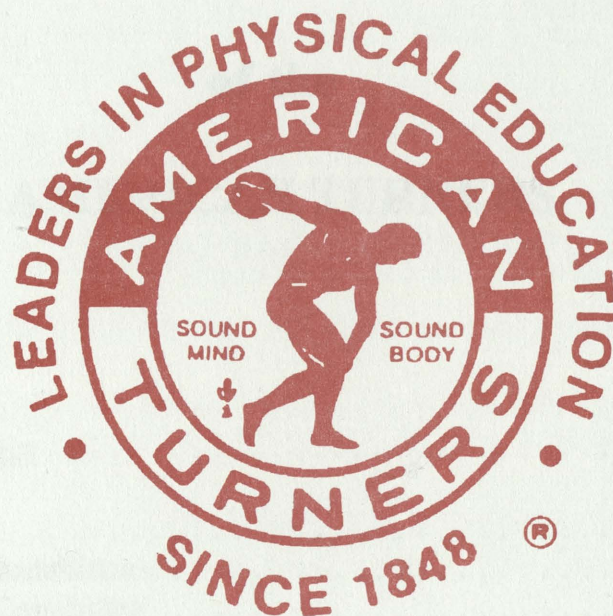


# AMERICAN TURNERS



## 66TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

(PART B)  
MINUTES

Louisville, Kentucky  
August 2, 3, & 4, 1996

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE  
AMERICAN TURNERS CONVENTION**

**August 2 to 4, 1996**

**FIRST SESSION**

The 66th Convention of the American Turners convened at 7:30 PM on Friday, August 2, 1996 at the American Turners Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky.

The U.S. and American Turners colors were presented by Jessica Link, Guard; Abby Barger, American Flag; Nicole Traud, Guard; and Ben Koch, American Turner Flag. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the convention body.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Turners who have passed away.

President Walter F. Pfister introduced past national presidents, George Jacquin (WNY), Warren Dalbke (IL), William Meyer (IL), Eldon Zahm (CS), and Edwin Colton (IL).

Larry Link, President of American Turners Louisville, gave the convention a welcoming address.

President Pfister introduced the National Officers and Chairmen, including Jerry Jacquin, First Vice President; Daisy Leidy, Second Vice President; Betty Hepner, Health and Physical Education; Barbara Riley, Cultural Education; and Dick Barnes, Bowling. The Endowment Fund Trustees were introduced, including George Jacquin, President; Dick Barnes, Vice President; William Meyer, Secretary-Treasurer; Ted Wiethop, Jr., Trustee; Daisy Leidy, Trustee; and Eldon Zahm, Trustee.

Ed Colton (IL) read a letter addressed to American Turners from the American Sokol Organization, which is included in the First Session minutes.

President Pfister read a Proclamation from Governor Paul E. Patton of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which proclaims August 2nd through 4th, 1996 as American Turner Weekend. The proclamation is included in the First Session minutes.

President Pfister appointed Temporary Chairman, Steve Barger (CS). He then appointed temporary Co-Secretaries, Kathi Colton (IL) and Gail Goetz (NY).

Temporary Chairman, Steve Barger called for the report of the Credentials Committee. Ted Wiethop Jr. gave the report from the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee recommended that Jan Roberts be seated as a delegate to the convention. Marion Oppelt (NY) made the motion to seat E. Jan Roberts, seconded by Louise Horn (NY). Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to accept the Credential Committee Report by Willa Barger (CS) and seconded by Darryl Evans (CS). Motion carried unanimously. Total number of federal votes for the 1996 National Convention is 171. The majority will be 114 votes.

Motion was made by Eldon Zahm (CS) and seconded by Forrest Steinlage to nominate Steve Barger (CS) as Convention Chairman. Motion carried.

## MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION (Continued)

Motion was made by Dick Wolff (CS) to nominate Charlie Gamble (CS) as Convention Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Marion Oppelt (NY) to nominate Kathi Colton as Convention Co-Secretary. Motion carried. Motion was made by Jim Goetz (NY) to nominate Gail Goetz as Convention Co-Secretary. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Willa Barger (CS) to nominate Debbie Burton (CS) as Parliamentarian. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Warren Dalbke (IL) to nominate Frank Lynch (WPA) for Sergeant at Arms. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee Report was given by John Neal (CS). Nominated were President, Walter Pfister; First Vice President, Jerry Jacquin; Second Vice President, Daisy Leidy; Health and Physical Education Chairperson, Betty Heppner; Cultural Education Chairperson, Barbara Riley; Bowling Committee, Edwin Keller. A motion to accept the report was made by Warren Dalbke (IL), seconded by Mark Erlston (MA). Motion carried.

Three tally clerks were appointed by Chairman Barger: Ron Kraemer (CS), Dennis Zeller (STL), and Frank Heede (MA). Seconding speeches were given by John Neal (CS) to reelect Eldon Zahm for Endowment Trust Fund Trustee; Bill Meyer (IL) to elect Ed Colton for Endowment Trust Fund Trustee; Dick Barnes, National Bowling Chairman, to elect Ed Keller (CS) as the National Bowling Chairman; Mark Erlston (MA) to elect Daisy Leidy as Second National Vice President; Eldon Zahm (CS) for Ed Keller. Further nominations were requested from the floor. There were no further nominations. Craig Snizek (IL) made a motion to cast one ballot to elect all National Officers with the exception of the Endowment Fund Trustee. Motion was seconded by John Neal (CS). Motion carried.

The chairperson of each district was given a ballot to vote for the Endowment Trust Fund Trustee. Ed Colton was elected with 93 votes, with Eldon Zahm receiving 78 votes.

Chairman Barger appointed a committee of three: Linda Beha-Williams, Jerri Wendeln, and Willa Barger to send the greetings of the National Convention to the American Turners Auxiliary. Angie Trummer of the Ladies Auxiliary extended greetings to the Convention and gave a history of the Auxiliary.

Betty Heppner made a presentation to Arnold Trummer (STL) of a red sweater. This is the first ever Physical Education Committee Hall of Fame Award, which was given to Arnold because of his many years of dedication and service to the Health and Physical Education Committee.

Chairman Barger announced the schedule and locations for Committee Meetings, as well as the Banquet and Entertainment planned for Saturday night.

Motion was made by Warren Dalbke (IL) to adjourn, and seconded by Willa Barger (CS). The first session adjourned at 8:36 PM, to reconvene at 9:30 AM, Sunday, August 4th.

## MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION (Continued)

### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

The Credentials Committee was called to order at 3:00 PM by Temporary Chairman, Theodore Wiethop, Jr. The name of Theodore Wiethop, Jr. (STL) was placed in nomination for Permanent Chairman. Nominations were closed. The name of T. Roger Steele (NE) was placed in nomination for Secretary. Nominations were closed. Ted Wiethop, Jr. was elected Permanent Chairman. T. Roger Steele was elected Secretary.

#### The following were in attendance:

Eldon Zahm	Central States
Ann Trankle	Illinois
William Severns	Lake Erie
Frank Heede	Middle Atlantic
T. Roger Steele	New England
George Lord	New Jersey
Christel Pfister	New York
Theodore Wiethop, Jr.	St. Louis
M. Phyllis Dengler	Upper Mississippi
George J. Jacquin	Western New York
Tom Eiler	Western Pennsylvania

#### Federal Votes are as follows:

Central States	- 37
Illinois District	- 36
Lake Erie	- 7
Middle Atlantic	- 11
New England	- 21
New Jersey	- 1
New York	- 10
St. Louis	- 7
Upper Mississippi	- 9
Western New York	- 1
Western Pennsylvania	- 22
Western United States	- 2 (1 - Los Angeles, 1 - Denver)
Wisconsin District	- 5
Member At Large	- 1

TOTAL FEDERAL VOTES: 171

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY: 114

The Credentials Committee recommended that E. Jan Roberts be seated.

\*\*Delegation Chairperson

## MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION (Continued)

### CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT: - 37 Federal Votes

Flo Bade  
Richard Bade  
Steve Barger  
Willa Barger  
Tony Barker  
Betty Barnes  
Linda Beha  
Debbie Burton  
Mike Carroll  
Charles Chambers  
Cookie Chambers  
Ken Chevalier  
Darryl Evans  
Renee Fenstermaker  
Becky Frye  
James Frye

Charles Gamble  
Robert Gatchell  
Shirley Gatchell  
Randy Groger  
Edwin Keller  
Ron Kramer  
Don Miller  
Mike Miller  
John Neal  
Rick Parker  
Gary Riley  
Jim Roberts  
Mark Royer  
Dona Schaefer

Dot Steinlage  
Forrest Steinlage  
Robert Swan  
Jerri Wendeln  
Richard Wolff  
Dina Zahn  
Eldon Zahn\*\*

### ILLINOIS DISTRICT

#### - 36 Federal Votes

Cheryl Bothfeld  
Lucille Bothfeld  
Mike Breunig  
Kim Brooks  
Edwin Colton  
Gary Colton  
Kathi Colton  
Warren Dalbke\*\*  
Helen Farny  
Jack Farny

Sharon Hirth  
Barbara Hugi  
Roy Hugi  
Joan Jacquin  
Art Johnson  
William Meyer  
Sue Orcutt  
Jim Raab

Dee Schnell  
Richard Schnell  
Walter Schrader  
Craig Sniezek  
Jerry Springer  
Joanne Springer  
August Thomas  
Jim Thompson  
Ann Trankle  
Judith Tullock

### LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

#### - 7 Federal Votes

Glen Barnard  
Jerry Bunts  
Roger Johnson  
Kay Kitson  
Paul Schneider

William Severns\*\*  
Ruth Vera

### MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT

#### - 11 Federal Votes

Mark Erlston  
Jane Fritts  
Frank Heede\*\*  
Judy Heede

Dan Kirk  
Phil Klabunde  
Marie Rosendale  
Ed Stephen

### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

#### - 21 Federal Votes

T. Roger Steele\*\*

\*\*Delegation Chairperson

## MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION (Continued)

### NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

- 1 Federal Vote

George Lord

### NEW YORK DISTRICT

- 10 Federal Votes

Ferdinand Beinert  
Mary Jo Bursig  
Gail Goetz  
James Goetz  
Louise Horn

Lorraine Lorento  
James Nugent  
Karl Oppelt  
Marion Oppelt\*\*  
Christel Pfister

### ST. LOUIS DISTRICT

- 7 Federal Votes

Carol Gibbons  
Virginia Serb  
Arnold Trummer

Harry W. Warnken  
Charles A. Wiethop  
Ted Wiethop Jr\*\*  
Dennis Zeller

### UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

- 9 Federal Votes

M. Phyllis Dengler\*\*

Richard Burke

### WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT

- 1 Federal Vote

George Jacquin\*\*

### WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT- 22 Federal Votes

Jim Bubeck  
Tom Eiler  
Millard Grumbling\*\*  
Margaret Judy

Eugene Keyser  
Frank Lynch  
George Petrick  
Robert Robison

John Tuffie  
Nellie Volker  
Robert J. Volker

### WESTERN UNITED STATES

- 2 Federal Votes  
(1 for Los Angeles, 1 for Denver)

E. Jan Roberts\*\* (for Los Angeles)

### WISCONSIN DISTRICT

- 5 Federal Votes

Rose Marie Barber  
Carol Udovich

Albert Udovich\*\*

### MEMBER AT LARGE

Mary Wolff

\*\*Delegation Chairperson

# MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION (Continued)

## DELEGATES LISTED BY COMMITTEE

### BOWLING COMMITTEE

Flo Bade	Central States	Edwin Keller	Central States
Richard Bade	Central States	Ron Kramer	Central States
Steve Barger	Central States	Don Miller	Central States
Willa Barger	Central States	Mike Miller	Central States
Tony Barker	Central States	John Neal	Central States
Betty Barnes	Central States	Rick Parker	Central States
Linda Beha	Central States	Gary Riley	Central States
Debbie Burton	Central States	Jim Roberts	Central States
Mike Carroll	Central States	Mark Royer	Central States
Charles Chambers	Central States	Dona Schaefer	Central States
Cookie Chambers	Central States	Dot Steinlage	Central States
Ken Chevalier	Central States	Forrest Steinlage	Central States
Darryl Evans	Central States	Robert Swan	Central States
Renee Fenstermaker	Central States	Jerri Wendeln	Central States
Becky Frye	Central States	Richard Wolff	Central States
James Frye	Central States	Dina Zahm	Central States
Charles Gamble	Central States	Eldon Zahm	Central States
Robert Gatchell	Central States		
Shirley Gatchell	Central States		
Randy Groger	Central States		

Jim Raab	Illinois	Gail Goetz	New York
Craig Sniezek	Illinois		
Ann Trankle**	Illinois	Theodore Wiethop, Jr.	St. Louis
		Dennis Zeller	St. Louis
Paul Schneider	Lake Erie		
		Eugene Keyser	Western Pennsylvania
Judy Heede	Middle Atlantic	E. Jan Roberts	Western United States

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Flo Bade	Central States	Edwin Keller	Central States
Richard Bade	Central States	Ron Kramer	Central States
Steve Barger	Central States	Don Miller	Central States
Willa Barger	Central States	Mike Miller	Central States
Tony Barker	Central States	John Neal	Central States
Betty Barnes	Central States	Rick Parker	Central States
Linda Beha	Central States	Gary Riley	Central States
Debbie Burton	Central States	Jim Roberts	Central States
Mike Carroll	Central States	Mark Royer	Central States
Charles Chambers	Central States	Dona Schaefer	Central States
Cookie Chambers	Central States	Dot Steinlage	Central States
Ken Chevalier	Central States	Forrest Steinlage	Central States
Darryl Evans	Central States	Robert Swan	Central States
Renee Fenstermaker	Central States	Jerri Wendeln	Central States
Becky Frye	Central States	Richard Wolff	Central States
James Frye	Central States	Dina Zahm	Central States
Charles Gamble	Central States	Eldon Zahm	Central States
Robert Gatchell	Central States		
Shirley Gatchell	Central States		
Randy Groger	Central States		

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# MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION (Continued)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued):

Cheryl Bothfeld	Illinois	James Nugent	New York
Lucille Bothfeld**	Illinois	Karl Oppelt	New York
Dee Schnell	Illinois		
Bill Meyer	Illinois	Charles Wiethop	St. Louis
		Theodore Wiethop, Jr.	St. Louis
Frank Heede	Middle Atlantic		
Dan Kirk	Middle Atlantic	Robert Robison	Western Pennsylvania
Marie Rosendale	Middle Atlantic	John Tuffie	Western Pennsylvania
Ed Stephen	Middle Atlantic	Robert Volker	Western Pennsylvania
Mark Erlston	Middle Atlantic		
		E. Jan Roberts	Western United States

## CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Flo Bade	Central States	Edwin Keller	Central States
Richard Bade	Central States	Ron Kramer	Central States
Steve Barger	Central States	Don Miller	Central States
Willa Barger	Central States	Mike Miller	Central States
Tony Barker	Central States	John Neal	Central States
Betty Barnes	Central States	Rick Parker	Central States
Linda Beha	Central States	Gary Riley	Central States
Debbie Burton	Central States	Jim Roberts	Central States
Mike Carroll	Central States	Mark Royer	Central States
Charles Chambers	Central States	Dona Schaefer	Central States
Cookie Chambers	Central States	Dot Steinlage	Central States
Ken Chevalier	Central States	Forrest Steinlage	Central States
Darryl Evans	Central States	Robert Swan	Central States
Renee Fenstermaker	Central States	Jerri Wendeln**	Central States
Becky Frye	Central States	Richard Wolff	Central States
James Frye	Central States	Dina Zahm	Central States
Charles Gamble	Central States	Eldon Zahm	Central States
Robert Gatchell	Central States		
Shirley Gatchell	Central States		
Randy Groger	Central States		

Helen Farny	Illinois	James Goetz	New York
Sharon Hirth	Illinois	Lorraine Lorrento	New York
Judith Tullock	Illinois	Carol Gibbons	St. Louis
		Virginia Serb	St. Louis
Ruth Vera	Lake Erie	E. Jan Roberts	Western United States
Marie Rosendale	Middle Atlantic	Rose Marie Barber	Wisconsin

## NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Flo Bade	Central States	Cookie Chambers	Central States
Richard Bade	Central States	Ken Chevalier	Central States
Steve Barger	Central States	Darryl Evans	Central States
Willa Barger	Central States	Renee Fenstermaker	Central States
Tony Barker	Central States	Becky Frye	Central States
Betty Barnes	Central States	James Frye	Central States
Linda Beha	Central States	Charles Gamble	Central States
Debbie Burton	Central States	Robert Gatchell	Central States
Mike Carroll	Central States		
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Charles Chambers	Central States		

\*\*Temporary Chairman

## MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION (Continued)

### NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Shirley Gatchell	Central States
Randy Groger	Central States
Edwin Keller	Central States
Ron Kramer	Central States
Don Miller	Central States
Mike Miller	Central States
John Neal	Central States
Rick Parker	Central States
Gary Riley	Central States
Jim Roberts	Central States

Kim Brooks	Illinois
Kathi Colton	Illinois
Joan Jacquin	Illinois
Art Johnson	Illinois
Richard Schnell	Illinois
JoAnn Springer	Illinois

Glen Barnard	Lake Erie
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Judy Heede	Middle Atlantic
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Mark Royer	Central States
Dona Schaefer	Central States
Dot Steinlage	Central States
Forrest Steinlage	Central States
Robert Swan**	Central States
Jerri Wendeln	Central States
Richard Wolff	Central States
Dina Zahm	Central States
Eldon Zahm	Central States

Christel Pfister	New York
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Virginia Serb	St. Louis
Theodore Wiethop, Jr.	St. Louis
Dennis Zeller	St. Louis

Margaret Judy	Western Pennsylvania
E. Jan Roberts	Western United States

Rose Marie Barber	Wisconsin
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### PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

Flo Bade	Central States
Richard Bade	Central States
Steve Barger	Central States
Willa Barger	Central States
Tony Barker	Central States
Betty Barnes	Central States
Linda Beha	Central States
Debbie Burton	Central States
Mike Carroll	Central States
Charles Chambers	Central States
Cookie Chambers	Central States
Ken Chevalier	Central States
Darryl Evans	Central States
Renee Fenstermaker	Central States
Becky Frye	Central States
James Frye	Central States
Charles Gamble	Central States
Robert Gatchell	Central States
Shirley Gatchell	Central States
Randy Groger	Central States

Gary Colton	Illinois
Jack Farny	Illinois
Barbara Hugi	Illinois
Roy Hugi	Illinois
Bill Meyer	Illinois

Edwin Keller	Central States
Ron Kramer	Central States
Don Miller	Central States
Mike Miller	Central States
John Neal	Central States
Rick Parker	Central States
Gary Riley	Central States
Jim Roberts	Central States
Mark Royer	Central States
Dona Schaefer	Central States
Dot Steinlage	Central States
Forrest Steinlage	Central States
Robert Swan	Central States
Jerri Wendeln	Central States
Richard Wolff	Central States
Dina Zahm	Central States
Eldon Zahm	Central States

Roger Johnson	Lake Erie
Bill Severns	Lake Erie

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## MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION (Continued)

### PRINCIPLES, STATUTES & GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE (Continued)

Mark Erlston	Middle Atlantic	M. Phyllis Dengler	Upper Mississippi
Jane Fritts	Middle Atlantic	Richard Burke	Upper Mississippi
Frank Heede	Middle Atlantic		
Dan Kirk	Middle Atlantic	George J. Jacquin	Western New York
Phil Klabunde	Middle Atlantic		
Ed Stephen	Middle Atlantic	Tom Eiler	Western Pennsylvania
		Frank Lynch	Western Pennsylvania
James Nugent	New York		
Karl Oppelt	New York	E. Jan Roberts	Western United States
Carol Gibbons	St. Louis	Albert Udovich	Wisconsin
Virginia Serb	St. Louis		
Arnold Trummer	St. Louis		
Harry Warnken	St. Louis		
Charles Wiethop	St. Louis		
Theodore Wiethop, Jr.**	St. Louis		
Dennis Zeller	St. Louis		

### NATIONAL AND DISTRICT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Flo Bade	Central States	Edwin Keller	Central States
Richard Bade	Central States	Ron Kramer	Central States
Steve Barger	Central States	Don Miller	Central States
Willa Barger	Central States	Mike Miller	Central States
Tony Barker	Central States	John Neal	Central States
Betty Barnes	Central States	Rick Parker	Central States
Linda Beha	Central States	Gary Riley	Central States
Debbie Burton	Central States	Jim Roberts	Central States
Mike Carroll	Central States	Mark Royer	Central States
Charles Chambers	Central States	Dona Schaefer	Central States
Cookie Chambers	Central States	Dot Steinlage	Central States
Ken Chevalier	Central States	Forrest Steinlage	Central States
Darryl Evans	Central States	Robert Swan	Central States
Renee Fenstermaker	Central States	Jerri Wendeln	Central States
Becky Frye	Central States	Richard Wolff	Central States
James Frye	Central States	Dina Zahm	Central States
Charles Gamble	Central States	Eldon Zahm	Central States
Robert Gatchell	Central States		
Shirley Gatchell	Central States		
Randy Groger	Central States		

Edwin Colton	Illinois
Warren Dalbke	Illinois
Walter Schrader	Illinois
Jerry Springer	Illinois

William Severns      Lake Erie

Jane Fritts      Middle Atlantic

T. Roger Steele      New England

James Goetz      New York

Lorraine Lorento      New York

Carol Gibbons	St. Louis
Arnold Trummer	St. Louis
Harry Warnken**	St. Louis
Charles Wiethop	St. Louis
Theodore Wiethop, Jr.	St. Louis
Dennis Zeller	St. Louis

M. Phyllis Dengler      Upper Mississippi

George J. Jacquin      Western New York

Nellie Volker      Western Pennsylvania

E. Jan Roberts      Western United States

Albert Udovich      Wisconsin

## MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION (Continued)

### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Flo Bade	Central States	Shirley Gatchell	Central States
Richard Bade	Central States	Randy Groger	Central States
Steve Barger	Central States	Edwin Keller	Central States
Willa Barger	Central States	Ron Kramer	Central States
Tony Barker	Central States	Don Miller	Central States
Betty Barnes	Central States	Mike Miller	Central States
Linda Beha	Central States	John Neal	Central States
Debbie Burton	Central States	Rick Parker	Central States
Mike Carroll	Central States	Gary Riley	Central States
Charles Chambers	Central States	Jim Roberts	Central States
Cookie Chambers	Central States	Dona Schaefer	Central States
Ken Chevalier	Central States	Dot Steinlage	Central States
Darryl Evans	Central States	Forrest Steinlage	Central States
Renee Fenstermaker	Central States	Robert Swan	Central States
Becky Frye	Central States	Jerri Wendeln	Central States
James Frye	Central States	Richard Wolff	Central States
Charles Gamble	Central States	Dina Zahm	Central States
Robert Gatchell	Central States	Eldon Zahm	Central States
Mike Breunig	Illinois	Carol Gibbons	St. Louis
Sue Orcutt	Illinois	Virginia Serb	St. Louis
Augie Thomas	Illinois	Arnold Trummer	St. Louis
Jim Thompson	Illinois	Harry Warnken**	St. Louis
Kay Kitson	Lake Erie	Charles Wiethop	St. Louis
Jerry Bunts	Lake Erie	Theodore Wiethop, Jr.	St. Louis
		Dennis Zeller	St. Louis
Mark Erlston	Middle Atlantic	Jim Bubeck	Western Pennsylvania
Phil Klabunde	Middle Atlantic	George Petrik	Western Pennsylvania
T. Roger Steele	New England	E. Jan Roberts	Western United States
George Lord	New Jersey	Carol Udovich	Wisconsin
Mary Jo Bursig	New York		
Louise Horn	New York		
Marion Oppelt	New York		
Ferdinand Beinert	New York		

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Eldon Zahm	Central States
Ann Trankle	Illinois
William Severns	Lake Erie
Frank Heede	Middle Atlantic
T. Roger Steele	New England
George Lord	New Jersey
Christel Pfister	New York
Theodore Wiethop, Jr.**	St. Louis
M. Phyllis Dengler	Upper Mississippi
George J. Jacquin	Western New York
Tom Eiler	Western Pennsylvania

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

John Neal	Central States
Warren Dalbke	Illinois
Paul Schneider	Lake Erie
Jane Fritts	Middle Atlantic
T. Roger Steele	New England
George Lord	New Jersey
Marion Oppelt	New York
Theodore Wiethop, Jr.	St. Louis
George J. Jacquin	Western New York

## MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION (Continued)

### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee was called to order at 4:05 PM on Friday, August 1, 1996.

Nominating Committee Chairman	- John Neal (CS)
Nominating Committee Secretary	- Marion Oppelt (NY)

#### Those in attendance were:

John Neal	Central States
Warren Dalbke	Illinois
Paul Schneider	Lake Erie
Jane Fritts	Middle Atlantic
T. Roger Steele	New England
George Lord	New Jersey
Marion Oppelt	New York
Theodore Wiethop, Jr.	St. Louis
George J. Jacquin	Western New York

#### Nominations are as follows:

PRESIDENT:	Walter Pfister
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:	Jerry Jacquin
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:	Daisy Leidy
CULTURAL CHAIRPERSON:	Barbara Riley
PHYSICAL EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON:	Betty Heppner
BOWLING CHAIRPERSON:	Edwin Keller
ENDOWMENT FUND TRUSTEE:	Eldon Zahm Ed Colton

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.



XIX American Sokol Slet

# American Sokol Organization

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July 30, 1996

American Turners  
1127 Kentucky Street  
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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the American Sokol Organization, we extend greetings to the 1996 National Convention of the American Turners. We sincerely hope that your discussions and deliberations are fruitful toward your future.

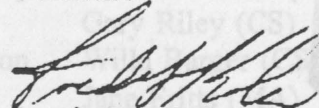
The American Sokol and American Turners share a common cause in effect that both have European roots and emphasize a Sound Mind in a Sound Body. We both continue to encourage the moral elevation of our membership. Our goals and aims are comparable in many aspects.

We wish to thank you for your invitation to participate in your National Turnerfest in South Bend, Indiana. Your hospitality was extremely gracious, and we certainly enjoyed being a part of your festival.

In 1997, the American Sokol Organization will host the XIX American Sokol Slet on June 25-29 in the Chicagoland area. The Slet will feature a variety of Sokol activities and competitions, with participation from throughout the United States and Europe. As plans are finalized, we will keep you informed. Certainly we look forward to your attendance.

We look forward to further cooperation between our organization and wish you a strong and successful future.

NAZDAR!

  
Fred G. Kala  
President

FGK/mm

# Proclamation

by

Paul E. Patton  
Governor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

WHEREAS, The American Turners have been leaders in Physical Education since 1848; and

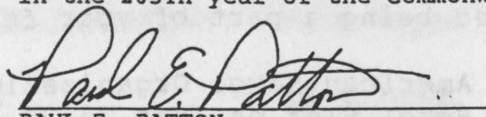
WHEREAS, The American Turners hold Biannual Conventions and the 66th Convention will be held August 2-4, 1996 in Louisville, Kentucky.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL E. PATTON, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim August 2-4, 1996 as

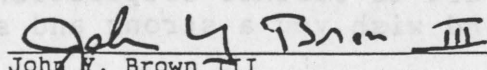
### AMERICAN TURNER WEEKEND

in Kentucky, in recognition of the contributions the American Turners have made to our great Nation, and welcome each and every Officer and Delegate to our great Commonwealth of Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort, this the 19th day of July, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-six and in the 205TH year of the Commonwealth.

  
PAUL E. PATTON  
GOVERNOR



  
John Y. Brown III  
Secretary of State

## SECOND SESSION

The Second and Final Session of the 66th Convention of the American Turners was called to order at 9:30 AM on Sunday, August 4, 1996.

Chairman Steve Barger led the Convention body in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Barger advised that copies of the minutes of the Committee Meetings were available.

Chairman Barger called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the First Session Minutes. Motion was made by Warren Dalbke (IL) and seconded by Willa Barger (CS) to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee report was corrected. There are only 171 Federal Votes, with the majority being 114, since one District is not represented, being Denver.

Barbara Riley was called upon to make presentations of award certificates for yearly Society Cultural reports, which are submitted for Cultural points. The awards were presented as follows:

1995 - Group I	Lincoln Turners
1994 - Group II	Concordia Gymnastics Society
1994 - Group I	Johnstown Turners
1995 - Group II	Johnstown Turners*
1995 - Group III	American Turners Louisville

\*Due to increase in membership, group number for Johnstown was changed.

Chairman Barger introduced George Jacquin, President of the Endowment Trust Fund, who addressed the convention. ETF President Jacquin reminded the convention that the purpose of the Endowment Trust Fund is to perpetuate the American Turners ability to make charitable contributions, as well as loans. In the last 50 years, we have been able to raise \$400,000 - our goal is \$500,000. Delegates were asked to please contribute to this fund today. Chairman Barger recognized Daisy Leidy, Second National Vice President, who started the ball rolling by challenging the convention to top the \$100.00 contribution made by the Middle Atlantic District. Many other societies and districts rose to the challenge and made contributions.

Chairman Barger called for the highlights of the committee reports to be read (see Committee Reports section of these minutes for full reports). The reports were read in the following order:

COMMITTEE	READ BY & MOTION TO ACCEPT	SECONDED
1. National Finance	Dee Schnell (IL)	R. Steele (NE)
2. National Publications and Publicity	Christel Pfister (NY)	L. Horn (NY)
3. National Cultural Education	Gary Riley (CS)	J. Frye (CS)
4. National Health & Physical Education	Willa Barger (CS)	L. Horn (NY)
5. National & District Affairs	Jane Fritts (MA)	L. Lorento (NY)
6. National Bowling	Ann Trankle (IL)	C. Evans (CS)
7. National Principles, Statutes & Grievances	John Neal (CS)	J. Nugent (NY)

## MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION (Continued)

### NEW BUSINESS

T. Roger Steele (NE) submitted a letter to the Convention Chairman to advise him that the New England proxy votes are being given to the Middle Atlantic District to cast in their behalf as designated and signed by T. Roger Steele, District President.

Chairman Barger informed the Convention that resolutions submitted to the National Principles, Statutes, and Grievances Committee require a two-thirds majority to be approved. (Please note, Western United States did not vote, so there were 170 total votes for each resolution.)

RESOLUTION #1 was brought up for a ballot vote by district.

COMMITTEE: Principles, Statutes and Grievances

Be It Resolved: That the per capita tax be raised from \$5.00 to \$7.00, and that Article 109 to read: "Each Society shall pay to the American Turners an annual per capita tax of \$7.00 for each of its members, regardless of the type of or name of the membership issued, and whether such member does or does not pay dues or other fees. Such total per capital tax shall be paid to the American Turners at its National Office on or before January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10 of each year for each membership card issued for the preceding quarter, and the stubs for each membership card issued shall be returned with the payment of the tax. Forty-Year Honorary Members who have been duly recognized by the National Council, shall be exempted from the payment of the per capita tax. Minimum age (Fifty-Eight) with Forty years of membership."

Resolution #1 passed with a tally of 126 in favor and 44 against.

RESOLUTION #2 was brought up for a ballot vote by district.

COMMITTEE: Principles, Statutes and Grievances

Be It Resolved: That the Members At Large per capita tax be raised from \$10.00 to \$15.00, and Article 108 to read: "The annual dues of members at large shall be \$15.00 in advance to the American Turners on the first day of January."

Resolution #2 passed with a tally of 164 for and 6 against.

RESOLUTION #3 was brought up for a ballot vote by district.

COMMITTEE: Principles, Statutes and Grievances

Be It Resolved: That the term "Women" be deleted from both cases from Article 28a, so this article shall read and add "of the American Turners." The National

## MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION (Continued)

President of the American Turners Auxiliary shall have a seat and vote on the National Council with the expenses to be borne by the treasury of the Auxiliary of the American Turners.

Resolution #3 passed with a tally of 136 for and 34 against.

RESOLUTION #4 was brought up for a ballot vote by district.

COMMITTEE: Principles, Statutes and Grievances

Be It Resolved: That Article 49b of the Statutes be deleted.

Resolution #4 passed with a tally of 170 for and 0 against.

RESOLUTION #5 was brought to the Convention floor for a vote.

COMMITTEE: Health and Physical Education

Be It Resolved: In the future National Festivals for Senior Men and Senior Women in the 60 and over age group, a 5K Walk will be held in addition to the 5K Run. Seniors (Men and Women) would still be able to compete in the 5K Run as a separate group.

A verbal vote was taken from the Convention floor, and the resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION #6 was brought up for a ballot vote by district.

COMMITTEE: Principles, Statutes and Grievances

Be It Resolved: That a delegate to the National Convention be allowed to cast only ONE federal vote, and that Section 20 be amended to read as follows:

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

Resolution #6 failed with a tally of 48 in favor and 122 against.

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RESOLUTION #7 was brought up for a ballot vote by district. Eldon Zahm (CS), as well as Bill Meyer (IL) questioned if the resolution can be passed without going to the Principles & Statutes Committee. After consulting with the Parliamentarian and the Co-Chairman, who reviewed Roberts Rules of Order, as well as the Principles & Statutes of American Turners, Chairman Barger ruled that the Resolution is in order.

COMMITTEE: Health and Physical Education

Be It Resolved: That the Golf Committee and the Softball Committee continue to operate on their own and not be represented on the National Health and Physical Education Committee.

Resolution #7 was approved with a tally of 152 for and 18 against.

John Neal (CS) made a motion to mandate the Health and Physical Education Committee to draft the impact on the Principles & Statutes of the change in Resolution #9. This was seconded by Renee Fenstermaker (CS). Motion carried.

Motion was made by John Neal (CS) that in the future, resolutions affecting Principles & Statutes, be researched and any changes must be referred to Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee. Motion was seconded by Jane Fritts (MA). Motion carried.

The Golf Chairman will now be a member of the National Council, having the same status as the Bowling Chairman.

Jerry Bunts (LE) stated that the Akron Golf Committee is donating a fax machine to Turner Topics, which will be sent to Bob Swan.

RESOLUTION #8 was brought to the Convention floor for a vote.

COMMITTEE: Health and Physical Education

Be It Resolved: That the nine society trophies (1st, 2nd, 3rd places for the three society groups) be reserved for societies entering representation in individual events, class free exercise, and model drill. Prizes for drills to be eliminated and points awarded to count toward society total score as per present rules. The National Health and Physical Education Committee to be assigned the task of amending the model drill rules to be more flexible as to the content and number of required participants in each of the three society groups.

Resolution #8 passed by a verbal vote from the Convention floor.

RESOLUTION #9 was brought up for a ballot vote by district. Clarification of the amended wording made by the Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee was requested. John Neal (CS) read the amended resolution to the Convention.

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COMMITTEE: Principles, Statutes and Grievances

Be It Resolved: That Article 48 of the Statutes be deleted and replaced with the following article 48:

"The National Council is authorized to partially fund an approved retirement plan for the benefit of one full-time National Office employee at amount not to exceed 10% of that employee's annual salary."

Resolution #9 passed with a tally of 169 in favor and 1 opposed.

RESOLUTION #10 was brought up for a ballot vote by district. Note was made that the wording of the resolution was changed in committee from Article 42a to Article 46b. The amended resolution is listed below:

COMMITTEE: Principles, Statutes and Grievances

Be It Resolved: That Article 46b be added to the Statutes to read as follows:

"Effective January 1, 1997, the National Organization shall reimburse the District Representatives for the cost of their transportation and housing when they attend National Council meetings."

Resolution #10 was approved with a tally of 162 for and 8 against.

RESOLUTION #11 was brought to the Convention floor for a vote.

COMMITTEE: Cultural Committee

SUBJECT: To create an "American Turners Cultural Hall of Fame Award"

Be It Resolved: That this award shall read:

### AMERICAN TURNERS CULTURAL HALL OF FAME AWARD

The American Turners seek out individual Turners who have made outstanding achievements in Cultural activities. Our programs are designed to reward excellence, and encourage participation by recognizing the individual who has been responsible for their success and promotion. By these deeds, we hope to contribute to a more productive America through Cultural programs and competitions.

A biographical sketch outlining the nominee's qualifications should be submitted.

Applicants will be considered for election through the recommendation and signed approval of the Society and District Council President and

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Secretary, of which the nominee is a member. Applications can only be acted upon at a meeting of the National Cultural Committee, or by a poll of committee members by the Chairperson. After endorsement by the National Cultural Committee, documentation must be certified by the American Turners National Council at its Annual meeting.

All solicitations of nominees for the American Turner Cultural Hall of Fame Award must be in the National Office on or before January 31 for the current year. Only one nominee per calendar year from each District will be permitted.

A Turner who fulfills the standards and qualifications set forth below may be nominated and considered for this distinguished award:

1. The candidate must be a current or posthumous member of the American Turners and/or Auxiliary of American Turners.
2. The nominee must have competed Culturally in National Festivals, represented their Society in District Cultural events, and may have served as District and/or National Cultural Chairperson.
3. The candidate must possess a Turner Cultural Educational background. Any or all of the following should be considered:
  - a) Must have been active in Society, District and National levels culturally as evidenced by honors, awards, or positions accrued.
  - b) Must have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of cultural activities and/or an author of articles for Turner Topics.
  - c) Must have been involved with aspects of civic activities for the good of humanity.
4. The candidate must have been an actively dedicated Turner who has diligently worked for the welfare of their Society, District and the National Organization for a minimum of ten years, and has been favorably accepted by his/her fellow Turners.
5. Only one nominee per calendar year from each District is permitted.
6. All nominations for American Turner Cultural Hall of Fame Award must be in the National Office on or before January 31, for any given year.

Resolution #11 was approved by a verbal vote from the Convention floor.

RESOLUTION #12 was brought to the Convention floor for a vote.

COMMITTEE: Cultural Education Committee

SUBJECT: To establish articles of award for Cultural Hall of Fame.

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Be It Resolved: A CERTIFICATE will be issued from the National Office, from existing supplies, adding a circular, gold foil Turner Seal and a red ribbon; gold printing, 3/4" width x 3" to 4" in length, wording, "Cultural." A LAPEL PIN with Turner logo, with wording encircled: "American Turners-Cultural Hall of Fame Award."

Resolution #12 was approved by a verbal vote for the Convention floor.

RESOLUTION #13 was brought to the Convention floor for a vote.

COMMITTEE: Cultural Education Committee

SUBJECT: To abolish an Entry Fee from the Cultural Exhibit and Performance Competitions.

Be It Resolved: Fees shall not be assessed for Cultural competition.

Resolution #13 was approved by a verbal vote from the Convention floor.

RESOLUTION #14 was brought to the Convention floor for a vote.

COMMITTEE: Cultural Education Committee

SUBJECT: To establish identity of Cultural Exhibit and Performance Competitors during a National Festival

Be It Resolved: A large button-pin shall proclaim a Turner member as a Cultural Festival participant/competitor after entry form and admittance has been established. Participants not appearing in person, but entered into Exhibit, shall be awarded this button at the end of festival, during "Take-Out Time." It shall read, "the American Turner logo, encircled by number of festival, date/year, and host society-city/state. A short slogan may be used, exact wording to be determined by Festival and Cultural Committees.

Resolution #14 was approved by a verbal vote from the Convention floor.

Chairman Barger recommended to the National Council to review and get the resolutions to the proper committees in the future, to avoid any controversy at the Convention.

Chairman Barger called for a bid to hold the next National Festival in 1999. Charles Wiethop (STL) submitted a bid for the 50th National Festival to be held at Concordia from June 23-27, 1999. The bid was accepted without objection.

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## MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION (Continued)

tion. This is the 150th Anniversary of American Turners, as well as the 150th anniversary of Cincinnati Turners. They felt it would be appropriate for them to receive the bid. John Neal (CS) stated that they wanted the bid; however, they agree that Cincinnati should get it. Craig Sniezek (IL) stated that Aurora had been planning to bid, but conceded to Cincinnati.

Walter Schrader (IL) asked if there will be any other festivities in celebration of the 150th anniversary of American Turners. Jim Frye (CS) stated that all societies should celebrate at local and district levels, and make Turners known to everyone.

The bid for the National Convention in 1998 was awarded to Cincinnati Turners without objection.

## GOOD & WELFARE

Chairman Barger thanked the tellers, Ron Kramer, Frank Heede, and Dennis Zeller for doing such a great job in counting the federal votes.

Mark Erlston (MA) invites everyone to celebrate Riverside Turners 100th anniversary, which will be celebrated next year. Each society will be mailed a schedule of events.

Phil Klabunde (MA) would like to offer Wilmington as the host for the National Council meeting in 1997. Walter Pfister stated that this bid is not to be made at convention, but should be presented to the next National Council meeting.

Eldon Zahm (CS) suggested that a new format for the Convention be established, with a Resolution Committee, as indicated in Roberts Rules of Order, which would expedite the convention proceedings.

A representative of the 49's Club announced a symposium in April 1998 with the City of Frankfort to celebrate their 150th anniversary with Milwaukee.

Harry Warnken (STL) thanked the American Turners of Louisville for the convention facilities and the wonderful entertainment on Saturday evening. He called for the convention to perform the Turner applause, which was done.

The Chairman of the National Auxiliary thanked American Turners Louisville for being so courteous and in running such an efficient convention.

Daisy Leidy, Second National Vice President, reported that donations for the Endowment Trust Fund totaled \$1,582.15 and an additional \$125.00 in pledges were collected at this Convention. A detailed list of the donations will be presented in Turner Topics. At this time, she requests that in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the American Turners, each society and each district make a donation of \$150.00 each to the Endowment Trust Fund.

Barbara Riley, National Cultural Chairperson, stated that the quilt fabric has been distributed to the societies at the Convention for the emblems to be embroidered, and to make sure that the year of origin and the city/state be indicated.

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Chairman Barger called for a motion to extend thanks to the National Council for their work in putting together this convention and for their services. Motion seconded and carried.

National President Walter Pfister made a motion that American Turners Louisville President, Larry Link, the members of American Turners Louisville, especially Turners Jerry Wendeln and Linda Beha-Williams, Society Co-Chairpersons for the Convention, for hosting the 66th National Convention and for doing a fine job. Motion was seconded by Louise Horn (NY). Motion carried.

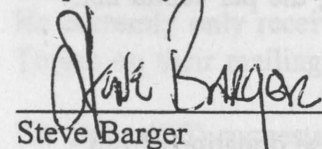
National President Walter Pfister made a motion to extend the thanks of the Convention to the Chairman, Co-Secretaries, and the rest of the Officers of the Convention for the efficient and impartial conduct of the proceedings, and for the faithful execution of the assigned duties, as well as to Turner Phyllis Thomas for makes copies of the minutes. Motion was seconded by Lorraine Lorento (NY). Motion carried.

National President Walter Pfister made a motion to thank all the delegates for all their hard work and dedication to this convention. Motion was seconded by Middle Atlantic district and carried.

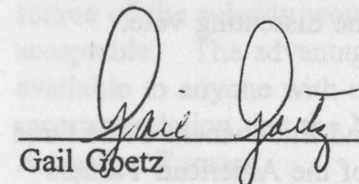
Motion was made by Marion Oppelt to adjourn, and seconded by New York District. Motion carried.

The second session of the 66th National Convention was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

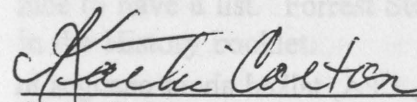
Respectfully submitted,



Steve Barger  
Convention Chairman



Gail Goetz  
Co-Secretary



Kathi Colton  
Co-Secretary

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM by the Temporary Chairman, Lucille Bothfeld (IL). Motion was made and seconded to elect Lucille Bothfeld as Permanent Chairman. Dee Schnell (IL) was elected Secretary.

Roll was taken and is attached to Minutes. Twenty-seven members were present and voting. There were two guests, Mardell Haydon, CPA, and Walter Pfister, National President.

The minutes were read from the 1994 National Convention, and it was noted that the recommendations of that Finance Committee were followed by the National Council.

Lucille Bothfeld read the new rules governing the conventions.

Discussion was held regarding Resolution #1. Motion was made to recommend to the National Convention to accept the \$2.00 increase in per capita tax. Motion carried, with a tally of 15 for and 11 against the resolution.

Discussion was held regarding Resolution #2. Motion was made to recommend to the National Convention to accept the \$5.00 increase in dues for "At Large" members. Motion carried with a tally of 14 for and 13 against.

Cheryl Bothfeld (IL) suggested that the Finance Committee look for recommendations to cut expenses or other ways to solve the financial problems, in addition to raising the per capita tax. Discussion ensued, and many suggestions were made.

Jim Frye (CS) made a motion, as follows:

The National Council should look into setting up a foundation to raise donations from corporations and federal grants for the promotion of Societies, Districts and National Affairs.

Motion was seconded by Randy Groger (CS). Motion was carried with one dissenting vote.

Motion was made by Eldon Zahm (CS), as follows:

That the National Council be mandated to solicit the Jahn Fund and Endowment Trust Fund for funds to hire an outside consulting firm to look at all phases of the American Turners operations.

Motion was seconded by Ron Kraemer (CS). After a lengthy discussion, the vote was called, and motion passed with a tally of 17 for and 10 against.

General discussion was held on the financial report. Mardell Haydon, CPA, talked about changes in reporting.

Motion was made by Cheryl Bothfeld to adjourn and reconvene at 12:15 p.m., seconded and passed.

The committee reconvened at 12:40 p.m. Minutes were approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Schnell, Secretary

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

### MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by the Temporary Chairman, Bob Swan (CS). There were 16 delegates present at the meeting. Bob Swan (CS) was elected Permanent Chairman. Kathi Colton (IL) was elected Permanent Secretary.

No resolutions were submitted to this committee.

Bob Swan stated that Turner Topics had six issues in 1994, but currently is down to four issues per year due to the expense. Christel Pfister (NY) stated that we may be receiving a subsidy which could be used to print a fifth issue.

Forrest Steinlage (CS) stated he would like to bring in another bid to do the Turner Topics. Bob Swan stated that we get a very good price from our current printer, but is always interested in receiving another bid.

Shirley Gatchell (CS) commented that many people don't read the Turner Topics and asked if there was something we could do to get people to read it. Virginia Serb (STL) suggested possibly having a contest, such as finding a certain word or misspelled word in each issue, with a drawing for \$25.00 from the correct answers sent in. The Committee recommended that this be explored further.

Chairman Bob Swan stated he would publish individual District calendars if they are sent to him. He also would like to receive more society newsletters to get more information for the Turner Topics. He currently only receives seven or eight per month, and would like each society to put the Turner Topics on their mailing list.

Flo Bade (CS) suggested that we put American Turners on the Internet with a Web page. The possibility of the subsidy we may be receiving being used to establish a Web site was raised. The source of the subsidy would have to be contacted to make sure this type of usage of funds is acceptable. The advantages of a Web site would be that Turner information and history would be available to anyone with a computer. The National Publications and Publicity Committee makes the recommendation that the National Council explore the possibility of establishing a Web site for the American Turners.

Rich Schnell mentioned that many past Turner members have been in the Olympics and it would be nice to have a list. Forrest Steinlage stated that he had compiled a list himself, which was available in the History booklet.

Margaret Judy (WPA) made the suggestion that the National Office furnish each society with a list of the things that are available through the National Office, including various publications, jewelry, pins, postage stamps, etc. Forrest Steinlage said he will contact Shirley Luckhardt about this as he has done such a list in the past.

Kathi Colton (IL) mentioned that the Illinois District would like to be able to purchase a complete set of mailing labels for the Illinois District, to include all five societies, in zip code order, for the purpose of mailing the Illinois District Newsletter, and that there is currently no procedure for obtaining these labels.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

It was mentioned that the labels that are provided for the mailing of Turner Topics are in a cheshire format, which is useless to the district as they have to be cut apart with a scissors and glued on with a glue stick. The National Publications and Publicity Committee makes the recommendation that the National Office establish the proper procedures, security precautions, and price lists for the purpose of a district or society to obtain labels, which are to be used only for Turner mailings, such as newsletters.

Christel Pfister made the motion that Bob Swan (CS) continue on as the editor of Turner Topics, seconded by Kathi Colton. Motion carried unanimously.

Rich Schnell suggested that each Turner Topics include a section on past Turner events 25 years ago, 10 years ago, etc.

Bob Swan reminds all societies to send press releases of their events to their local newspapers for publicity and exposure.

Other ideas currently being used to gain public exposure to societies include running a day camp in the summer, with a fee structure for members and nonmembers, and using direct mailing ads and coupons.

Kathi Colton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Christel Pfister. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Colton, Secretary

### REPORT OF THE CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Cultural Committee was called to order at 1:35 PM by Temporary Chairman, Jerri Wendeln (CS).

Jerri Wendeln was elected Permanent Chairman. Gary Riley was elected Permanent Secretary.

RESOLUTION #11 (establish Hall of Fame Cultural Award): Motion was made to accept the resolution by Renee Fenstermaker (CS), seconded by James Frye (CS). Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #12 (Awards for Hall of Fame recipients): Motion was made to accept the resolution by Jim Goetz (NY) and seconded by Virginia Serb (STL). Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #13 (Abolish fees for cultural competitions): Motion was made by Rose Marie Barber (WI) and seconded Jim Frye (CS) to accept this resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #14 (Establish identity buttons for Cultural competitors at festival): Motion was made by Sharon Hirth (IL) and seconded by Helen Farney (IL) to accept resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Dick Bade (CS) would like to have the Cultural Committee backing to translate five biographies of Frederick Jahn. Could committee request financing from the Jahn Fund? Lorraine Lorento (NY) will take to the Jahn Fund to see if they will fund this.

Carol Gibbons introduced herself as Concordia Turners Cultural Chairman, and they are bidding for the National Festival in 1999.

Jim Frye (CS) commented on Cincinnati Central Turners' upcoming 150th year celebration.

Motion was made by Jim Goetz (NY) and seconded by Sharon Hirth (IL) that the National Council enforce the statutes regarding Cultural representation on a society and district level. We need active people to fill these positions.

Motion was made to adjourn by Jim Goetz ((NY) and seconded by Renee Fenstermaker (CS) to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Riley, Secretary

## MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by Temporary Chairman, Betty Heppner. Motion was made and seconded to elect Dennis Zeller (CS) as Permanent Chairman. Motion was made and seconded to elect Willa Barger (CS) as Permanent Secretary.

Three resolutions were brought to the committee, #5, #7 and #8.

RESOLUTION #5: Motion was made by Louise Horn (NY) and seconded by Arnold Trummer (STL) to approve the resolution. Discussion followed: to include the 5K walk for all ages. It was decided that changes cannot be made to the resolution. The motion to accept the resolution needed to be defeated, and make a new motion or refer back to committee. It was decided that a 5K walk would not be a competitive event. Points would be awarded to societies for participants that complete the walk. Motion was defeated.

RESOLUTION #7: Motion was made by Charles Gamble (CS) and seconded by Harry Warnken (STL) to approve Resolution #7. Discussion followed. National Statutes were read which state that the Golf Chairman shall be a regular member of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education. Jerry Bunts (LE), speaking for the National Golf Chairman, would like Golf to gain separate status as Bowling has. Discussion was held about paying the expenses of the Golf Representative to Physical Education Committee meetings. The Golf Committee meets only on the Wednesday before the Golf Tournament commences. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

RESOLUTION #8: Motion was made by Arnold Trummer (STL) to accept Resolution #8, and seconded by Dot Steinlage (CS). Discussion followed. The question on the floor was whether or not you must participate in the Model Drill to be eligible for Team trophies. The Principles & Statutes state that a society must compete in all areas of competition for eligibility. Discussion was held to eliminate the drill. Suggestion was made to lower the number of people eligible to participate in the drill. Vote was taken. Motion was defeated, with a tally of 1 for and 30 against. The Resolution was referred to a smaller committee and be brought up under new business.

## NEW BUSINESS

CHANGE TO RESOLUTION #5: Motion was made by Dot Steinlage (CS), and seconded by Willa Barger (CS) to change the wording of Resolution #5 as follows:

### Be It Resolved:

In future National Festivals, Turners in all age groups may participate in a 5K walk, to be held in addition to the 5K run. Men and women would still be able to compete in the 5K run as a separate group. No awards would be given to individuals who compete in the walk. A society point will be awarded for participation.

Motion carried.

Bruno Klaus passed out handouts offering his services to Turner societies. Will refer Bruno's offer to the National Council. Discussion followed regarding the importance of training coaches and developing strong gymnastics programs where there is interest, and the facilities are available.

Richard Bade (CS) mentioned that at the Winter Conference, the National Council discussed developing a pilot program to sponsor a person to develop a gym program where none exists. Kay Kitson (LE) spoke about Leader training courses, which helped teach her how to train kids. Also mentioned was the motivation program she has developed and is willing to share with other societies. Phil Klabunde (MTL) spoke of events in several states which host Senior Olympic programs, which, in turn, send winners to National Senior Olympics. Senior Olympics are held every two years. In 1997, they will be held in Tucson, Arizona, and in 1999, will be in Orlando, Florida. Phil would like the Physical Education Committee to promote participation of Turner members in the Senior Olympics.

Betty Heppner (CS) discussed the results of comments and meetings of her committee. All track and field events will be determined six months before the Turnfest. Videos will be provided to all societies to demonstrate the events and how they are to be performed.

Jerry Bunts (LE) asked from the committee the proper way to request that Golf be set up as a separate entity. He was informed that he may make a recommendation and present it from the floor.

Chuck Weithop (STL) has brought a proposal from Concordia Turners to host the 1999 Turnfest (see attached letter). Augie Thomas (IL) made a motion to accept Concordia's proposal to the National Council, seconded by Marion Oppelt (NY). Motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Betty Heppner discussed the Physical Education Committee recommendations and changes for the next Turnfest.

Mary Jo Bursig (NY) asked about predetermined levels of ability for Turnfest events, i.e., shotput and softball throw for women. Jerry Jacquin responded that levels are set to encourage participation. A participant can compete in a younger classification if he or she wishes.

### BIDS FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS NEEDED:

1997 Volleyball  
1997 Basketball  
1997 Gymnastics  
1997 Soccer  
1997 Fast-Pitch Softball  
1998 Softball

Also, other events to be considered are horseshoes, swimming, diving, badminton, and table tennis. Bids must be submitted by September 27, 1996 before National Council meeting.

Dennis Zeller (STL) questioned the possibility of smaller societies joining together to field a team from one district to be able to compete when a full team cannot come from a single society. Fred Beinert (NY) proposed that a District team be allowed only if no other team from a society in that district is available. Recommendation will be sent to the National Council.

At 11:15 a.m., the committee broke for lunch and into smaller groups for further discussion of other issues. The committee reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### AMENDED RESOLUTION #8:

#### Be It Resolved:

The nine society trophies (first, second and third places) for the three society groups established on potential capabilities be reserved for societies entering in individual events, class free exercise and mass drill.

#### Be It Resolved:

That the model drill be an exhibition presentation only, with no society points and no awards.

#### Be It Further Resolved:

That a society will be required to participate in the individual events, class free exercise and mass drill according to the present rules to qualify for society trophies in their society group.

Motion was made by Dot Steinlage (CS) to approve, seconded by Willa Barger (CS). Motion carried.

Proposal was presented by Phil Klabunde (MA) to allow district teams to compete in the Turnfest and National Tournaments. The proposal will be sent to the National Health and Physical Education Committee. Proposal reads as follows:

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Whereas: Small societies are frequently unable to develop a team for team sports, such as volleyball and softball, in national competitions, such as Turnfests or National Championships.

Whereas: American Turners would like to promote additional athletic participation whenever possible.

Be It Resolved: That "District" teams be permitted at Turnfest and National meets (specific limitations and requirements to be developed by the National Physical Education Committee).

Mike Breunig (IL) made the motion to accept. Dot Steinlage (CS) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Proposal by Jerry Bunts (LE) to seat Golf Chairman on the National Council. Statutes must be changed to delete paragraph 62a and add to paragraphs 28 and 31 "Chairman of Golf Committee."

Mark Erikson (MA) proposed to incorporate the Basketball Tournament as a Turnfest event.

For the good of society, Arnold Trummer presented the committee with rules and information on a new game, "Paddle Tennis with a new twist."

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa Barger, Secretary

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL AND DISTRICT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman, William Severns. Those present at the meeting were:

Motion was made by Ed Colton (IL) and seconded by Albert Udovich (WI) to elect Warren Dalbke was elected Permanent Chairman. Motion carried. Motion was made by Jim Goetz (NY) and seconded by Phyllis Dengler (UM) to elect Jane Fritts (MA) as Permanent Secretary.

There were no resolutions directed to the National and District Affairs Committee.

Chairman Dalbke read the letter from LA Valley Turners with regards to dissolution. George Jacquin (WNY) made a motion that the LA Valley Turners should be dissolved as per their request. Motion was seconded by William Severns (LE).

James Goetz (NY) amended the motion that the National and District Affairs Committee agrees with the National Council decision regarding the dissolution of the LA Valley Turners. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Ed Colton (IL) stated that of four new societies which were formed during his term as National President, two were interested only in their own personal gain. He suggested that a probationary period be utilized.

George Jacquin (WNY) made a motion that the National Council lengthen the probationary period for new societies. Motion was seconded by Phyllis Dengler (UM). Motion carried.

Jim Goetz (NY) recommended that the National Council pursue the issue of Buffalo and Rochester societies joining the Lake Erie District. Motion was seconded by Walter Schrader (IL). Motion carried.

The committee made the recommendation that the National Council review the possibility that smaller districts, with fewer societies within each district, join other districts.

Phyllis Dengler (UM) made a motion, seconded by Walter Schrader (IL) that all districts balance their delegates' membership on National Convention Committees whenever possible. Motion carried.

Jim Goetz (NY) made the motion, which was seconded by Bill Severns (LE), that in a National Festival year, no competitive national athletic events except Bowling should be sanctioned unless included as part of the National Festival. Motion carried.

Walter Schrader (IL) made a motion that George Jacquin (WNY) receive a 75-year membership pin, seconded by Ed Colton. Motion carried.

The question was raised by Mark Royer (CS) as to what was being planned for the 150th Anniversary in 1998. No answers were available at the committee meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn by Bill Severns, and seconded by Warren Dalbke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Fritts, Secretary

## BOWLING COMMITTEE

The Bowling Committee was called to order at 1:02 PM by Temporary Chairman, Ann Trankle (IL). There were 11 members present.

Betty Barnes (CS) nominated Ann Trankle as Permanent Chairman, seconded and carried. Motion carried. Betty Barnes (CS) nominated Ann Trankle (IL) as Secretary. Motion carried.

Gail Goetz (NY) made a motion to dispense with the minutes of the 1994 Convention, seconded and carried.

Ann Trankle read the minutes of the July 1996 National Bowling Committee meeting held in Syracuse, New York.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Dick Barnes discussed Candlepin Bowling. He asked that anyone in an area with candlepin bowling try to get any information on rules, etc. He also asked the local levels to get an opinion on combining boys and girls in a Junior Bowling Tournament, and have this information ready for the 1998 National Bowling Committee Meeting.

Eugene Keyser made a motion to change Rule #3 to read as follows: "At least 40 lanes in one establishment are required for a tournament. Can your society furnish this number of lanes?" Seconded and carried.

Craig Snizek questioned with regards to entertainment, in addition to music and dancing. It was explained that this meant there was to be no direct charge to the bowlers for this.

Craig Snizek made a motion to add the word "not" before "notified" in the last paragraph of the bowling reservation agreement.

There was a discussion on late bowlers. Richard Barnes explained that due to the friendly nature of our tournament, we try to accommodate the late bowlers, if at all possible.

Chairman Barnes asked that the local chairman get a feeling on being sanctioned by the ABC/WIBC from the societies.

Discussion on January 15th deadline was explained. This was done so that anyone that would participate in the tournament would be able to qualify for the national rule of three months prior membership required for any national event.

Craig Snizek made a motion for page 4 - 6.6. The first sentence should read, "Each society, making application, must supply at least 40 lanes in one establishment." Seconded and carried.

Gail Goetz made a motion to accept the change in 6.7, last sentence to read, "Poster size to be 8-1/2 inches by 14 inches minimum." Seconded and carried.

Betty Barnes made a motion to change 6.17, first sentence, to read as follows: "Schedule singles and doubles on the same pair of lanes, and team on a different pair of lanes." Seconded. There was a lengthy discussion. Jim Raab amended the motion that this be tried on probation for the next two tournaments, and at that time, the committee to analyze at the 1998 National Bowling Committee meeting. Seconded and carried, with 6 yes and 3 no. Motion as amended is carried, 6 yes, 2 no.

Paul Schneider made a motion on 6.18. Eliminate as written and use the following instead: "There will be a recap sheet available to bowlers." Seconded and carried.

Ed Keller made a motion to add the following sentence to 7.4: "Fees must be by money order, certified check, or society check." Seconded and carried.

Craig Snizek made a motion to change the sentence 11.1 to read: "The sponsoring group shall provide from the tournament expense fund, trophies, plaques or jackets, with American Turner emblem." Seconded and carried. This also applies to 11.2 and 11.3.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Gail Goetz made a motion that 11.2 is to read: "The above trophies, plaques or jackets shall cost a minimum of \$275.00 and shall be suitably engraved. All trophies not to exceed 18 inches." Seconded and carried.

Judy Heede made a motion to change 11.4 to read as follows: "A special trophy or plaque shall be given as an award by the host society for a weekly high individual game in singles or doubles events, for men and women. Minimum cost to be \$5.00." Seconded and carried.

Tentative site for the 1998 Bowling Tournament is Fort Wayne Turners, this to be ratified by the National Council.

Craig Snizek made a motion to go on record to encourage a bowling tournament host society to give jackets as awards. Seconded and carried.

The 1996 National Bowling Committee meeting wishes to go on record thanking retiring National Bowling Committee Chairman, Richard Barnes, for all his years of service.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Trankle, Secretary

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Temporary Chairman, Ted Wiethop, Jr.

John Neal was elected Permanent Chairperson. Charles Wiethop was elected as Permanent Secretary. Attendance was taken and committee assignments verified. There were 32 delegates present.

Chairman Neal read a statement concerning the obligations of the Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee, and which resolutions were before our committee. It was determined that changes requiring a simple majority in committee would need 17 votes of 32 cast. Rules for operation of committee were read by the chairman.

Resolutions #1, #2, #3, #4, #6, #9 and #10 were given to the Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee.

RESOLUTION #1 (Amendment to Article 109): Motion was made to accept by Eldon Zahm (CS), seconded by Ted Wiethop (STL). There was no discussion. Motion was carried, with a tally of 22 in favor, 10 opposed.

RESOLUTION #2 (Amendment to Article 108): Motion was made to accept by Steve Barger (CS) and seconded by Phyllis Dengler (UM). There was no discussion. Motion carried, with a tally of 30 in favor, 2 opposed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

RESOLUTION #3 (Amendment 28a): Motion was made to accept by Cookie Chambers (CS) and seconded by Eldon Zahm (CS). There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #4 (To delete Article 49b): Motion was made to accept by Eldon Zahm (CS) and seconded by Ted Wiethop Jr (STL). Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #6 (Counting of Federal Votes): Motion was made by Ted Wiethop Jr. (STL) and seconded by Frank Heede (MA) to accept Resolution #6. Discussion was held. Motion was defeated, with a tally of 10 in favor and 22 opposed.

RESOLUTION #9 (Pensions): Motion was made by Eldon Zahm to accept Resolution #9, seconded by George Jacquin (WNY). Discussion was held. Frank Heede questioned wording, and Chairman read current Article 48). National President Pfister explained current situation. Question was made as to whether there should be a percentage cap on contributions. Motion was made by Bill Meyer and seconded to amend the language, as follows:

Article 48 of the Statutes be deleted and replaced with the following Article 48:

The National Council is authorized to partially fund an approved retirement plan for the benefit of one full-time National Office employee, at an amount not to exceed 10% of that employee's annual salary.

The amended motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #10 (Travel): Motion was made by Steve Barger (CS) to accept Resolution #10, seconded by Karl Oppelt. Discussion was held, and Bill Meyer (IL) explained the purpose. District reported on whether each district had acted on this. Steve Barger (CS) motioned that the language be amended to read:

"Add Article 46b" instead of "Article 42a."

Motion on the amendment of the language carried unanimously.

Motion on the amended resolution carried unanimously.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Motion was made by Eldon Zahm (CS) and seconded by Cookie Chambers (CS) that Resolutions should follow a format for statute changes:

1. List current statute.
2. Changed statute with reference to changed language highlighted or otherwise noted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn by Bill Meyer (IL) and seconded by Ted Wiethop Jr. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Wiethop, Secretary