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**FIRST SESSION**

**Sunday Evening, August 23, 1964**

The Convention was called to order by President Carl M. Anderson at 8:15 P.M. in the Ballroom of the Belmont Plaza Hotel, welcoming the delegates and visitors and the delegates to the Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners. He then turned the meeting over to the Chairman of the Local Convention Committee, Past President Alfred F. Kierschner.

After words of welcome to New York and to the New York Turn Verein, he called upon Turner Herbert Heider to lead in the singing of the National Anthem, which was followed by the traditional Turner song, "Turner Auf Zum Streite".

Chairman Turner Kierschner introduced the Hon. James J. O'Brien, Commissioner of Commerce and Public Events of the City of New York, who after welcoming the convention in behalf of Mayor Wagner, handed to Turner Kierschner the program of the Centennial of the New York society and the Convention in 1950, where he had acted in the same capacity.

Turner Alex Diamant, President of New York District; Turner Milton First, President of the New York Turn Verein and Mary Zimmerman, President of the Women's Auxiliary extended greetings to the meeting.

President Carl R. Anderson presented his report, after dismissing the members of the Women's Auxiliary to proceed to their own meeting.

**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

My report will be short inasmuch as the National order has not progressed as much as we had hoped to report. My report will deal mostly with the status of the American Turners.

In the last three and one half years, I have had the pleasure of visiting nearly all of the Turner Societies in the American Turners jurisdiction and many of the visitations were quite revealing.

With the merger and new construction of the Northwest Chicago Turners which was completed during President Groth's regime a new impetus was generated in the entire Turner movement. Kansas City and the new Kansas City Turner Park are nearly completed, with swimming pool, athletic field,

gymnasium, and general facilities for social activities situated in a location where neither nationalities or industries can move in on them. St. Louis and Concordia, with a new location with new facilities and still building and plenty of room for expansion on a well known street in a fine part of town. Also in this wonderful society, classes of tremendous numbers under the supervision of Arnold Trummer, their physical education director. Louisville is the largest Turner Society in the country and the only society with a waiting list of prospective members. Louisville Turners have refurnished their club rooms and built new locker rooms and are planning further improvements. President Schuler and physical education director Weissmueller are always pushing forward. Ft. Wayne Society just finishing their new building in a ten acre park of their own with a potential that is almost fantastic. This is a dream that Waldemar Eichoff will live to see come true. South Bend Society is planning a new building and has a hard working group who will see this project through. These are just a few of the societies that have put into effect their plans for a better American Turners. The ball has started to roll and with futuristic minded members any society can look forward to a well rounded program in a new location or new facilities on their present location.

The American Turners National office presently located at Rochester, New York can proudly point to a well kept office with records that are up to date and always working towards a more modern means of bookkeeping. Today the office records have less delinquent National dues than any former year's record. While we have not had an increase in numbers, we do have more interest and more dedicated young members working towards a solution and we the older heads must stand ready to encourage them and not stand by to criticize. Too many times, we the older members, are prone to say, we didn't do it that way in our day. The world changes and so do the people, at times we say, ours is the only way and we will not change but subtle changes are taking place all the time; even our exercises change and a lot of us are not even aware of the change. In fact our exercises and gymnastics today are a much smoother product than they were forty years ago. We must recognize the problem our young people face today. We are in a much faster moving world today and we must face facts, but also keep in mind that no matter how much education we have and no matter what machines we perfect there is no change that can replace the human body and mind. The human mind and body can only be developed by mental and physical exercise. And this through a well developed program with adequate supervision and speaking of supervision we must also improve this department and unless we have a better working arrangement with Normal College, we may lose our contact with Indiana University.

In the last four years we have had four fine Turnfests, one National festival and three invitational Turnfests on a sectional level.

Chicago District and the first Turnfest of this nature proved to be so successful that the physical education directors decided to promote a like Turnfest every year except National Festival years. St. Louis District had the next Turnfest, also very well presented and attended. This year the Invitational Turnfest was held in the Upper Mississippi District with more than six-hundred contestants and with the wonderful facilities available at the Rock Island High School proved to be exceptionally well presented with all auditing and awards being presented at the close of the Turnfest.

These low budget affairs could very well lead us into a new era of public recognition, being held every year will keep the Turner name before the public and more and more interest will be shown in our work. These Invitational Turnfests could be held in two locations every year — one in the East and one in the West, with a large trophy to each event, provided by the National office. The time is here to capitalize on the physical fitness program being urged by the President's Council. We still have enough man power in the American Turners with the know how. Let us teach our young people, not tell them what to do, but work with them, in this way we can perfect our own technique and move towards a greater American Turners.

Our heritage was given to us by the pioneers, our future could be secured by taking an active interest in the local societies programs, where the programs have faltered, make an attempt to secure new officers and strive for a revitalization of the society, by presenting a new program of physical and cultural activities, with enough social interests to keep all members coming back for more. It has been proven over and over that when a board of do nothing officers are kept in office too long, the society dies on the vine, remove them completely and start over. You gain nothing by waiting, act now before it is too late.

We sometimes think that the young people are erratic and irresponsible. This is not so, they are only waiting for someone to show them the way. Youth must be served and with Turner Principles and Turner know-how, let us build towards a bigger and better Turner Movement.

With Turner Greetings  
Carl Anderson  
*National President*

The Chairman then called upon the First Vice President, Second Vice President, and National Secretary to render their reports.

## **REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

Portions of this report were given at the last meeting of the National Council of the American Turners. However, I feel that they are important enough to again bring them before the delegates at this convention.

### **I. SCHOLARSHIPS:**

As chairman of the Council committee on scholarships, I have the following information to impart to you. During the past school year, there were no students attending the Normal College of the Gymnastic Union of Indiana University, on American Turners scholarships. No one had made application. This is an unusual situation for which I do not have the answer. It may be possible, that we have failed to properly advertise the fact that scholarships are available to members of societies of the American Turners as well as to the sons and daughters of members, simply by making application through the National Secretary.

Presently, the scholarships amount to an annual grant of \$250.00 for male recipients and \$100.00 for women. While the \$250.00 grant was at one time, sufficient to cover tuition fees plus other fees as well as a portion of the cost of books, this situation no longer exists. The terrific increase in operating costs has made it necessary for Indiana University to increase its fees by a considerable amount. Beginning in September, the total cost of all fees, tuition, books,

camp, etc. for the Freshman year will be \$950.00 for out-of-state students and \$437.00 for in-state students. It is a well known fact, that in recent years, few graduates of the school have accepted full time positions in Turner societies. Many have accepted part time positions. The reasons for this unfortunate condition are obvious and every Turner is aware of them, therefore, it would be negligible to elaborate on them at this time.

To reaffirm our sincere interest in the promotion of physical fitness in these United States, it is my recommendation, that the American Turners continue to award scholarships on the same basis as they now exist. In this manner we will be assisting in the training of qualified teachers of Physical Education, teachers who have been taught the Turner system of methods of procedure.

## II. JAHN FUND:

It has been suggested from time to time, that the Jahn Fund trustees be encouraged to institute a scholarship fund to assist students in pursuing a course in education. This need not necessarily be in the field of Physical Education. Since this is an educational fund, there is no reason why it could not be in other fields, particularly in association with our Cultural Education program.

It can be noted in the last financial statement of the Jahn Education Fund, that the only contribution made during the year was to Turner Topics for which we are very grateful. We sincerely hope that this continues because it keeps this account out of the red. There appears sufficient surplus in the yearly earnings of the fund, to subsidize some other educational project such as a scholarship. May I suggest, that this convention take this matter under consideration.

## III. LEADERS COURSE:

Modern trends almost demand that the American Turners conduct Physical Education clinics or Leaders Courses, if you wish. Not because every other organization interested in gymnastics is doing this sort of thing but because we really need them, to provide teachers for our societies and to acquaint present instructors with new ideas that can be used in their class instruction. In recent years, we attempted to conduct Leaders Courses on two different occasions on the national level. Because of the very small response, it became impossible to carry out our plans. The more acceptable plan would be to conduct Regional Leaders Courses in those Regions where the need demands them. A very successful such course was conducted in the New England District Region during the past year. We deem it successful based on the fact that two of the individual participants are now actively engaged as instructors in the New England societies.

My primary purpose in bringing this matter before the convention, is to suggest to the ladies of the auxiliary, that they take under consideration, the possibility of financing this project. Ladies: you have a reserve fund for this purpose; you need a national project to assist in the promotion of the Turner movement. Here is your opportunity to join with the National Council in encouraging the development of future Turner instructors and the improvement of present instructors.

## IV. NATIONAL FESTIVAL RULES:

There has not been a revision of the National Festival Rule Book since the 1951 Festival was held in Buffalo. I speak now of the Physical Education rules

primarily. The Cultural Education Rule Book has been revised a number of times, the most recent issue being printed in 1962. The reason for the more efficient operation of the Cultural Activities program is the fact that an established rules committee composed of a small group of Turners living in one community can meet regularly at no cost to the American Turners and plan activities and rule changes. It is my firm belief, that all standing committees should be so organized.

The National Council agrees wholeheartedly with the resolution presented by the Missouri District, calling for a revision of the rules. While president Anderson appointed a committee some months ago, to work on a revision of the Festival Rules, adoption of this resolution would be very desirable. The committee will welcome any suggestions from instructors or other Turner members. Dr. Eklund is a member of the rules revision committee and would be happy to receive your recommendations.

#### IN CONCLUSION:

Perhaps some of you will recall the article which appeared in the November-December 1963 issue of Turner Topics, written by Dr. Ernst Jokl, University of Kentucky physiologist and international authority on sport medicine. In this article, he points out, the gross lack of Physical Fitness programs in the United States in comparison with the widespread organized programs in European countries. Significantly, he states, "The Turner movement in America was once big but it has fizzled out." While we may agree that this is true in some societies, in the main, we continue to maintain outstanding programs on Physical Fitness in the majority of our societies.

It remains then, for everyone of us to exert every effort, to encourage those societies in which no Physical Education program is being offered or no Cultural Education program is being offered, to reactivate these programs. Also, to encourage improvement of these programs in every society so that we may regain some of our lost prestige and thus prevent further damaging remarks by individuals such as Dr. Jokl.

With Turner Greetings  
George J. Jacquin  
*1st Vice-President*

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

To the Delegates of the 50th Convention of the American Turners  
To the Delegates to the 23rd Convention of the Women's Auxiliary to the American Turners  
Greetings:

A report on the State of the Union of the American Turners.

#### MEMBERSHIP

A survey of membership since the 49th Convention in Toledo, Ohio in 1962 reveals a membership of 13,501 for the year 1962, as dues-paying members and for 1963, 13,103 members, a loss of 398.

This has been a normal loss since 1954.

President Carl Anderson in a report to the Council indicated that it was his feeling that the districts were a factor in this situation in not establishing a section on membership.

Even the National Council is not organized for membership purposes, having no officer responsible for this program.

The members of Council were organized in 1950 for a closer relationship with the societies and districts of the region. Rarely as reports indicate do they know the condition of societies other than their own society. There are numerous examples of this which can be verified in a number of ways.

### PROGRAMS

At the National level we have representative committees on Health and Physical, Cultural Education, Bowling and Legal Committee with corresponding members representing these committees in each region, but no liaison with the members of the Council, as well as the Women's Auxiliary established in most societies with no knowledge by the members of each as to what all are doing for the promotion of Turnerism and its related programs.

Therefore, the Council should be organized with each member of the Executive Committee directing these programs. One member to direct the relations of the Council in society and district relation. One member directing a membership program with the assistance of the regional members of Council, and one member to direct the programs of the individual national committees, responsible with the Chairman of the Committees for their functioning.

### NATIONAL FESTIVAL

A National Festival was held in 1963; repercussions are still in evidence. A Regional Festival was held in 1964 with over 600 participants, with a complete program of Gymnastics, Field and Track, Special events and Cultural Education program, at which there was no National support. A small profit resulted as well as profits to the sponsoring societies. This should provide some thought of the conduct of future festivals.

### NATIONAL FINANCES

The finances of the American Turners are still in a precarious condition as in 1959 reported by Past President Edward Groth in his report to Council, due to the program of rehabilitation at Rochester, N. Y. The amount of General Fund monies of \$14,148.35, with notes payable from the General Fund of \$3,950.00, all of which are now call notes. There is no hope that in the future these funds can be amortized by the Rochester Turners. The A-T-R-Corporation with its income has just enough to pay all annual expenses of insurance, taxes and interest on the above General Fund loan and the Endowment Trust mortgages. In addition societies are not paying the national dues according to the provisions of the Statutes, with at present 19 societies delinquent in paying national dues through the quarter ending July 10th.

### TURNER TOPICS MAILING

A Word of Explanation —

Since the change of Publisher and Mailer the National Office is supplied with a duplicate card of the mailing plate imprint.

We are now able to tell in a moment why a member is not receiving his copy of Turner Topics.

We now know that there are some 150 copies not deliverable by the Post Office Department for each issue. But the fact still remains that we can do nothing unless we have the facts of non-receipt of topics.

May I suggest that if officers of societies learn of the failure of a member to receive the Publication, send a post card to the National Office and correction will be made immediately.

### NATIONAL OFFICE TENURE

In 1958 it was directed that the National Office be moved to Rochester for two reasons. 1. To occupy our own building. 2. To assist in the rehabilitation of the Rochester society. This has meant that the office has functioned without the help which was available to your secretary previous to the move. We are absolutely isolated from any help or advice of National officers or from knowledgeable members. There are some times that weeks pass without anyone but the mailman stepping into the office, and he only three days per week.

At a recent visit President Carl Anderson made a statement that it was revelation to him of the work activity that takes place in the office. That he was going to recommend that future administration provide the office staff with more advice and that the Executive Committee members should spend more time in the office and provide advisory service, for your staff.

I hope that for the welfare of the office something be instigated to make the operation more pleasant.

All incentives for enthusiastic performance are missing.

With Turner Greetings  
Dr. E. A. Eklund  
*National Secretary*

The Chairman next called for nominations for permanent Chairman of the Convention. Turner Alfred Kierschner was elected by unanimous ballot, with Turner Andrew Doyle as Vice Chairman. Turner Richard Burke, Northwest Davenport, was elected as convention secretary.

At this time nominations for Asst. Sec. were held. Turner Herman Niehaus was nominated. He declined due to reason of health. Turner Steinlage of Louisville was nominated; he accepted and was seated. Chairman Kierschner called for the election of the Sgt.-at-Arms, for the Convention. Turner Walter Schrader of the Illinois Dist. was nominated and elected. Next the chair called for the Report of the Chairman of Health and Physical Education.

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

As chairman of the Physical Education Committee, I will try to bring you up to date on the national affairs held in the past 2 years.

My term as Physical Education Chairman has been both educational and exasperating. I feel that if one had nothing else to do, this would be a good job, one that you could really devote your full time to. And that is what it takes. It has been a great honor and a lot of hard work, even with all the help I was promised and never got.

I have traveled some in the last two years in the interest of the Turners and the Physical Education Committee.

First, I attended several USGF meetings in Pittsburgh and Chicago, trying to get a firm understanding of this new federation. More on this later.

I attended the United States Gymnastics Federation Clinic in Arizona last December and found it both progressive and educational to the extent that gymnastics is once again on the way up from all factions. 500 students participated in this 5 day clinic, every moment of which they were well coached. I learned new techniques and systems; but the main thing that I learned is that kids in this country want gymnastics and physical education. They are willing to work hard for it and, I may add, are progressing faster than you can imagine.

I also attended the National Volley Ball Meet in St. Louis in which 17 teams participated. Bob Kaelin was in charge of this well run affair, a full report of which was sent to Dr. Eklund.

I waited for bids to hold the National Apparatus Meet and Olympic Tryouts, in '63 and '64, but none were forthcoming. So, rather than let it die, I ran the meet in Cleveland. It was a great disappointment attendance-wise. From my first card answering resumé, I had 33 entries, the total of the next entry sheet was 23. The final number of entries was 14. On the day of the meet, I had 8 girls and 6 boys; 3 girls and 2 boys qualified for the Olympic Tryouts. It was a lot of preparation for so few. I had bona fide judges there for the 2 full days of the meet and the meet could have been a very nice one had everyone cooperated. We had quality but not quantity. A full report was sent to Dr. Eklund.

The Moline Invitational, held in June of this year, was a fine affair and created a lot of interest with the some 500 participating contestants. But again, it seems too much to try to crowd into 2 days. The facilities were fine and the over-all job well done. But the old bug-a-boo, of not having enough judges and the slowness of the scoring system, crept in again. This I hope by trial and error will soon be a thing of the past.

The 41st National Festival in Cleveland need not be rehashed at this time, as it has already been carefully torn apart. We were in trouble from the start with only 10 months to prepare for so large an event. We made mistakes and we learned things to be corrected for the next National.

May I just say, and I quote "That for being a pioneer, you pay a dear price," end of quote. The IBM system will be a boon in the coming years. Our mistake on this was not enough time. The contestants' scores should have all been on one card instead of one card for each event. This we found out too late. The 64 Olympics are being run on this system, so it must work. If the thing would have worked, and it will with the corrections we discovered, we would have been the real pioneers, as it was, we turned out to be bums.

I hope that we can set the place at this convention for the '67 Festival and give that society 3 full years to work on it, or turn our thoughts to newer ideas — as to just invitationals every year.

There were no bids for the National Swim or Basketball Meets.

#### NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This committee, myself included, has not done ONE DAMN THING progressively or nationally in the past 2 years, for that matter, in the past 10 years. I have been a member of the committee for that long or longer, and have never been called to a meeting except one before a National Turnfest.

It has been a great honor and a lot of hard work, and I am glad that I did it. But one man can't do this job alone. This has been brought up before and will again be presented at this convention. I quote "That our National Phys. E. Comm. is stretched all over the country and its almost impossible to get them all together for meetings." This committee should meet once a month and really put ideas and hard work into it to make it click. Do you know that there are men on my committee that I have not seen in 2 years? Only 3 attended the National Committee Meeting in New York in '63, and there are some who do not even attend the National Conventions.

Also, in the rewriting of the New Rule Book, this whole committee should sit in on it and do the job right. This committee is the life line of the Turners and we have certainly not been living up to it.

We have not rewritten the new rule book because we wanted to wait and see what came up at this convention and take it from there.

As to future bids on national affairs, the following 3 have been submitted for '65:

1. Louisville for an Invitational Meet in '65.
2. Illinois district for the Invitational Meet for June 25 and 26 at the Turner Camp — 1965.
3. Wilmington Turners to conduct the '65 National Apparatus Meet, Sat. and Sun., May 16 and 17 — 1965.
4. No Swim or Basketball.

#### CLINICS

The New England District ran a very fine clinic last season and proclaimed it a fine success. They are to be congratulated.

I certainly am in favor of gym clinics and we should have more of them, on a national scale and not district. Two big ones a year could really do a lot for us. We grow stagnant and there are so many new things and ideas to add to teaching, especially to keep our part time teachers, who do not get out enough to see and become informed. Basically our Turner system is sound but we have to put a little fun, imagination and interest into it to hold our students as a mass and not just cater to champs.

It is my opinion that the one good thing we did do this season was to join the USGF. Perhaps, some of you do not know that you belong, or what it is, or even what it is all about. The Turners have joined it and a discussion will arise later on this subject.

#### MODERN GYMNASTIC MAGAZINE

At this time I would like to push the purchasing of the Modern Gymnastic Magazine. It is the best magazine on gymnastics in the country today. It is full of new ideas, techniques, pictures, and explanations. In fact it's the gymnasts bible and keeps everyone up to date, both nationally and internationally. This magazine covered our entire Festival in Cleveland with 3 full pages of pictures. It also covered the Moline Invitational. So far the subscriptions for the magazine are only 14,000 in the U.S., which is a very small number for such a fine magazine. Some of our teachers write for it that do not contribute much to our own Turner Topics. So buy it, for your own good.

From my observations it seems to me that we are not growing at all, with a few exceptions, but are standing still, both from the social angle and the phys. ed. angle. WHY?

- I. Is it from leadership from the top down?
- II. Is it part time teachers — or the hardship of getting new teachers?
- III. Is it monetary?
- IV. Is it advertising?

Take our own Turner Topics, which is, in my opinion, the WORST magazine advertising-wise put out for a national organization, that I have ever read. It does very little for the Turners or prospective Turners.

We have some excellent articles written by good teachers and authorities, but we as Turners know the content of these articles. Let's get it in front of the public and let them know what the Turners are and what we stand for.

Every year we lose a few more members both socially and physically. Let me read to you the statistics from the last National Turnfest and watch the decline of attendance down the line.

The article that I want to read to you now is one of the best that I have run across for many years; it describes our situation perfectly. It applies to colleges and high schools but fits our dilemma to a tee. This was submitted to the Modern Gymnast Magazine, by Bruce Fredricks of Wilmington, Delaware, whom you all know, and was written by Ed Williams. Bruce, himself, also writes some very excellent material.

#### IN CLOSING JUST A FEW REMARKS

1. Let's get alive with new thoughts and ideas. We have them, they have just grown stagnant. When you go out and watch the poor high school phys. ed. teacher, who has majored in phys. ed. and knows nothing about teaching it, you know what I'm talking about. These are the people that today are teaching our kids or are trying to, and some are doing a good job, but they themselves admit that they don't know the work. I have many high school and college teachers attending my classes, who take the work back to school and teach it. So, we DO have the ability, let's push a little harder.

2. Keep abreast of the times. Study and use your OWN imagination.

3. Our fundamentals are sound and are the back bone of all phys. ed. used in the country today, both for body building and developing champs. I say this to all instructors and chairmen, let's continue to follow the philosophy of dealing with the mass and keep our classes high in attendance. With your high attendance in class, your social members will increase because, where the kids go, mom and dad will go, too. Let's not just deal in championships, the champ can take care of himself with corrective help from you. We are teachers and should keep in mind what our objective in this field is, and that is BODY BUILDING, helping the student who really needs it.

#### THREE POINTS TO SETTLE

1. Turnfest — where?
2. Phys. Ed. Comm. Meetings — where? — when?
3. National Clinic — where? — when?

I have not made a very flattering report and I have done so with this thought in mind, that I am tired of hearing flowery reports at conventions that sound good on paper, when deep in our own hearts you know half of it is not true, the statistics are written for us each year and published, so we are not kidding anyone when we say our societies are going great guns and are progressing. Let's face facts, let's stop kidding ourselves and go to work before someone else takes it all away from us and we ALL DIE.

With Turner Greetings  
Charles Calhoun  
National Physical Education  
Committee Chairman

Upon a motion by Turner Mitchell, seconded by Turner Kopp, the report was accepted. Next the Report of the Cultural Education Chairman was given.

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF CULTURAL EDUCATION

Cultural Education in American Turners does not grow by leaps and bounds, but must take a slower course, but in the overall picture we are not doing too badly. It must be promoted by volunteers and if they are not given much encouragement it is difficult to do. Many societies still do not give more than a passing thought to our cultural programs. They do not appoint chairmen, and if they do the officers in many societies do not follow up to learn if they are doing their work.

Reports are sent in from several societies but there are societies that do have programs but are never reported. This makes it difficult for the National Chairman to know what is going on.

Several of the districts have their annual cultural exhibits. The New England, Central States, New York, Lake Erie, Upper Mississippi, Southern California and Illinois. Some are held in connection with gym exhibits and others are solely cultural.

We often hear classes cannot be started in several societies due to the fact other places in the city offer the same things. I cannot agree with this because I feel it is much nicer having your own group and if a qualified instructor is selected a class will be formed.

The National Festivals are growing each time. At the 1963 Festival there were 335 individual entries, three chorus, two little theatre groups, men's chorus, woman's chorus, quartets and solos.

The quality of the work was excellent as one judge stated that he considered our work superior to what was entered in the Ohio State Fair. All Districts had entries except the Rocky Mountain, South Bend and Western New York. It is unfortunate these Districts are not interested.

Our young people took a much greater interest and had more entries in the 1963 Festival. Their work was excellent and we hope we can continue to keep them interested.

The space we had at the Sheraton Cleveland was excellent and this was given to us free of charge. I hope at future festivals we can impress upon the local committee the importance of having enough people to man the event. At Cleveland we were lacking having people at the various exhibits to explain

the various articles and answer questions from the visitors. This was especially true in Needlecraft, Handicraft. Also at future festivals we must make sure we have enough judges and well qualified. I feel at this convention we must pass some kind of recommendations stating the number of judges required.

I believe our program can be improved if we can get younger people interested in the promotion. Our societies must have the younger generation or they will be nonexistent in a few years. Our youth has good ideas and should be encouraged.

Sara G. Palmer

Chairman National Cultural Committee

A motion was made by Turner Diamant, seconded by Turner Baker, the report was accepted. The Report of the Bowling Chairman was given.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL BOWLING COMMITTEE**

To the 50th National Convention of the American Turners:  
Greetings:

During these last two years, two National Bowling Tournaments were held. The 1963 tournament was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, by the South Side Turners. This tournament had 208 men's teams and 115 women's teams entered, a total of about 1625 Turners participating. The South Side Indianapolis Turners showed a profit of \$2,327.61 from program and bowling. Additional profit of \$1,331.86 was made on meals and souvenirs.

The 1964 tournament was held this last spring in Syracuse, New York, by the Syracuse Turners. Here only a small group of Turners participated. This was due to a great extent to the traveling distance between the participating societies and Syracuse, New York. A total of 138 men's teams and 76 women's teams entered. This amounted to about 1075 Turners participating. Having as of August 20th not received a final financial report on the 1964 tournament, I cannot give you the amount of profit Syracuse derived from this tournament.

The National Bowling Committee held two meetings since the last convention. In September 1963 a meeting was held in Toledo, Ohio and then another was held this last July 18 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

At the Toledo meeting a number of additions and changes were made to the rules governing the National Bowling Tournament. One of these additions being that the National Bowling Chairman check on the eligibility of bowlers when a discrepancy is found in a society National per capita tax payment. National bowling chairman is to give his approval on all cases. The committee also voted Fort Wayne, Indiana as the site for the 1965 National Bowling Tournament. National Council gave its approval. The meeting also went on record to hold a junior bowling meet in 1964.

At the Fort Wayne meeting this last July, the committee made some more additions and changes to the rules. Two of the important changes were as follows:

1. That all team bowling captains must present the membership cards of all bowlers at the time they check their team in and the record be based on the previous year's card.

2. As demanded by the 49th National Convention the bowling committee decided to select sites for National Bowling Tournaments by dividing the United States in to two sections. The geographical division was made through the Ohio-Indiana line and awarding to begin in 1967 in the western section.

The committee voted Cleveland S.T.V. as the site for the 1966 National Bowling Tournament. The other cities which were bidding were: Johnstown, Pa.; Toledo, Ohio; South Bend, Indiana; Louisville, Ky., and Moline, Ill. This vote has the approval of National Council. The committee also approved the rules which will govern the National Junior Bowling meet, to be held between November 15 and December 15, 1964, in each home Turner society city. All results will be sent to me and after going over these results I will announce the winners. Two trophies will be awarded in each age group of under 11 years, 11 to 13 years and 14 to 17, girls and boys. All societies should have received their junior bowling rules and questionnaire. To date I have received reports of about 335 juniors who will participate. Please, see that your society returns these questionnaires as soon as possible. With your help this junior bowling meet can be successful.

I received a full report from the Upper Mississippi district on their 9th annual junior bowling meet. This district along with the other districts and societies, from whom I have not heard, are to be commended for their fine work in junior bowling.

The 1965 National Bowling Tournament will be held at Northcrest Lanes in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from March 20 to May 16, 1965 inclusive. These beautiful 42 lanes are only a short distance from the Gerber-Haus Motel, which will be the headquarters. These two places are only a short distance from the Fort Wayne Turners, who will be moving into their new building soon. The sample entry blanks and posters have both been approved by me and should be at the printers and ready for distribution on time. A large entry is being looked for at this tournament, so be sure and make your weekend reservation soon.

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

Respectfully Submitted with Turner Greetings,  
Wilfred H. Racker, Chairman  
National Bowling Committee

Motion by Hazel Baird, seconded by Turner Gagnon, report was accepted.

Next the report of the Credentials Committee was given. At this time a discussion on delegates and alternates was held. Motion by Turner Doyle, seconded by Turner Diamant, that only Delegates may vote in Committee Meetings. Motion carried. Turner Orchard submitted an amendment to the Credentials Committee Report, that Turner Trummer be designated as a Delegate to replace Turner Orchard for the Missouri District. Upon a motion by Turner Nell, seconded by Turner Nerl, the amendment was accepted.

At this time a motion was submitted by Turner Schenz, seconded by Turner Andre, that there be no Nomination Committee appointed or elected and that the National Officers be elected from the Convention floor. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee Report was tabled, and was to be re-submitted as corrected at the next session. At this time a motion for adjournment was made. The Chairman announced the second session of the Convention would reconvene at 9:30 A.M.

## SECOND SESSION

The second session was called to order at 9:30 A.M. August 26, 1964 by Chairman Kierschner. Turner Chas. Calhoun, the chairman of Physical Education conducted a short session of calisthenics.

The chair called for the corrected report of the Credentials Committee. Turner Orchard, Secretary of the Credentials Committee, read the revised report. President Carl Anderson reported that he received word from Turner Al Heyn that the South Bend District would not be represented. It was also noted that the Minnesota District was not represented. These corrections changed the total federal votes from 141 to 132. Turner Orchard moved for the adoption of the report. Seconded by Turner Richter, the motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee was called to order at 2:10 P.M. Temporary Chairman Forrest F. Steinlage.

A motion was made by Aaron Orchard nominating Forrest Steinlage as chairman. Seconded by Walter Kopp. Carried.

A motion was made that nominations for chairman be closed. Seconded by Walter Kopp.

A motion was made by Walter Kopp nominating Aaron Orchard as Secretary. Seconded by Turner Calhoun. Carried.

A motion was made by Turner Calhoun that nominations for Secretary be closed. Seconded by Walter Kopp. Carried.

NEW OFFICERS: Forrest Steinlage—Chairman; Aaron Orchard—Secretary.

<i>District</i>	<i>Federal Votes</i>
Central States District .....	18
Illinois District .....	13
Lake Erie District .....	16
Middle Atlantic District .....	7
Missouri District .....	3
New England District .....	17
New Jersey District .....	2
New York District .....	7
St. Louis District .....	4
Southern California District .....	2
Upper Mississippi District .....	13
Western New York District .....	6
Western Pennsylvania District .....	20
Wisconsin District .....	4

TOTAL FEDERAL VOTES 132

Delegates names were read and approved.

Total Federal Votes were read and approved by delegates.

A motion was made by Walter Kopp and seconded by Alex Diamant that the additional delegates that were certified by their representatives be seated.

A motion by Harold Quinlan and seconded by Clifford Anderson to certify all delegates.

A motion was made by Alex Diamant and seconded by Walter Kopp that all committees that were read be approved.

The Rocky Mountain District was not represented.

A motion was made by Walter Kopp and seconded by Charles Calhoun that 132 federal votes be accepted by the convention.

*The following committee appointments were made:*

**BOWLING:**

Thomas Trame	Otto Nerl	Jack Myers
Herbert Hentschel	Harold Lingenfelder	Edward W. Timm

**CULTURAL EDUCATION:**

Irma K. Tabor	Erv Schrader	James F. Stoffel
Jo Ann Mueller	Ludwig Witt	Benjamin Kohn
A. J. Schmid	Al Warr	Walter Thompson
Roy Boethelt	Margery W. Stocker	Willi Franck

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Max Spanier	William Meyer	Al Warr
Andrew E. Miller	J. E. Schentz	Edward Wellman
Aaron Orchard	Harold Pelke	Roy Davidson. Sr.
Elmer Crook	Herbert Heider	Fritz Brecht

**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:**

Joe Tabor	A. Herman Niehaus	Bob Stahl
A. Carl Patterson	Eugene E. Mitchell	Hazel Baird
Edward Hille	Bert Early	Otto Nerl
Ralph Markus	Arnold Trummer	Robert J. Volker
George Richter	Fred Boeker	Bernard Model
Ray Schnell	Alex Diamant	Robert King
Frank J. Hacker	J. Omer Gagnon, Jr.	
Harold Quinlan	Henry W. Schroeder	

**NATIONAL AFFAIRS:**

Charles Miller	Walter Kopp	Edward W. Timm
Robert J. Schuler	Eugene E. Mitchell	George Hemer
Forrest F. Steinlage	Richard Burke	Harold Hoenig
August C. Andre	Herbert Heider	Frank McIntyre
Elmer Crook	Alfred F. Kierchner	John Lare
Roy Boethelt	John A. Westermeyer	Roy Davidson
Richard H. Schnell	Robert McGrail	Carl Tullner
Warren Dalbke	Clifford E. Anderson	Louis Aichele
Andrew Doyle	Ronald Gawlas	

NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

William Powers	Roy Boethelt	Hazel Baird
	Walter Schrader	

PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES:

Bruno A. Pietuchoff	Howard Brent	Otto K. Nell
Charles Schuler	Robert Landry	John W. Westermeyer
William Powers	Alfred K. Kierschner	Miss Emma Gerstner
Aaron Orchard	Adolph Zink	W. Ellinger
Louis Baker	John Marshall	

DELEGATES BY DISTRICT

CENTRAL STATES

Andrew E. Miller	Charles Schuler	Thomas Trame
Jo Ann Mueller	Robert J. Schuler	John Marshall
William Powers	Forrest F. Steinlage	
A. J. Schmid	Dorothy Steinlage, Alt.	

ILLINOIS

Louis Baker	Ralph Markus	Ray Schnell
Warren Dalbke	William Meyer	Richard Schnell
Andrew Doyle	Harold Pelke	Erv Schrader
W. Ellinger	Walter Schrader	
Herbert Hentschel	George Richter	

LAKE ERIE

Louis G. Aichele	J. E. Schenz	Frank McIntyre
Robert King	Ludwig Witt	

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

August Andre	Edward Hille	John Lare
	A. Carl Patterson	

MISSOURI

Roy Boethelt	Elmer Crook	Aaron Orchard, Alternate
	Arnold Trummer	

NEW ENGLAND

Charles Miller	Irma K. Tabor	Max Spanier
Bruno A. Pietuchoff	Joe Tabor	Jerry Nordstrom, Alt.
	A. J. O'Donnell, Alt.	

NEW JERSEY

Fred Boeker	William Heider	
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NEW YORK

Alex Diamant	Alfred F. Kierschner	Adolph H. Zink
J. Omer Gagnon, Jr.	Henry W. Schroeder	Carl Tullner, Alt.
Herbert Heider	Bob Stahl	

ST. LOUIS

Hazel Baird

Otto Nerl

Al Warr

John A. Westermeyer

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Otto K. Nell

UPPER MISSISSIPPI

Bert Early

Willi Franck

Richard Burke

Eugene E. Mitchell

WESTERN NEW YORK

Emma Gerstner

Robert McGrail

Margery W. Stocker

Harold Quinlan

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Clifford E. Anderson

A. Herman Niehaus

Robert J. Volker

Roy Davidson, Sr.

James F. Stoffel

Edward Wellman

Ronald Gawlas

Sam Thompson

Fritz Brecht, Alt.

George Hemer

Walter Thompson

Benjamin Kohn, Alt.

Harold Lingenfelder

Edward W. Timm

WISCONSIN

Walter Kopp

Bernard Model

MEMBERS — CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT ..... Forrest Steinlage

ILLINOIS DISTRICT ..... Richard H. Schnell

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT ..... Louis Aichele

MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT ..... August C. Andre

MISSOURI DISTRICT ..... Aaron Orchard

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT ..... Axel Nordstrom

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT ..... Fred Boeker

NEW YORK DISTRICT ..... Alex Diamant

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT ..... John Westermeyer

WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT ..... Harold Quinlan

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT ..... Clifford Anderson

WISCONSIN DISTRICT ..... Walter Kopp

A motion to adjourn was made by Louis Aichele, seconded by Harold Quinlan and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
FORREST STEINLAGE, Chairman  
AARON ORCHARD, Secretary

At this time the chair received a delegation from the Ladies' Auxiliary consisting of Evelyn Jones, Margery Stocker, and Laura Racker who extended greetings to the Convention.

The chair called for a reading of the minutes of the first session which were read in parts by Dr. Eklund and Convention Secretary Burke. Motion by Turner Dalbke and seconded to accept the amended minutes.

The chairman called for a moment of silence in tribute to departed Turners.

The Chairman read a telegram from Mayor H. J. Tate of Philadelphia stating that all Philadelphians are looking forward to the 1966 Turner Convention being held in their city.

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Dr. E. A. Eklund, National Secretary, American Turners in Convention  
Belmont Plaza Hotel NYK

It is our sincere hope that your meeting in New York is a success. All Philadelphians looking forward to seeing you in 1966.

James H. J. Tate, Mayor, City of Philadelphia

A motion by Turner Dalbke and seconded by Turner Richter that a three minute time limit be set on debate by each individual and each individual be limited to talk twice on each subject unless otherwise directed by the chair. Motion passed.

The chair called for the report of the National Affairs Committee which was read by Turner Dalbke.

At 11:15 the report of the National Affairs Committee was temporarily interrupted in order to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and conduct the election of National Officers. The chair appointed as temporary Sergeant-of-Arms Turner Raymond Schnell of the Illinois District.

Turners nominated for office were:

For President — George Jacquin, Andrew Doyle, both submitted by Nominating Committee.

Turner Doyle declined the nomination in favor of Turner Jacquin. Motion to close nominations by Turner W. Schrader. Passed and Turner Jacquin elected by acclamation.

First Vice-President — Stephen Reskovitz, submitted by Nominating Committee. Andrew Doyle, nominated by Richard Schnell of Illinois, seconded by Turner Dalbke.

Stephen Reskovitz elected — 68 votes to 64 for Doyle.

Second Vice-President — Bruno Pietuchoff, by Nominating Committee.

Andrew Doyle, Moved by Turner Gagnon, seconded by Turner Nell.

Motion to close by Turner Schenz, seconded by Turner Schmid — passed. Andrew Doyle elected — 111 votes to 21 for Pietuchoff.

Physical Education Committee nominated Eugene Mitchell — elected by acclamation as Physical Education Chairman.

Cultural Chairman — Sara Palmer, submitted by Nominating Committee.

Motion to close by H. Heider of New York District, seconded by W. Heider of New Jersey District.

Turner Palmer unanimously re-elected.

Bowling Chairman — W. Racker, submitted by Nominating Committee.

Motion to close by L. Aichele, seconded by Lingenfelter.

Turner Racker, re-elected by acclamation.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 P.M. — passed.

### THIRD SESSION

The third session was called to order by Chairman Kierschner at 1:45 P.M.

The chair called for a reading of the minutes of the second session. These minutes were read. Motion by Model and seconded by Schenz to accept the reading — passed.

The chair appointed Turners Doyle, Jacquin and H. Heider to extend best wishes to the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The chair called for continuing of the election with nominations for Regional Councilors.

Region I—Anthony O'Donnell — nominated by New England District. It was moved by Aichele to close the nominations. Seconded by W. Schrader and O'Donnell be elected by acclamation — passed.

Region II — Bob Stahl — nominated by Districts of Region II. Motion to close by Mitchell of Moline and seconded.

Turner Stahl elected by acclamation.

Region III — Turner Schuler of Central States nominated Forrest Steinlage and seconded by A. Schmid.

Turner Steinlage re-elected by acclamation.

Region IV — James Szilagy — Submitted by Region IV.

Schenz moved to close — seconded by Witt.

Turner Szilagy elected by acclamation.

Region V — Walter Kopp — nominated by B. Model

Warren Dalbke — nominated by Irvin Schrader — seconded by Morrison.

Kopp — 81 Dalbke — 51 Turner Kopp re-elected.

Region VI — Al Warr — nominated by St. Louis District.

Aaron Orchard — nominated by Missouri District.

Moved to close by Richter — seconded by Morrison — passed.

Warr — 28 Orchard — 104 Turner Orchard re-elected.

Region VII — Richard Burke — nominated by Turner Mitchell. Motion to close. Burke re-elected by acclamation.

Region VIII — Otto Nell — submitted by Southern Cal. District.

Motion closed by Schuler, seconded by Crook. Turner Nell re-elected by acclamation.

Region IX — Turner Lingenfelter nominated by Turner Ray Schnell. Turner Lingenfelter declined. Turner Cliff Anderson nominated by Turner Lingenfelter. Turner Schnell raised a point of order. The chair ruled against it. Andre moved to close, seconded by Westermeyer. Cliff Anderson re-elected.

Endowment Trust Trustee — Robert Schuler, nominated by Steinlage, seconded by Marshall. Moved to close by Aichele, seconded by Richter. Turner Schuler re-elected by acclamation.

Recognition was given to outgoing officers Carl Anderson and Charles Calhoun and Regional Councilor Bruno Pietuchoff.

The election being completed the chairman turned the chair over to the vice-chairman Doyle who returned to the report of the National Affairs Committee. At the completion of the reading of the report of the National Affairs Committee, Turner Crook moved for its adoption. Seconded by Kopp. Passed.

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The morning meeting of the National Affairs Committee was called to order by temporary Chairman Robert Schuler at 9:50 A.M.

After due process of order, Robert Schuler was elected chairman. Warren Dalbke was elected secretary.

The following delegates were present for the first session.

Warren Dalbke	Ronald M. Gawlas	Louis E. Aichele
Robert Schuler	A. E. Warr	Carl Anderson
August C. Andre	John A. Westermeyer	Steve Reskovitz
John W. Lare	Axel F. Nordstrom	George Jacquin
Elmer Crook	Roy J. Davidson	Alfred Kierschner
Forrest F. Steinlage	Richard H. Schnell	Otto Nell
Carl Tullner	Andrew J. Doyle	Roy Boerhelt
Clifford E. Anderson	William Heider	

We request:

1. That the Jahn Fund take the responsibility of granting scholarships each year to the Normal College. *Passed.*

2. That the National Council set up a nominating committee for future Conventions. *Passed*

3. That a nominating committee consisting of the Regional Counselors present at this Convention be set up for this Convention's use. *Passed 32 to 19 by Convention.*

4. That each Society and District forward a current list of all their officers to the National Secretarial office. *Passed*

5. We the members of the 88th Lake Erie District Convention, recommend that the National Council assume the responsibility of enforcing the mandates and recommendations directed to them at the National Convention. And inspection be made to see that such rules are being obeyed and carried out wherever possible in every location. *Passed.*

6. We recommend that the National Committee immediately following a National Festival name the *next* Festival site. *Rejected.*

7. We recommend that the Executive Committee of the National Council be authorized to approve and sign all the necessary contracts relative to the operation of National Festivals. *Rejected.*

8. We recommend that the National Office compile all listed committee recommendations voted on and passed at our previous National Conventions, all listings to be made according to the mandate to their respective committee: i.e., Cultural Committee, Bowling Committee, Physical Education Committee, etc. *Rejected.*

9. Whereas, the ear-marked per capita tax pertaining to the Financial status was diverted, and whereas the 1963 Festival Funds are currently not available, be it resolved that said Funds be used specifically for National Festival expenses only. (See 1957 amendments to the Statutes at the Kansas City Convention.) *Referred to Finance Committee.*

10. We recommend that the National Council appoint an Historian to bring the American Turner History up to date and that printed material thereof be available at the National Office, when needed, and, that the National Council

find ways and means of setting up the mechanism for its production, and further, that the necessary funds be allotted for the project. *Referred to Publications Committee.*

11. We recommend that the National Secretary submit the Turner up-dated history to the Library of Congress at least at intervals of *five* years. *Referred to Publications Committee.*

Morning Session adjourned 12:17 p.m.

Afternoon Session called to order 1:50 p.m.

12. Letter from Pennsylvania District concerning Monaca Turners "dues in arrears" problem refer to Turner Legal Committee for action.

13. Letters from several members of the Chattanooga Turners concerning local problem to be returned to the National Secretary for handling according to Article 134 2a of the National Bylaws.

14. That only qualified participants be eligible for trophies or prizes furnished by the National organization. *Passed.*

Many persons were visiting with us throughout the day.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren E. Dalbke

The chair proceeded with the report of the Committee on Principles Statutes and grievances. The committee secretary read the report.

A vote was taken to raise National dues 50c and was rejected 87-45.

A minority report was submitted by Turner Zink in opposition to the rejection by the committee to recommend the adoption to amend par. 109 of the statutes. Motion by Ray Schnell and seconded by Racker to end debate. Passed. The minority report was rejected by 67 to 65.

### **MINORITY REPORT ON NEW YORK DISTRICT RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 31, 1964 COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES**

We, the Minority, feel that the rejection of this Resolution penalizes those members, who upon attaining their 18th birthday, and become voting members of their Society, and who also pay their Society and National Per Capita dues in advance, are done an injustice by not receiving their 40th Honorary Membership card on or after their 58th birthday.

On their 59th birthday he will have been a member 41 years and will have paid his Society and National Per Capita dues for 41 years.

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of this resolution.

Rejected 67 to 65

Respectfully submitted,  
ADOLPH H. ZINK, Delegate  
New York District

LOUIS BAKER, Delegate,  
Illinois District

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

#### FOURTH SESSION

The fourth session was called to order by Vice-Chairman Doyle at 9:18 A.M., August 27th.

Motion to accept report of Principles and Statutes Committee by Orchard — seconded by Richter — passed.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES AND STATUTES

#### GREETINGS:

The Committee on Principles and Statutes met with the following Turners present:

John Westermeyer, St. Louis District  
Bruno A. Pietuchoff, New England District  
Louis Baker, Illinois District  
Charles Schuler, Central States District  
William Ellinger, Illinois District  
John Marshall, Central States District  
Adolph Zink, New York District  
Otto Nell, Southern California District

The committee organized by electing John Westermeyer as Chairman and Bruno Pietuchoff as secretary.

The committee voted favorably on a resolution recommending that national dues be raised to \$2.75 per dues-paying member in view of the heavy expense of operating the National office and that this sum be allocated as follows:

General Fund .....	\$1.40
Physical Cultural Fund .....	.35
Festival Fund .....	.35
Topics Fund .....	.65
Total .....	\$2.75

Rejected 87-45

After due discussion it was regularly moved and voted to reject the following resolutions:

To amend paragraph 109 of the National Statutes by deleting the words "And have reached the age of 59 years". Minority report rejected 67 to 65.

To amend paragraph 28 of the National Statutes that in the event of the death of the immediate National Past President the preceding National Past President shall assume his office on the National Council.

To amend the National Statutes dealing with the National Committee on Health and Physical Education to provide that the members of this Committee may be selected from one region.

To provide that membership cards issued to minors be identified to show that the holder is a minor.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Westermeyer, Chairman  
Bruno A. Pietuchoff, Secretary

Motion to dispense with reading of minutes of previous session by Dalbke — seconded by Richter — passed.

The report of the Cultural Committee was read by Irma Tabor, Secretary. Motion by Pelke and seconded by Schenz to accept the report — passed.

## REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Greetings:

The Cultural Committee of the Convention met with the following Turners present:

Jo Ann Mueller .....Louisville Turners  
Erwin R. Schrader .....North West Chicago  
Margery W. Stocker .....Buffalo Turners  
James F. Stoffel .....Western Pennsylvania District  
A. J. Schmid .....Chattanooga Turners  
Roy Boethelt .....Missouri District  
Irma K. Tabor .....New England District  
Sara G. Palmer .....National Cultural Chairman

Also present was Dr. E. A. Eklund, National Secretary.

The Committee elected Turner Jo Ann Mueller as Chairman and Turner Irma K. Tabor as Secretary.

The Committee adopted the following recommendations:

1. There is to be a minimum of three (3) judges for all classifications with exception of needlecraft, which should have a minimum of five (5) judges. *Accepted.*

2. In Class I, Solo Competition, a subclass, 3. Solo Dancing, be added. *Accepted.*

3. In Group D, Stage Presentations, a subclass, C. Group Dancing, be added. *Accepted.*

4. In Class 3, Collections under Present Day and Antique the subclass, 5 Miscellaneous be deleted. *Accepted.*

6. In Class 3, Collections, delete subclass, 2. Coins and Currency under Antique and add to Class 3, Present Day, subclass, 2. Coins and Currency, a. modern, and b. ancient. *Accepted.*

7. In Group F, Publicity, the entry may be given a maximum of 75 points. *Accepted.*

8. In Class 9, Photography, subclass, 6, slides be deleted from both A and B and Class C. Slides be added. Subclasses 1 to 6 are to be used for classes Colored, Black and White, and Slides. Three entries only in each subclass. *Accepted.*

9. In Class 5 Handicraft two subclasses be added — Number 8, Lapidary. Number 9, Flower Arranging.

10. In article 12 Awards in classes: 2—ceramics and sculpture, 3—Collections, 5—Handicraft, 7—Needlecraft, 8—Painting, 9—Photography.

The point value of all individual entries be changed to:

First place be given       8 points  
Second place be given     5 points  
Third place be given       3 points  
Honorable mention to be given 1 point

and for Grand Prizes

First place be given     12 points  
Second place be given    9 points  
Third place be given     6 points  
and delete honorable mention

*Accepted*

11. The National chairman of the Cultural Committee be given the same recognition as the National Physical Education chairman at all National functions. *Accepted.*

The committee thanks Sara Palmer for her untiring effort and work in the cultural program. They also recommend the name of Sara Palmer for National Cultural chairman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jo Ann Mueller, Chairman  
Irma K. Tabor, Secretary

At this time Turner Al Warr of Kansas City spoke on the development of the Kansas City Turners and their new building.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by the Secretary Pelke. Motion to accept the report by R. Schnell and seconded by Schenz — passed.

Amendment to item 7 — substitute 60 days instead of 30. Gagnon motioned — seconded by Schenz — passed.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the 50th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Finance Committee of the Convention met with the following Turners present:

Herbert Heider, of Schenectady Turnverein; William Meyer, of American Turners Northwest, Chicago; Andrew E. Miller, of American Turners, Louisville; Harold Pehlke, of American Turners Northwest, Chicago; J. Edward Schenz, of Akron Turner Club, and Max Spanier, of the Clinton Turnverein.

Also present was the National Treasurer, Edward P. Loeser.

The Committee selected Turner Schenz as Chairman and Turner Pehlke as Secretary.

The financial reports for the year ending December 31, 1963, as prepared by Alfred H. Miller Company were perused by the Committee and accepted.

Turner Loeser presented a list of the Societies which are delinquent in their Per Capita tax. Special attention was given to the Monaca, Monessen, Eintracht and Johnstown Societies. Turner Cliff Anderson, President of the Western Pennsylvania District was called in to discuss the matter. With regard to Monaca, he reported that they had their 1963 and 1964 dues paid in full and were willing to pay \$1,000 to satisfy their indebtedness of \$664 for 1956, \$796.50 for 1961 and \$717.75 for 1962. Turner Meyer thereupon offered a recommendation that, since the Society has recently reorganized and was progressing satisfactorily, the \$664 for 1956 be waived upon the payment of the delinquencies for 1961 and 1962, to which the \$1,000 offered by Turner Anderson be applied and the recommendation was accepted. Turner Anderson further reported that Johnstown had paid their delinquency of \$506.34, that Eintracht had promised to pay and that Monessen was unable to pay. Turner Loeser stated that he had no response from the Springfield Society.

The Treasurer's report disclosed that the Sheboygan Society is in arrears

in the sum of \$232, but Turner Kopp, their Regional Councilor, presented an itemized statement showing that it had overpaid in the sum of \$56 and that the discrepancy was due to its loss of unused membership cards.

The Committee then took up the matter of *Turner Topics* and called in the National Secretary, Dr. E. A. Eklund, who reported that he had saved about \$800 in transferring the publication to Schwenk-Tuttle Press, Inc., of Adrian, Michigan, which combined both the functions of printing and mailing. The former publisher was The Langer Printing Company of Detroit, Michigan.

A letter from the Alfred H. Miller Company to our National Secretary, dated June 16, 1964, regarding the consolidation of funds, streamlining of the accounting system and an increase in dues was discussed resulting in recommendations hereinafter offered. We have copies of this letter for your information.

The Committee has therefore adopted the following recommendations:

1. The Per Capita tax delinquency of the Monaca Turnverein in the sum of \$664 for 1956 be waived upon its payment of the delinquencies for 1961 and 1962 aggregating \$1,514.25, to which the sum of \$1,000 offered this day by the Society will be applied.
2. The statement submitted by the Sheboygan Society should be accepted as the true status of its past membership and the amount due the National organization.
3. Any Society which becomes delinquent in Per Capita tax for a period of two years or more shall furnish the National office evidence of such indebtedness a promissory note payable after date without interest.
4. Any Society indebted to the National office for any sum aggregating \$500 or more shall furnish the National office with a certified balance sheet and a statement of profit and loss covering the delinquent years.
5. The Arthur H. Miller Company shall be consulted in regard to a complete new bookkeeping system which would include modernization and the consolidation of funds into few funds as possible.
6. The Regional Councilor, upon notice from the National Treasurer, shall contact the Society in his region which is delinquent in Per Capita tax and procure from such Society a written report recognizing its indebtedness and the amount thereof, and stating the reason for such delinquency and its further intention in the matter, and present such report to the National Council at its next regular meeting, and the National Council shall make such disposition concerning the report as it deems fitting and proper. *Accepted.*
7. The National Office shall send out galley sheets annually to each Society for the correction of its membership list, and, if any Society does not respond thereto within sixty (60) days, its members shall automatically be dropped from the mailing list of *Turner Topics*.
8. From a study of the financial status of the National organization and the experience of both the past and present, an increase in dues is imminent and should be discussed by all members of the organization before the next Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. EDWARD SCHENZ, Chairman  
HAROLD R. PEHLKE, Secretary

The report of the Phys. Ed. Committee was read by the secretary Model. A minority report pertaining to Item 3 under rejected resolutions was read by Alex Diamant. A motion to receive the report and act upon resolutions individually by Schnell. Seconded by Kopp — passed. Move to accept Res. #1 by Kopp and seconded by Boeker — passed 36-10. Amendment by Dalbke to substitute 9 for 15 months and 2 months for 3 months. Seconded by Timm. Defeated.

Amendment by Doyle to strike (if necessary) from Par. 3 of Res. #1. Seconded by W. Schrader. Defeated.

Turner Andre, Middle Atlantic Dist. introduced Mr. Don Zager of the Philadelphia Convention Bureau, who invited the delegates to hold the 1966 Convention in Philadelphia. Motion to table Resolution #2 by Dalbke. Seconded by Trummer. Passed.

Motion to delete (on the same basis as our National Bowling Tournament).

Motion by Kopp, seconded by Crook. Passed.

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Kierschner to add (by National Physical Education Committee as a subcommittee). Passed.

Resolutions 4, 5, 6 — passed.

Resolution #7 previously accepted.

Turner Diamant made a motion and was seconded by Schroeder to accept minority report concerning Par. 3 of rejected resolutions. This was defeated.

Turner Mitchell introduced Frank Bare, Director of the U.S.G.F., who presented the aims and progress of his organization. Motion by Ray Schnell and seconded by Rich Schnell to close the debate. Passed.

## FIFTH SESSION

The fifth session was opened at 1:30 P.M.

The chairman read a telegram from Theobald Dengler of West Germany expressing greetings to our Convention.

Dr. Eklund made a report of a committee set up by the Toledo Convention concerning a Turner Hall of Fame. Nell moved steps taken by Dr. Eklund to have Turners established in Helms Hall of Fame be accepted as having complied with wishes of Toledo Convention. Motion was seconded by Richter. Passed.

Model moved to adopt Phys. Ed. report and was seconded. Passed.

## COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Committee was called to order by Acting Chairman Calhoun at 9:40 a.m.

Election of Officers: Eugene Mitchell, Chairman; Bernard Model, Secretary.

Members present: Hazel Baird, J. Edward Hille, Fred Boeker, Ray Schnell, Ralph Markus, George C. Richter, Bernard Model, Henry W. Schroeder, Ludwig Witt, Robert Volker, A. Herman Niehaus, Alex Diamant, J. Omer Gagnon, Jr., Joseph F. Tabor, Harold Quinlan, Arnold Trummer, E. E. Mitchell, Otto C. Nerl and Richard Burke.

### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Any Society, District or Region planning a Regional, Inter-regional or Invitational Festival, must submit their suggested dates through the National

Committee on Health and Physical Education 15 months prior to formally announcing the dates of the Festival or extending invitations or announcing such event. The National Physical Education Committee to reply within 3 months to the application and to submit geographically satisfactory dates. Passed 36 to 10.

Two or more meets in the same section shall not be permitted.

If necessary the National Physical Education Committee shall poll the Council for approval of its action.

2. In view of the fact that all Tournament rules specifically state that all participants must show a paid up National membership dues card when taking part in a National Tournament,

(This includes any of the various tournaments sponsored by a society with trophies furnished by the National organization.)

The National Officers recommend that steps be taken to withhold any trophies or prizes at the termination of the tournament until complete investigation has been made of the participants involved. *Tabled.*

3. Inasmuch as the last three National Festivals, held in Milwaukee, Louisville and Cleveland, created a maze of confusion regarding rules, regulations and scoring, there is a dire need for clarification of these conditions, so that individual members and Societies participating in future Festivals are fully informed in regard to these matters. Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the National Council of the American Turners make a complete revision of the National Festival Rules, as now exist, with a new and revised set of rules, regulations, scoring system and penal code, in order that these rules, regulations, scoring system and penal code, be brought up to date and to conform with present day needs and conditions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the revised rules, regulations, scoring system and penal code, become mandatory upon any Society sponsoring an Athletic Tournament, Meet or Festival sanctioned by the National Council of the American Turners.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That printed or mimeographed copies of the new and revised rules, regulations, scoring system and penal code be furnished to all Societies in the American Turners by the National Council and that an ample supply of additional copies be kept available for distribution to Societies upon request.

4. We, the Lake Erie District, recommend that a National Golf Tournament be organized. That a chairman be appointed by National Physical Education Committee as a sub-committee and that the competition be for both men and women. *Passed as amended*

5. The resume of the 1963 Leaders' Clinic of the New England District is herewith submitted, and in conjunction with same, we submit the following resolution and recommendation:

Be it resolved that the Leaders' Clinic held on November 9, 10 and 11, 1963 at Springfield, Mass. was a complete success as noted in the accompanying report.

And, we hereby recommend to our national body that like courses be held in other Districts of the country for the betterment of the American Turners. *Passed.*

6. That all Active men and Ladies apparatus events be one of the first events scheduled in a Festival. This will help to improve the overall performance and also will prevent injuries.

That activities be scheduled at a time and place that is practical and that the scheduled events begin at the stated time and place designated. This procedure will not expedite the program but will be conducive to more favorable public relations.

7. A motion was passed recommending the nomination of E. E. Mitchell to the office of Chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee. *Accepted by virtue of election.*

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE EITHER NOT ACTED UPON OR WERE REJECTED:

1. It is requested that the Committee on Health and Physical Education study the division of funds derived by the Cleveland Festival Committee from the sale of surplus equipment at the Festival.

On March 7, 1964 a check was received from Cleveland-S.T.V. in the amount of \$66.42, which was indicated as one-half of the income from the sale of surplus equipment.

The contract for this Festival provides: "It is further agreed that all supplies and equipment purchased or paid for by the National Council shall be the property of and be returned to the National Council.

At the conclusion of the Festival, President Anderson gave permission to the local committee to sell equipment and unsold equipment to be returned.

2. Whereas, the National Festival Rules are outdated, we, the Lake Erie District, recommend that the National Council appoint a committee to revise and reproduce an up-to-date Festival Rules Book.

Whereas, the printing of the National Festival Entry and Competition Forms are a costly item in reproducing for each Festival, and whereas, it could save a repetitious expense, because the forms are similar for each Festival, we, the Lake Erie District, recommend that the National Council standardize these forms so that a large amount could be printed at one time by eliminating the location and the date and using a rubber stamp for the future Festivals. This would save a tremendous amount of printing cost, plus time and research for the Local Committee.

3. It was recommended that the American Turners reconsider its affiliation in the U.S.G.F. until this organization proves itself as a kind of organization that is based upon American Principles of high moral and ethical gymnastic standards suitable to the American Turners. However, after continued discussion, the Health and Physical Education Committee rejected this recommendation to reconsider its affiliation with the U.S.G.F. and voted to support this organization. In minority report by Diamant. *Defeated.*

Respectfully submitted,  
E. E. Mitchell, Chairman  
Bernard Model, Secretary

The report of the Publicity Committee was read by William Powers, Secretary. Move to receive the report and take up recommendations in series by Nell and seconded by Orchard. Motion passed.

Moved by Dalbke and seconded by Ray Schnell to add (give credential committee power to adjust committees to have necessary representation on each committee). Passed — First Resolution.

Seconded resolution — passed

Third resolution — passed

Fourth resolution — passed

Fifth resolution — passed

Sixth resolution — passed

Seventh resolution — passed

See report

Moved by Richter and seconded by Schnell to adopt report — passed.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY & PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Committee was called to order by Walter Schrader. Members present: Walter Schrader, William Powers. Absent—Hazel Baird, Roy Boethelt. The 2 absent members were at other committees. Turner Walter Schrader was elected Chairman. Turner William Powers was elected Secretary.

1. Due to only two delegates present at Publicity and Publications Committee it is recommended that Districts having sufficient number of delegates present at the National Convention have representation with at least one delegate to each committee, and the Credentials Committee be empowered to carry out spirit of this recommendation. *Passed.*

2. As an item for consideration by Dr. Eklund and also in view of the Federal Program on Physical Fitness, it is recommended that the National Council select a permanent committee of three members, experienced in the field of Publicity and Publication, to establish policy on publication contents and also ways and means to effectively make this information available to those of the general public who could be made interested in our Turner Program. *Passed.*

3. On the premise the foregoing recommendation is accepted by the Convention, it is recommended that the Committee on Publicity & Publication poll individual Societies to obtain any promotional material they may be using to promote the cause of Turnerism and also for increasing their membership for the purpose of making this material available to other Societies desiring to institute a similar program. *Passed.*

4. This Committee is in accord with the following resolution submitted by Lake Erie District and previously accepted by the National Convention at Toledo, Ohio in 1962.

A recommendation submitted by the Lake Erie District as follows:

Received 6-15-64

To: COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY

We recommend that, as soon as possible, the American Turners make a sound film relating a brief history of the Turner Movement in the U.S., showing all our physical education and cultural classes in action, district and national competition in physical and cultural competition, and stressing our physical fitness program as a guide for the public schools. This film could very well be just what we need to publicize the Turners and also bring the Turner system of teaching physical education back into our schools. We recommend to the District that they present the above program to the National Convention and the financing of the said film.

It is recommended that the American Turners publish an inexpensive but well illustrated pamphlet, which may be purchased by member Societies in large quantities. This pamphlet should explain the Turner movement tracing a little of the history and showing the objectives of Turnerism. *Passed.*

Submitted by:

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

5. We recommend that the National Council appoint a Historian to bring the American Turners History up-to-date and that printed material thereof be available at the National Office, when needed, and, that the National Council find ways and means of setting up the mechanism for its production, and further, that the necessary funds be allotted for the project. *Passed.*

6. This Committee concurs with the above recommendation, with the exception that the National Council investigate ways and means of establishing funds for this purpose rather than the inference that funds must be allotted. *Passed.*

7. On the premise that the aforementioned recommendation is acceptable by the Convention, this Committee concurs with the following recommendation submitted by the Lake Erie District.

We recommend that the National Secretary submit the Turner updated history to the Library of Congress at least at intervals of *five* years. *Passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter Schrader, Chairman  
William Powers, Secretary

Report of Bowling Committee read by Secretary Trame.

Recommendations 1 and 2 — passed. Recommendation 3 accepted by virtue of election.

The Bowling report was accepted.

## REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

The Bowling Committee convened with the following members present: Harold Lingenfelter, Herbert Hentschel, Edward W. Timm and Tommy Trame. Wilfred H. Racker was in attendance in advisory capacity.

Turner Ed. Timm was elected Chairman and Turner Tom Trame was elected Secretary.

The Minutes of the National Bowling Committee Meeting of July 18, 1964 were read and approved with necessary corrections.

### RESOLUTION:

That National Bowling Tournaments that are held be alternated one year in the East and one year in the West and continue on this schedule, unless a region in line does not bid for it, then it can go twice to one region.

This action was taken care of by the National Bowling Committee at the July meeting at Fort Wayne.

The National Bowling Chairman gave his report which was accepted as read.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That all Turner Societies seek full participation in 1965 American Turners National Bowling Tournament at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

2. That all Societies give full consideration to the National Junior Bowling Meet, which will start in the Fall of 1964.

3. That this Committee recommend that Wilfred Racker be re-elected to National Bowling Chairman and be commended for a job well done. *Accepted by virtue of election.*

**RECOMMENDATION:** That in National Bowling Tournament, minor events be scheduled for Saturdays and team events on Sundays. *Rejected.*

Respectfully submitted,

Edward W. Timm, Chairman

Tommy Trame, Secretary

Moved by Meyer and seconded by Doyle to table Rec. #9 of National Affairs report. It was passed.

Turner Aichele moved and Turner Timm seconded to open Bowling report to add to Res. #1 (to attend 1966 tournament at Cleveland S.T.V.) — passed.

Moved by Schuler and seconded by Steinlage to drop Dayton Liedenkrantz Society from rolls of American Turners — passed.

Chicago, Philadelphia and St. Louis submitted bids for 1966 Convention. First vote — Chicago, 64; St. Louis, 4; Philadelphia, 64. Second vote — Chicago, 71; Philadelphia, 61. Chicago selected.

Turner Andre made a tentative bid for the 1968 Convention for Philadelphia.

Turner Orchard bid for the 1968 Convention for Region VI to be held in St. Louis.

Turner Dalbke reported that the Illinois District had bid to hold a Regional Turnfest June 25, 26 and 27, 1965.

Turner Schuler reported that Louisville had bid for a Regional meet in 1965.

Turner Diament moved to extend the privilege of the floor to Turner Jan Roberts for 10 minutes, who spoke against the U.S.G.F.

Motion was made by Orchard and seconded by Dalbke to conclude remarks of Turner Roberts — passed.

Vice-chairman Doyle on behalf of out-of-town delegates expressed a word of appreciation to New York for all their efforts in making a successful Convention.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ray Schnell and seconded by Timm. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Burke  
Convention Secretary  
Forrest F. Steinlage  
Asst. Convention Secretary