turners Frank Falkel and Wilfred Racker for National Bowling Chairman. Referred to Nominating Committee.

A resolution was read by Ken Adler of American Turners-Detroit, and accepted for recommendation: "We recommend that all Turner societies seek full participation in the 1959 American Turners National Bowling Tournament to be held by Americans Turners-Detroit." Approved

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

FRANK FALKEL, Chairman

WALTER KOPP, Secretary

Following the report of the Committee, Turner Frank Falkel, National Bowling Chairman read the financial report:

Income, 1958 New England Candle Pin Touranment.....	\$ 62.70
American Turners, Toledo Tournament.....	763.50
Total Balance of Bowling Fund.....	\$1,380.89

FRANK FALKEL, Chairman

WALTER W. KOPP, Secretary

REPORT OF NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

To the 47th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The National Publication and Publicity Committee opened its meeting with the following assigned delegates present: Turners John J. Quero, Louis Baker, August C. Andre, and Grace E. Dreher.

The Committee elected Turner John Quero as Chairman and Turner Grace Dreher, as Secretary.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. We recommend to increase the interest of our National Convention and to enlighten our local membership of the purpose and benefits derived from our National Convention —
 - a. That all delegates when making either reports to their Districts and Societies explain the fundamental structure and organization of our National Turner movements and to interest more of our Turners to attend these very important National Conventions.
 - b. That our National Office also send this information to the entire membership through Turner Topics. Approved.
2. That a member or members of the National Council be represented in an advisory capacity in the planning of future Conventions. Approved.
3. That the minority report of the publicity committee, concerning the preparation of a Historical pamphlet outlining the activities of the American Turners which was adopted at the 1956 Convention be complied with. Amended as follows:

That the National Body prepare a historical pamphlet outlining the activities of the American Turners and such pamphlets be printed in sufficient quantities for individual societies to purchase same for distribution to their members, particularly new members, providing the National Council has proof that the Societies will make this feasible. Approved by rising vote overwhelmingly in favor of adoption.
4. Added upon request of Lake Erie District. We recommend that each Society of the Lake Erie District send by first class mail, to any of its members in the Service of the United States Armed Forces, together with their monthly bulletin, a copy of the American Turner Topics, furnished gratuitously by the National Council. Approved.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

JOHN J. QUERO, Chairman

GRACE E. DREHER, Secretary

Motion was made, seconded and carried to mimeograph the President's report for distribution to the delegates and alternates present at the Convention.

At this point—12:55 P.M.—the Convention recessed for lunch, to reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

THIRD SESSION

Tuesday Afternoon, 1 July, 1958

The Third Session of the 47th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order at 2:05 P.M. in the gymnasium of the Kansas City Turners, Kansas City, Missouri, by Chairman Joseph Zimmermann.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the reading of minutes of the previous session was omitted.

It was announced that the afternoon session would adjourn at 4:30 P.M. on account of the Banquet to be held Tuesday evening.

Chairman Zimmermann called for the report of the Committee on Principles Statutes, and Grievances, which was read by Turner Elmer Crook.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES, AND GRIEVANCES

To the 47th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Committee met with the following members present: Turners Osborne, Crook, Westermeyer, Johnson, Troester, Fleischman, Diamant, Lauppe, and Franck.

The Committee elected Turner Elmer Crook as Chairman and Dr. Lauppe, as Secretary.

The following resolutions were favorably acted upon:

1. Amend paragraph 33 of the Statutes to read: "The Regional Councilors shall be elected by incumbent council from three nominations by the districts comprising the region, prior to a convention, and certifying to the convention as the duly elected member to represent the region as a member of council. All nominees for regional councilors must be residents of the region which nominated them." Amended to read: "The Regional Councilors shall be elected by incumbent council from nominations from the respective region. . . ."

Defeated by Roll Call vote: 44 for — 122 against; 5 not present.

DISTRICT	FEDERAL VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT PRESENT
New York	8	8	—	—
New England	17	—	17	—
Illinois	11	—	11	—
St. Louis	4	—	4	—
Lake Erie	34	1	33	—
Western New York	5	—	5	—
Middle Atlantic	7	—	7	—
Wisconsin	4	—	4	—
New Jersey	1	—	—	1
Central States	10	10	—	—

Minnesota	2	—	2	—
Upper Mississippi	21	21	—	—
North Pacific	1	—	—	1
Southern California	2	—	—	2
Missouri	4	4	—	—
Rocky Mountain	1	—	—	1
South Bend	5	—	5	—
Western Pennsylvania	34	—	34	—
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Total	171	44	122	5

2. Amend paragraph 85 (1957 edition) and paragraph 81 (1951 edition) by deleting "must contain a provision that in the event of the dissolution of the society any remaining assets shall become the property of the American Turners." Motion made, seconded, and carried that the resolution be amended to read: delete "such copy of the society statutes must contain the provision that in the event of dissolution of the society any remaining assets shall become the property of the American Turners." Approved unanimously as amended.

3. Amend the first sentence of paragraph 109 of the Statutes of the American Turners (1957 edition) to read as follows: "109. Each society shall pay to the American Turners an annual per capita tax of \$2.50 for each of its members, regardless of the type or name of the membership issued, whether such member does or does not pay dues or other fees." Defeated by roll call vote: 72 for — 94 against — 5 not present.

DISTRICT	FEDERAL VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT PRESENT
New York	8	—	8	—
New England	17	—	17	—
Illinois	11	11	—	—
St. Louis	4	4	—	—
Lake Erie	34	34	—	—
Western New York	5	5	—	—
Middle Atlantic	7	—	7 (by instruction)	—
Wisconsin	4	4	—	—
New Jersey	1	—	—	1
Central States	10	10	—	—
Minnesota	2	—	2	—
Upper Mississippi	21	—	21 (by instruction)	—
North Pacific	1	—	—	1
Southern California	2	—	—	2
Missouri	4	4	—	—
Rocky Mountain	1	—	—	—
South Bend	5	—	5	—
Western Pennsylvania	34	—	34 (by instruction)	—
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Total	171	72	94	5

Motion made, seconded, and carried to change the amount of annual per capita tax to \$2.25. Approved by roll call vote: 127 for — 39 against — 5 not present.

DISTRICT	FEDERAL VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT PRESENT
New York	8	8	—	—
New England	17	17	—	—
Illinois	11	11	—	—
St. Louis	4	4	—	—
Lake Erie	34	34	—	—
Western New York	5	5	—	—
Middle Atlantic	7	7 (by instructions)	—	—
Wisconsin	4	4	—	—
New Jersey	1	—	—	1
Central States	10	10	—	—
Minnesota	2	2	—	—
Upper Mississippi	21	21	—	—
North Pacific	1	—	—	1
Southern California	2	—	—	2
Missouri	4	4	—	—
Rocky Mountain	1	—	—	1
South Bend	5	—	5	—
Western Pennsylvania	34	—	34	—
Total	171	127	39	5

4. Amend the statutes of the American Turners (1957 edition) by adding paragraph 110a to read as follows: "110a. Twenty-five cents of the national per capita tax shall be set aside in a special fund to be used and expended only for the purpose of a National Festival." Approved unanimously.

5. Amend the first paragraph of paragraph 111 of the Statutes of the American Turners (1957 edition) to read as follows: "111. The National Council shall set aside in a separate fund, seventy-five cents of the national per capita tax." Approved by roll call vote: 145 for — 21 against — 5 not present.

DISTRICT	FEDERAL VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT PRESENT
New York	8	8	—	—
New England	17	17	—	—
Illinois	11	11	—	—
St. Louis	4	4	—	—
Lake Erie	34	34	—	—
Western New York	5	5	—	—
Middle Atlantic	7	7	—	—
Wisconsin	4	4	—	—
New Jersey	1	—	—	1
Central States	10	10	—	—
Minnesota	2	2	—	—
Upper Mississippi	21	—	21	—
North Pacific	1	—	—	1
Southern California	2	—	—	2

Missouri	4	4	—	—
Rocky Mountain	1	—	—	1
South Bend	5	5	—	—
Western Pennsylvania	34	34	—	—
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Total	171	145	21	5

The following resolutions submitted to the committee were rejected in committee:

1. Resolved that the Statutes of the American Turners to be amended on the election of the Regional members of council. "Par. 33. The Regional Councilors shall be elected by the District or Districts comprising the Region and shall be certified to the convention as duly elected members of Council to represent the Region. The nominee for Regional Councilors must be resident members of the Region which elects them."

2. Recommend the following addition to paragraph 12 (1957 edition). "That National Convention shall not convene in a week in which a National holiday is scheduled."

3. Paragraph 109 (1957 edition) That the following portion of the statutes be deleted: "Forty Year Honorary Members who have been duly recognized by the National Council shall be exempted from the payment of the per capita tax." Further delete: "Forty year honorary members may become fifty year honorary members, upon becoming eligible by years of membership, upon application by the society. Such membership must also be recognized by the National Council before such a member can be named as a fifty year Honorary Member."

4. Paragraph 179 (1957 edition) be amended to read: "Proposed revision and amendments to the Principles and Statutes, respectively, must be submitted to the National Council in writing not later than sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention. The National Council shall forward copies of such proposed revisions and amendments to each district forty-five days prior to the Convention."

5. Resolved that the presiding officer of each National Convention be the National Presidents of the American Turners (add as paragraph 27a).

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

ELMER CROOK, Chairman

DR. LAUPPE, Secretary

In view of the action taken on recommendations of Principles, Statutes, and Grievance Committee, no further action was required on recommendations 3 and 4 of the Finance Committee.

Turner Frank Falkel submitted a minority report on recommendation 2 of the Bowling Committee Report.

MINORITY REPORT ON BOWLING COMMITTEE

The undersigned submits the following recommendation on item 2 of the Bowling Committee Report:

2. That paragraph 5 of application for Bowling Survey be changed to read: "Each participant to pay 20 cents per entry to be used as follows: 10 cents to American Turners General Fund and 10 cents to National Bowling Fund." This changes rules on Page two to read "Prize money \$2.00, tournament expense 90 cents, National fee 20 cents. New England Candlepin Tournament shall abide by the same national fee rule."

/s/ FRANK FALKEL

Approved as recommended in minority report.

Chairman Zimmermann next called for a report of the Nominating Committee, and appointed Turners Ken Adler, Jack Kovats, and James Szilagyi as Tellers for the election of officers.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the 47th National Convention of the American Turners:
Greetings:

The committee met with the following members present: Turners Louis Baker, Jack Kovats, Stephen H. Reskovitz, Arvo Tuikka, Lee Osborne, George Kuettner, Earl McGunigale, Erwin O. Kunau, John M. Stocker, Louis L. Fleischman, Forrest F. Steinlage, Russell Dreher, Walter Kopp, and Roy Boethelt.

The committee elected Louis Baker as chairman and Walter Kopp as secretary.

Recommended for the Office of

President:

Edward Groth, Louisville, Kentucky.

Carl R. Anderson, Moline, Illinois

First Vice-President:

George J. Jacquin, Buffalo, New York.

Second Vice-President:

Stephen H. Reskovitz, Wilmington, Delaware

John M. Stocker, Buffalo, New York

Chairman of National Health and Physical Education Committee:

Henry Schroeder, New York, New York

Harry Warnken, American Turners-Detroit, Detroit, Michigan

Chairman of National Cultural Education Committee:

Sara G. Palmer, American Turners-Detroit, Detroit, Michigan

Chairman of National Bowling Committee:

Frank Falkel, Syracuse, New York

Wilfred Racker, Toledo, Ohio

Trustees of the American Turner Endowment Trust:

No recommendation

Regional Councilors:

Region No. 1 — Bruno Pietuchoff, Lawrence, Mass.

Region No. 2 — Robert Stahl, Brooklyn, New York

Region No. 3 — Frank Scholl, South Side Indianapolis, Ind.

Region No. 4 — James Szilagyi, Cleveland, Ohio

Region No. 5 — Walter W. Kopp, Madison, Wisconsin

Region No. 6 — Al Warr, Kansas City, Missouri

Region No. 7 — Willi Franck, Moline, Illinois

Region No. 8 — Otto Nell, Sr., Los Angeles, California

Region No. 9 — Clifford E. Anderson, Rochester, Pennsylvania

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

LOUIS BAKER, Chairman

WALTER W. KOPP, Secretary

The Chairman ordered the Report received by the Convention and stated that, in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes, additional nominations for all offices would be permitted from the floor.

The Chairman stated that the following simplified procedure would be used in casting ballots: One blank ballot to be handed to the Chairman of each District delegation to be used for indicating the votes for the candidates for the office to be filled. Each District delegation would then caucus and determine the number of Federal Votes which it desired to cast for each candidate and the Chairman would be responsible for marking the ballot in accordance with the result of the caucus and for delivering the ballot to the Tellers. The Chairman further stated that the Tellers in cooperation with the officers of the Convention will check the total number of votes cast by each District against the Federal Votes to which the District is entitled, and that thereupon the Tellers would count the votes.

No objection to this method of voting was raised from the floor and the Chairman ordered that this procedure would be followed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that if there was only one nominee for an office, there would be no ballot taken of the delegates. The Convention Secretary would cast one ballot for the election of the nominee. Motion carried.

Chairman Zimmermann announced that the next order of business would be the election of the President, for which there were two nominees, Turner Edward Groth of Louisville and Turner Carl R. Anderson of Moline. There being no further nominations from the floor, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for President.

Tellers announced that the votes for President were as follows:

Edward Groth	101½
Carl R. Anderson	64½
Not present	5

Chairman Zimmermann declared Turner Edward Groth elected President of the American Turners. Turner Groth expressed his thanks for the confidence of the members and pledged continuance of his efforts in behalf of the American Turners.

Chairman declared the Convention ready to proceed with the election of a First Vice-President and that Turner George Jacquin of Buffalo had been nominated, and asked for further nominations. Turner Carl Anderson was nominated, but he declined the nomination. There being no further nominations, motion was made, seconded, and carried that the nominations be closed. The secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner George Jacquin, and he was declared duly elected.

Turner Jacquin thanked the delegates and stated he would fulfill the office to the best of his ability.

Turner Ken Adler asked permission to make an announcement, and permission was granted. He stated the Volleyball has now been included in the Olympic Games and that the Turners are now represented on this committee. Turner Gordon Adler, Jr., has been appointed on the committee for women for the Olympic Games and Turner Ken Adler has been appointed Vice-Chairman on the committee for men for the Olympic Games. This action can be of considerable value in the matter of recognition for the American Turners, and this announcement was greeted with a hearty round of applause.

At this point — 4:30 P.M. — the afternoon session was adjourned, to reconvene at 9:30 on Wednesday, 2 July, 1958.

FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday Morning, 2 July, 1958

The Fourth Session of the 47th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order by Chairman Joseph Zimmermann at 9:30 A.M. in the Gymnasium of the Kansas City Turners, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Convention Chairman called for the election of a Second Vice-President, and stated that Turner Stephen H. Reskovitz of Wilmington and John Stocker of Buffalo had been nominated. Turner Stocker declined the nomination in favor of Turner Reskovitz, and since there were no further nominations, motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations. The Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Stephen Reskovitz as Second Vice-President, and he was declared duly elected.

Turner Reskovitz thanked the delegates and promised to do his best for the American Turners.

The Chairman announced the next order of business would be election of a Chairman for the National Health and Physical Education Committee, for which Turners Henry Schroeder of New York and Harry Warnken of Detroit had been nominated. There being no further nominations from the floor, motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations. A ballot was taken with the following results:

Harry Warnken	86½
Henry Schroeder	79½
Not present	5

Chairman declared Turner Harry Warnken duly elected as Chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee.

Turner Warnken expressed the hope that he would be able to do a job that would compare favorably with that of his predecessors.

Turner Schroeder congratulated Turner Warnken and offered his help for the coming National Festival and urged everyone else to do their utmost for the success of the Festival.

The Chairman declared the next election would be for the office of Chairman of the National Cultural Education Committee, for which Turner Sara G. Palmer had been nominated. There being no further nominations from the floor, motion was made, seconded, and carried that the nominations be closed. Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Sara G. Palmer, who was then declared duly elected.

Turner Palmer expressed her thanks for the confidence placed in her and asked for the cooperation of all Turners in the Cultural Education Program. Turner Louis Baker also urged full support for the Chairman of the National Cultural Education Committee.

The Convention Chairman ordered the Convention to proceed with the election of a Chairman for the National Bowling Committee, for which Turners Frank Falkel of Syracuse and Wilfred Racker of Toledo had been nominated. Turner Edward Timm of Beaver Falls was nominated from the floor. There being no further nominations, motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations.

At this point Chairman Zimmermann relinquished the chair to Vice-Chairman Arthur Marthaler.

The vote for Bowling Chairman resulted as follows:

Wilfred Racker	101½
Edward Timm	44
Frank Falkel	10½
Not present	5
Not voting	1

Turner Wilfred Racker was declared duly elected as Chairman of the National Bowling Committee and he thanked the delegates for this honor.

Turner Edward Timm congratulated Turner Racker and offered his help.

Vice-Chairman Marthaler declared the nominations open for Trustee of the American Turner Endowment Trust. Turner Ed Hohenstein of St. Louis and Turner Carl Anderson of Moline were nominated from the floor. There being no further nominations, motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations.

Vote resulted as follows:

Carl Anderson	152
Edward Hohenstein	14
Not present	5

Turner Carl Anderson was declared duly elected Trustee of the American Turner Endowment Trust.

Turner Anderson thanked the delegates and promised to fulfill the requirements of this office to the best of his ability.

Vice-Chairman Marthaler declared the Convention ready to proceed with the election of the Regional Councilors for the nine Regions of the American Turners, and asked in succession for additional nominations for each region. There being no further nominations from the floor, motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations and the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for nominees of each region.

The Chair then declared the following duly elected as Regional Councilors:

Region No. 1 — Bruno Pietuchoff

Region No. 2 — Robert Stahl

Region No. 3 — Frank Scholl

Region No. 4 — James Szilagyi

Region No. 5 — Walter W. Kopp

Region No. 6 — Al Warr

Region No. 7 — Willi Franck

Region No. 8 — Otto Nell, Sr.

Region No. 9 — Clifford E. Anderson

Vice-Chairman Marthaler discharged the Nominating Committee and Tellers with thanks for a fine job well done.

Turner Al Warr of Kansas City read the following letter from Dr. O'Keefe, regretting her inability to accept the invitation to speak at the Convention Banquet:

"My dear Mr. Warr:

I have just returned from attending a meeting of all Presidents of Departments in the National Education Association and found your kind invitation on my desk: I consider it an honor to be asked to be your speaker and I hope that you realize how sincere my regrets are. I am leaving Sunday morning, June 29th, to attend the National Education Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. I will return on July 5th. I consider this a most unfortunate situation as I hold the work that the Kansas City Turners do in Kansas City to be most worth while. The work that you do is valuable to youth and to oldsters and I wish I could participate in celebrating your Centennial year.

When I first came to Kansas City to teach, quite some years ago, I immediately became a member of the Turnverein. The association with others interested in fitness and social activities meant a great deal to me as a young person and certainly it meant a great deal to me physically. I wish that I could have continued my association with members of this organization but it seemed as if other activities became so demanding that I had to forego this opportunity and pleasure.

Thank you sincerely, Mr. Warr, for thinking of me as a speaker and I truly regret that I must decline.

Sincerely yours,

PATTRIC RUTH O'KEEFE, Director
Health and Physical Education"

Turner Kunau of Kansas City spoke on the Kansas City Turner Park and urged the Turners to join the Kansas City Turners in furthering the Eisenhower National Physical Fitness Program and support it to the fullest extent. He also announced that the Kansas City Turners are planning to erect a monument of the Discobolus on their new site.

The next order of business was unfinished business.

The delegates and officers observed a moment of silence in respect for the members of the American Turners who passed away since the last convention, especially for Oscar Simmen, Instructor of the Western Pennsylvania District.

Turner Groth suggested the convention send a telegram to Turner Fred Olt of Dayton, Ohio, who had attended every convention since he became a member, but was unable to be in Kansas City due to illness. Secretary was instructed to send the following telegram:

"American Turners Forty-Seventh Convention deeply regrets your inability to attend. We miss you and wish you a speedy recovery."

NEW BUSINESS

Turner Henry Schroeder stated that it has been assumed that Louisville would hold the National Festival in 1959 at the State Fair Grounds. Turner Groth issued the official invitation and asked for the fullest cooperation and participation in the Festival. He read the following letter from the Louisville Chamber of Commerce:

"Dear Dr. Eklund:

I have been in touch with Mr. Edward Groth and Mr. Joseph Weissmueller here in Louisville, and they and the Louisville Turners group are very interested in having your 1959 Festival in this city.

It is my understanding that Mr. Weissmueller will present the necessary information to your group at the meeting in Kansas City later on this month. May I assure you that if this festival does come to Louisville in 1959 that you would have the utmost cooperation from the Convention Division from the Louisville Chamber of Commerce and we would do everything in our power to see that this festival was indeed a successful one.

We shall look forward to meeting you personally and working very closely with you if Louisville is chosen as your 1959 Festival Site.

Cordially yours,

LOUIS C. TINGLEY, JR.
Manager Convention Division"

Motion was made and seconded to award Louisville Turners, at Louisville, Kentucky the National Festival for 1959. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next order of business was choosing the site for the 48th National Convention of the American Turners.

Bids were received from Buffalo, New York; Detroit, Michigan; Akron, Ohio; Toledo, Ohio; and Rochester, New York.

Turner John Stocker, speaking for Buffalo, New York, withdrew the Buffalo bid in favor of Rochester, New York.

Turner Arvo Tuikka of New England District presented a bid for Springfield, Massachusetts, but withdrew in favor of Rochester, New York.

Turner Russell Dreher, President of American Turners-Detroit, withdrew in favor of Rochester, New York.

Turner Wilfred Racker, speaking for Toledo, Ohio, withdrew in favor of Rochester, New York.

Turner James Szilagyi, speaking for Akron, Ohio, withdrew in favor of Rochester, New York.

The following telegram from Mayor Peter Barry and William H. Gannett, Executive Secretary of the Rochester Convention and Publicity Bureau was read:

"Your Rochester members, city officials, and the staff at the Rochester Convention Bureau eagerly look forward to being host to the American Turners National Convention in 1960. Here's hoping you have a most successful convention in Kansas City. Please express our best wishes to your officers and delegates."

Turner Roger Catlin, President of Rochester Turners, New York, outlined the activities at Rochester and informed the Convention of the results of the open house which was held on May 29th. He assured us that the convention will receive maximum publicity.

Motion was made by Turner L. Fleischman and overwhelmingly seconded that the 1960 Convention—the 48th National Convention—be held at Rochester, New York. Motion carried by voice vote.

Turner Jack Kovats spoke about the wonderful speech made by Mayor H. Roe Bartle of Kansas City at the Convention Banquet and motion was made seconded and carried to send "His Worship" a letter of thanks.

Turner Edward Groth stated he would attempt to get Mayor Bartle and Governor "Happy" Chandler of Kentucky together for the National Festival.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to send Mayor Peter Barry a letter signifying acceptance of his invitation to hold the 48th National Convention of the American Turners at Rochester, New York.

Vice-Chairman Marthaler advised that a tape recording was made of Mayor Bartle's speech and it will be available to societies through the National Office.

Turner Zimmermann requested financial information on Rochester, New York Turners from Dr. Eklund and Marshall Troester.

Telegram received from Turner Alfred Kierschner, Past President of the American Turners was read:

"Deeply regret circumstances make it impossible to attend Convention. Hearty greetings to all delegates and best wishes for successful convention and better future for American Turners."

Turner Westermeyer of St. Louis District submitted the following recommendation: "That paragraph 109 of the Statutes of the American Turners captioned 'per capita tax' be strictly enforced by the National Council and any society failing to comply with its provisions be reported to the next convention for disciplinary action or explanation."

No action could be taken to change the statutes, however, this matter could be directed to Council and submitted to next convention for consideration. Motion was made, seconded, and carried that this be done.

Dr. Eklund announced that many districts and societies have not been using the new address for the National Office and stated that cards bearing the new address were available and anyone desiring a card should obtain one before they leave the convention.

Turner Henry Schroeder announced that the American Turners would participate in the Munich Turnfest in July, 1958, and that tours had been planned from various parts of the country for Turners and guests to attend the Turnfest.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to send a letter of good wishes to the German Festival Committee from the American Turners which Turner Schroeder could take with him. The following letter was prepared to Dr. Fritz Dommel, Bundes Turnwart:

"The 47th National Convention convening on this date (2 July, 1958) in Kansas City, sends greetings to the Deutscher Turnerbund and extends its best wishes for a successful Turnfest in the city of Munich."

Turner Harry Warnken advised that the 1959 National Festival would be held approximately the latter part of June and urged societies to start plugging immediately for participants and funds in order to have a good representation.

Turner Larry Woolworth of Kansas City Turners announced that there were still some souvenir glasses available.

Turner Arthur Marthaler, speaking as Vice-President of the Illinois Districts, stated he was happy to hear that turner halls are beginning to work on new buildings and that societies were being revitalized. He outlined the building program for Northwest Chicago. Turner Kempcke discussed their prospectus of their building which will cost approximately \$650,000 and will take one more year to complete.

Turner George Jacquin asked that everyone do their utmost to obtain contributions for the Endowment Trust Fund which has become very important to the American Turners.

Motion made by Turner Szilagyi to thank the Kansas City Turners for their hospitality during this Convention. Motion was overwhelmingly seconded and carried.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried thanking the officers for conducting the convention in such an excellent manner.

Turner Stephen Reskovitz spoke briefly on the importance of the Endowment Trust Fund.

Turner Wilfred Racker, as Chairman of the National Bowling Committee, announced that plans for the 1959 Bowling Tournament at Detroit, Michigan, were well under way and urged all societies to participate.

Chairman Joseph Zimmermann discharged all committees with thanks, and thanked Turner Troester and all convention officers for their cooperation.

There being no further business and no further announcements, the 47th National Convention of the American Turners was declared adjourned at 12:25 P.M. by Chairman Zimmermann.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

JOSEPH J. ZIMMERMANN, Chairman

ARTHUR MARTHALER, Vice-Chairman

PAULINE M. STEPHENS, Secretary

KEN ADLER, Assistant Secretary