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of the
51ST CONVENTION
of the
AMERICAN TURNERS

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FIRST SESSION

Sunday Evening, August 21, 1966

The Convention was called to order by 2nd Vice President Andrew Doyle at 8:35 P.M. in the Great Hall of the Pick Congress Hotel. Turner Doyle introduced the President of the American Turners, George J. Jacquin, of Buffalo, who extended Turner greetings to the delegates and visitors and the delegates to the Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners. He then introduced the president of the Illinois District, Turner Richard Schnell, who extended his welcome on behalf of the host district. The Chairman of the Convention Committee, Turner Erwin Schrader of the Illinois District, was introduced and gave a brief summary of the activities to take place within the next few days. President George Jacquin then presented his report:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

To the Delegates of the Fifty-First National Convention of the American Turners and the Twenty-Fourth National Convention of the Women's Auxiliary:

Greetings:

In his opening remarks at the last National Convention, held in New York City, President Anderson noted that the national organization had not progressed as much as the National Council had hoped it would. While the same statement may apply to our present situation, I believe it would be safe to say that some progress can be noted during the past two years, although our membership remains approximately the same as it has been during the past three or four years.

In some areas, great progress has been made. Therefore, I take a rather optimistic view and like to believe that during the next two years our membership will rise above the 14,000 mark where it has hovered for so long a period of time. This can only be accomplished by a cooperative effort of all societies.

In an effort to gain national recognition, we have made repeated efforts, during the nearly ten years that the President's Advisory Committee on Physical Fitness has been in existence, to gain membership on this committee. Through the efforts of the New England District, Congressman Philbin, who is extremely sympathetic with our views, volunteered to plead our case in Washington. At the crucial moment of finally reaching success, it was discovered

that the Advisory Committee had been temporarily discontinued. If and when this Committee becomes reactivated, we should be in an excellent position to be included.

Since assuming office, I have made numerous visits to societies throughout the country in an effort to draw our organization closer together. Perhaps those most appreciative of my visit were those societies lying on the outer perimeter, such as Denver, Colorado, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, both in rather isolated areas.

Perhaps the greatest satisfaction I received on any of my visits came through a statement made by one of the members of the Denver Turnverein. We were standing in the society parking lot while inspecting the building when he pointed to a large American Turner emblem painted on the side of the building and exclaimed: "We wouldn't be able to display that emblem if we were not members of the American Turners."

Many times, members of the National Council are asked the question, "What do we get for our per capita tax?" It is difficult to point out just exactly what anyone gets in dollar value for belonging to any national organization. Perhaps it's the prestige of belonging to an organization that has been in existence for over 100 years; perhaps it's the satisfied feeling of being a part of an organization that established the first school of physical education in the United States, and introduced physical fitness to the schools of this nation.

Through National affiliation, competition for an extremely large number of our members is provided for in activities such as:

National Festivals, both physical and cultural,
National Bowling Tournament, National Volleyball
Tournament, National Golf Tournament, National
Gymnastic Tournament, National Basketball Tourna-
ment, National Cultural Competition.

Scholarships are available for young Turner men and women who wish to enter the Normal College at Indianapolis, to pursue a career in teaching physical education. Many societies have become tax exempt through National affiliation. Added to the foregoing, there are other advantages, too numerous to mention, that may be considered when discussing the benefits to be derived from being affiliated with the National American Turners.

Physical Education

One of the four objectives of the American Turners is to provide a planned program of health and physical education for all members of the family group. It becomes increasingly difficult to provide this service in some societies because of the lack of qualified instructors. One of my primary objectives, upon assuming the presidency of this organization, was the planning and conducting of a Leaders' Course. For a number of years this has been a much-needed

project since many societies have been unable to employ college-trained instructors; have been unable to meet salary demands or to guarantee security. Therefore, these societies have resorted to the use of interested members with some teaching ability, to instruct their classes on a part-time basis.

It was primarily for the purpose of assisting these people to become better teachers that the Leaders' Courses were planned. Two very successful courses were conducted under the leadership of Eugene Mitchell, Chairman of the National Physical Education Committee. The first course was held at the Illinois District Camp in the summer of 1965. The second course was held at the Louisville Turners this past summer. The students who were fortunate enough to attend these courses gained valuable information concerning the conduct of Turner gym classes. Most of those who attended the 1965 course are now teaching in Turner societies or assisting instructors. We appreciate the assistance given and the cooperative spirit of both the Illinois District and the Louisville Turners in providing their excellent facilities.

I would be remiss at this point if I did not mention the fact that it would not have been possible to conduct the 1965 course without the financial assistance of the National Women's Auxiliary. Their contribution of \$1,250.00 toward the total cost of operation is very greatly appreciated. I personally want to thank every member of the Auxiliary.

It is also important to note that the 1966 Leaders' Course held in Louisville was made possible by a \$1,300.00 contribution from the Jahn Educational Fund. In recent years numerous attempts have been made to entice the Jahn Fund trustees to subsidize some of our activities, and we have finally succeeded. We are very grateful, and I am sure that every student attending these courses appreciates the fact that the Jahn Fund and the Women's Auxiliary consented to subsidize these courses.

Perhaps the Instructors' Fund will find it possible to make a sizeable contribution toward financing a Leaders' Course at some future date. I have already made preliminary inquiry into this possibility.

National Festivals

For the past two years numerous reminders have been sent to societies and published in Turner Topics, announcing the acceptance of bids for the National Festival in 1967. At the moment, I am sorry to report, only one society has placed a bid and later withdrew it. This type of response is very disturbing and discouraging to the officers and members of the National Council. It is unbelievable that not one society has the desire to promote the one most important function in our entire program of activities. The activity that exemplifies our motto: "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body."

Our prestige as an organization which promotes physical education and cultural education has sunk considerably in the past few years. It will sink completely out of sight if we fail to pro-

mote a National Festival. In this age of physical-fitness consciousness, there exists an opportunity for the American Turners to place before the public the knowledge that we offer one of the finest programs of physical fitness available. What better opportunity do we have than by producing a spectacular festival? It is my fervent hope that before this Convention adjourns a place and date for a Festival can be announced.

Scholarships and the Normal College

It is my recommendation that we continue to award scholarships to young men and women Turners who wish to attend the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union of Indiana University in Indianapolis. While \$250.00 per year for men and \$100.00 for women is a mere pittance, our budget will not allow a greater sum of money for this purpose.

While the last Convention suggested that Council solicit funds from the Jahn Fund and Women's Auxiliary to increase the grants, it was thought best to concentrate on assistance for the Leaders' Courses instead. During the next year we will attempt to solicit supplementary aid for scholarships. At the present time, two women have been awarded scholarships for this coming school year; one from Louisville and one from Buffalo.

Incidentally, the Normal College is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year, having been founded by the American Turner in 1866. A gala celebration is being planned by the College officials. It will be held during the Thanksgiving Day weekend, November 24-26, and a large attendance is expected. It would be very gratifying to find a great many Turners present for this historical event.

Cultural Education

Another one of our four principles is to provide a program of cultural education activities. It is perhaps the most neglected program in most societies, primarily because it lacks the interested leadership.

Presently a single National competition is conducted, based on monthly reports submitted by societies. The results do not represent a true picture of the over-all activity in this field taking place throughout the country. The reason for this lies in the fact that many societies do not file reports, and I could point out various societies who are delinquent in this respect.

Perhaps the cultural program needs activities that would attract more members to it. I would suggest that the Cultural Committee at this convention recommend one or more competitive activities that could be conducted on the National level, on an individual basis rather than society. Whatever plan is evolved, nothing will succeed without society cooperation. Miss Palmer has worked very diligently as chairman of the Cultural Committee and deserves many thanks for her intense interest in the program.

Societies and Membership

As noted previously, our National membership has been constant. A membership campaign has been suggested to increase membership, but how do you accomplish this on a national basis? The thought was expressed that we advertise in a nationally circulated magazine with a quote such as, "Go to the American Turner organization in your city where a program of activity is available for every member of your family: physical education, cultural activity, social activity and community participation." It is almost an impossibility. In some communities you wouldn't even recognize the name of the society as having any affiliation with American Turners. In the state of New York, there is a society with a fine new building where they have a social program and bowling alleys but no physical or cultural education programs. In a southern state there is a society with an excellent community activity program but no physical or cultural education programs. In one of our Eastern districts there is a society that has had very damaging newspaper publicity; and there are numerous other societies with only token American Turner programs.

How do you conduct a National membership campaign under these conditions? The National Council will be very thankful for any suggestions this Convention can offer in this respect.

It is very gratifying to note that during the past two years three societies have dedicated new buildings: the Kansas City Turners, the Fort Wayne Turners, and the McKeesport Turners. It was my good fortune to be present for all of these dedications. These societies are to be congratulated for the progress they have made and for the confidence they have in the future of the American Turners.

The Lawrence, Mass., Turners, the Denver Turnverein and the Fort Wayne Turners and the Johnstown Turners celebrated their 100th anniversaries. The Schenectady Turners and the Mt. Vernon Turners celebrated their 75th anniversaries, as did the Eiche of Chicago. The Illinois District, the Wisconsin District, and the Western New York district celebrated their 100th anniversaries. This is the bright side of the picture.

On the other hand, we are saddened by the loss of the Detroit Turner building. However, the society still remains active. In the Western Pennsylvania District we have lost the Monessen Turner Society.

Finances

In reviewing the Auditor's Reports for the years 1964 and 1965, you will note that the General Fund shows a loss of approximately \$1,000 for each of these years. It has therefore become necessary for us to temporarily use monies from other funds to meet the expense of operating the National organization. This, of course, cannot continue. It is suggested that the Finance Committee make a thorough study of the Auditor's Reports with a view toward making recommendations to the Convention and the Council on how best to cope with this situation.

An increase in per capita tax may be the solution, although I do not believe it absolutely necessary at this time. Perhaps a re-allocation of funds may be considered. An increase in National membership would most certainly alleviate the situation. If we could collect all of the per capita tax from societies and for every member of every society, our income would increase considerably.

In reference to cutting expense of operation of our National office and National Council activities, it is my opinion that we have become just about as economical as possible without causing complete deterioration of our National organization.

Women's Auxiliary

This report would not be complete if I were not to mention the importance of the Women's Auxiliary to the National organization and the importance of each individual society auxiliary to its own society. The financial support as well as the moral support that the Women's Auxiliaries have contributed throughout the years has been invaluable.

In those societies where the local auxiliary is not affiliated with the National organization, the delegates assembled here are called upon to make every effort to encourage these auxiliaries to enroll in the National Auxiliary. The stronger the women's organization becomes, the more assistance available to the men's organization. Again, many thanks to the ladies for past contributions and for any assistance that may come in the future.

Conclusion

In concluding this report, may I say that I have attempted to point out to you the conditions existing in our National organization presently and throughout this administration. As noted, many societies have shown great progress, while others have lagged behind. It appears apparent that the success or failure of a society depends upon the choice of leadership. This fact has been proven in numerous instances. Therefore, let us hope that leadership will be wisely chosen, that more new buildings will be constructed in more desirable locations and that a considerable increase in membership can be reported at our next National Convention.

George J. Jacquin, President
American Turners

At this time Mrs. Mary Zimmerman, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners, was introduced and extended her welcome to the delegates and visitors. She thanked Turner Jacquin for his kind remarks regarding the work of the ladies, and assured him of their continued cooperation.

President Jacquin called upon Turner John Westermayer, St. Louis District, for the report of the Credentials Committee.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Turner President George Jacquin in Suite 828 of the Pick Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

By motion of Turner Cliff Anderson, Western Pennsylvania District, seconded by Turner August Andre, Turner John Westermeyer of the St. Louis District was elected Chairman of the Credentials Committee. Motion by Turner Richard Schnell, seconded by Turner Louis Eichle to nominate Turner Richard Burke, Upper Mississippi District, as Secretary of this Committee.

Chairman Westermeyer read to the delegates present the society memberships and number of delegate votes. The chairman then read the names of the delegates and their assigned committees as presented and signed by the District President and District Secretary.

The New York District's credentials were submitted with eight delegates. They are entitled to seven delegates. A motion by Turner Alfred Kierschner, seconded by Turner Richard Schnell, that delegate Miss Emma Gebhardt of the Cultural Education Committee be deleted and assigned as an alternate, and that Turner William Kesper be deleted from the National Affairs Committee and assigned to the Cultural Education; carried.

The Wisconsin District credentials listed six delegates and are entitled to four delegates. A motion by Turner Reuben Hinze, Wisconsin District, to delete the names of Elmer Raasch and Herman Diedrich and assign them as alternates. Seconded by Turner William Huth; so carried.

A recommendation by Turner Alfred Kierschner to remove one delegate from the committees with excess delegates and reassign them to equalize the committees. The delegates were referred to the minutes of the 50th Convention held in New York in 1964: minutes of the Report of the Publicity and Publications Committee.

A motion by Turner Alfred Kierschner, seconded by Turner Richard Schnell, to reassign Turner Osburn of the Upper Mississippi District from the Committee on National Affairs to the Committee on National Publicity and Publications Committee; carried.

The delegates present representing their Districts adjusted their individual credentials. All credentials were approved as adjusted.

A motion was made and seconded to accept (148) one hundred and forty-eight federal votes, by convention was carried.

Central States District	19
Illinois District	13
Lake Erie District	12
Middle Atlantic District	7
Minnesota District	2
Missouri District	4
New England District	19
New Jersey District	2
New York District	7
Rocky Mountain District	3
St. Louis District	4
South Bend District	6
Southern California District	1
Upper Mississippi District	11
Western New York District	7
Western Pennsylvania District	26
Wisconsin District	4
Members at Large	<u>1</u>

TOTAL FEDERAL VOTES 148

BOWLING:

Raymond Schnell	Nick Meyer	Larry Woolworth
Melvin Bowker	John M. Stocker	Edward Timm
John Ewaske	Michael Bizzle	Jack Myers
Edward Wellman	Dick Senn	

CULTURAL EDUCATION:

Louella Roth	Jo Ann Mueller	Erwin R. Schrader
Irma K. Tabor	William Kesper	Eberhard Noller
Marjorie Stocker	James F. Stoffel	Walter H. Thompson

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Andrew E. Miller	Walter Newkirk	William Meyer
Harold Pehlke	Nick Meyer	Axel Nordstrom
Bruno Pietuchoff	Michael Babyak, Jr.	Herbert Heider
Edw. Hohenstein	Richard Burke	Charles Baecher
Richard King	Reuben Hinze	

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

A. J. Schmid	Elinor Risch	Ralph Markus
Fred Gebhardt	Gertrude Gimmer	George Wolf
Lew Witt	Frank McIntyre	Harry Warnken
Edw. Hille	Arnold Trummer	Joseph Tabor
Fred Boeker	Alex Diamant	Henry W. Schraeder
John Westermeyer	Walter Irwin	Robert Daw
Richard Burke	William Naar	Robert J. Volker
Joseph Ivicek	A. Herman Niehaus	Bernard Model

NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Robert J. Schuler	Forrest Steinlage	Richard Schnell
Herbert O. Vogel	Warren Dalbke	Lou Aichele
James Szilagy	August Andre	Mrs. Daisy Pippin
Edgar Schmidt	Larry Woolworth	John Quero
Henry Winters	LaVerne Harksen	Lee Osborn
Arthur Hoyler	Lester Smith	Ronald W. Gawlas
Thomas Chapman	Fred Bartels	Henry Behr
Richard Neihaus		

NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Clifford Kinsey
Richard Harr
John Quero
George Campbell

Walter Schrader
Robert Marx
Lee Osborn
Fred Bartels

Nat Pitzele
Eberhard Noller
Leonard Weber

PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES:

Paul Bullard
Harold Weiser
Adolph Zink
LaVern Harksen
Ervin Koth

Joseph Lubbers
Pressley P. Pippin
John Westermeyer
William Huth

Louis Baker
Elmer Crook
Lee Osborn
Clifford E. Anderson

DELEGATES BY DISTRICT

CENTRAL STATES:

Dick Senn
Walter Newkirk
Robert J. Schuler
Paul Bullard

Louella Roth
A. J. Schmid
Forrest Steinlage

Jo Ann Mueller
Elinor Risch
Clifford Kinsey

ILLINOIS:

Raymond Schnell
Harold Pehlke
Richard Schnell
Walter H. Schrader
Harold Weiser

Erwin R. Schrader
Ralph Markus
Herbert O. Vogel
Nat Pitzele

William Meyer
Fred Gebhardt
Warren E. Dalbke
Louis Baker

LAKE ERIE:

Gertrude Dimmer
Frank McIntyre
James Szilagy

George Wolf
Harry Warnken

Lew Witt
Lou Aichele

MIDDLE ATLANTIC:

J. Edward Hille
Richard Harr

August Andrew
Pressley P. Pippin

Mrs. Daisy Pippin
A. Carl Patterson

MISSOURI:

Nick Meyer
Robert Mary

Arnold Trummer
Elmer Crook

Edgar Schmidt

NEW ENGLAND:

Irma K. Tabor
Joseph Tabor

Axel Nordstrom

Bruno Pietuchoff

NEW JERSEY:

Michael Babyak, Jr.

Fred Boeker

NEW YORK:

William Kesper
Henry W. Schroeder
Adolph Zink

Herbert Heider
Alfred F. Kierschner

Alex Diamant
Eberhard Noller

ST. LOUIS:

Larry Woolworth
John Quero

Edw. Hohenstein

John Westermeyer

UPPER MISSISSIPPI:

Melvin Bowker
Robert Daw
Lee Osborn

Richard Burke
Henry Winters
Henry Behr

Walter Erwin
LaVerne Harksen
Richard Neihaus

WESTERN NEW YORK:

John M. Stocker
William Naar
William Huth

Marjorie Stocker
Arthur Hoyler

Charles Baecher
Leonard Weber

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA:

Edward W. Timm
Jack Myers
Walter H. Thompson
Joseph Ivicsek
Ronald W. Gawlas
Clifford E. Anderson

John Ewasko
Edward Wellman
Richard King
A. Herman Niehaus
Thomas Chapman

Michael Bizzle
James F. Stoffel
Robert J. Volker
Lester Smith
George Campbell

WISCONSIN:

Reuben Hinze
Ervin Koth

Bernard Model

Fred Bartels

MEMBERS OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT
ILLINOIS DISTRICT
LAKE ERIE DISTRICT
MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
MISSOURI DISTRICT
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
NEW YORK DISTRICT
ST. LOUIS DISTRICT
UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT
WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT
WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Walter Newkirk
Richard Schnell
Lou Aichele
August C. Andre
Elmer Crook
Axel Nordstrom
Fred Boeker
Alfred F. Kierschner
John A. Westermeyer
Richard Burke
William O. Huth
Clifford E. Anderson
Reuben W. Hinze

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 4:00 P.M. was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westermeyer, Chairman

Richard Burke, Secretary

Following the reading of this report Turner Burke of the Upper Mississippi District stressed that Miss Gebhardt from his District would remain an alternate delegate.

Turner Jacquin then dismissed the ladies present so they could attend a social hour as guests of the Women's Auxiliary of the Illinois District.

At this time the chairman called for nominations for permanent chairman of the Convention. Turner Walter Schrader of the Illinois District was nominated by Turner Ray Schnell, seconded by Turner Dalbke, both of Illinois District. Turner Andrew Doyle was nominated, but explained that since he is a National officer and not a delegate, he is not eligible to serve. Motion was made by Turner R. Neihaus, seconded by Turner Diamant that nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Schrader as permanent chairman. Motion carried, and the chair was turned over to Turner Schrader by President Jacquin. Turner Schrader welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Illinois District and his own society, and announced with deep regret the passing of one of Northwest Chicago's listed delegates, Turner Chris Arend, a fifty-year honorary member.

Turner Ray Schnell (I.D.) nominated Turner Alfred Kierschner of the New York District as Vice Chairman of the Convention, seconded by H. Vogel (I.D.) Turner Edward Timm, Western Pennsylvania, was nominated by Lou Aichele of the Lake Erie District, seconded by L. Witt. Motion that nominations be closed (by R. King, W.P., seconded by A. Diamant, N.Y.) was passed. In a standing vote, Turner Kierschner was chosen Permanent Vice-Chairman.

The name of Turner Wm. O. Huth, Western New York, was placed in nomination by Turner Hoyler of the same district, and seconded. After a motion properly made and seconded that nominations be closed, Turner Huth was unanimously selected Permanent Secretary.

Nominations for Assistant Secretary were called for by the chairman, and Turner Doyle announced that since the local Committee had made arrangements for secretarial help it would not be necessary for the Convention to choose an Assistant Secretary unless they so desired. At the suggestion of Chairman Schrader and upon the motion of Turner Szilagy (Lake Erie), seconded by A. Diamant (N.Y.), a unanimous ballot was cast for Turner Mrs. Lucille Bothfeld (Illinois) as Honorary Assistant Secretary.

Turner Eberhard Noller (N.Y.) was elected Sergeant-at-Arms following nomination by Turner Diamant (N.Y.) and second.

Motion was made by Turner Mike Babyak, Jr. (N.J.), seconded by Fred Boeker (N.J.), that the report of Turner President Jacquin be accepted as read. A representative of the Johnstown Turners asked that their society also be listed as one which has celebrated its 100th Anniversary, and with this correction the report was accepted.

The chairman then called for the reports of First Vice President, Second Vice President, and National Secretary.

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

To the 51st National Convention of the American Turners:

I can report that the past two years were most enjoyable for me, as I had the pleasure of being invited to Societies celebrating dedication and their Diamond Jubilee.

The Monongahela Turners of Pennsylvania celebrated their 75th Anniversary in 1965 with a banquet held in their Turner Hall.

The Schenectady Turnverein celebrated their 75th Anniversary in 1966. They also had their banquet in their own hall. While in Schenectady I stayed at the home of George S. Auer. He told me that they are planning to build a new Turner Hall. After seeing the drawings, we hope they can go through with their plans. It will be a dream of a Turner Hall. One with year-round swimming and all.

McKeesport Turners dedicated their new Turner Hall on Saturday, May 28, 1966. I had the pleasure of attending with George Jacquin and Dr. Eklund. Believe me, they have a Turner Hall which is a showplace in the Western Pennsylvania District and the country. When societies visit McKeesport Turners they will see why their membership has increased. That again proves you must have modern gymnasiums and instructors to increase your membership.

Now in the past few conventions we have mentioned a decline in the interest of the Turner Movement. This condition exists mostly in societies where new members are elected into office before they know the workings of the Turner movement.

We must find a way so that we can help these societies. I think a semi-annual report from societies will let us know where help is needed and the Council could visit these societies before outside elements take it over. The National Council is available to help societies which find themselves in trouble. The Council acting as an advisory board can bring about a strong unity in local societies. Since each society has its own unique problems, no set rules would be of value. Therefore, it would be up to the local societies to ask for help. There should be a closer relationship between societies and the National office.

Stephen Reskovitz
First Vice-President

Upon motion by A. Diamant (N.Y.), seconded by F. Boeker (N.J.), Turner Reskovitz' report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Chairman, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I believe each of you recognize that in the course of two years each of your national officers are required to fulfill numerous duties to properly discharge the obligations of their respective positions.

To attempt to recite, in any sort of detail, each of the events, promotions, meetings, etc., that an officer is required to take part in would, of necessity, be too time consuming for this convention. I believe that in general terms it is suffice to say that I have, during the term of my vice-presidency, assisted and taken part in a reasonable number of these activities, either at the society, district or national level of our organization. Whenever called upon by President Jacquin, I have assisted him to the best of my abilities.

The one area in which I have probably devoted the most effort and thought, and one in which I have a very definite interest, was in the study and review of our national financial "picture." This involves our per-capita dues structure; the various "funds" we maintain, our expenses and operating costs, etc.

We, your national executive committee, initiated this study and review with the desire to learn several facts concerning our financial status (including whether or not a per-capita dues increase was necessary and if so, to what extent....or whether or not a reallocation of our present \$2.25 per capita dues would suffice).

It is the paramount desire of your national executive committee to maintain a solvent national organization. And we wanted to support any resolutions or recommendations that we might make to this convention with firmly established facts and figures.

Also, closely allied to the above has been a study and review of the financial transactions, the obligations, and other related factors existing between the Rochester Turners, the American Turners, and the A.T.R. Corporation.

In August, 1965, your national executive committee and the A.T.R. Corp. representatives met with the Board of Directors of the Rochester Turners. All parties to this meeting agreed that it proved fruitful. All parties acquired a more thorough understanding of the financial obligation existing between us; and the intentions and plans of each of us with respect to the future liquidation of the mortgage indebtedness that exists.

In November, 1965, (during the course of the National Council meeting held at Rochester), we again met with the Board of Directors of Rochester Turners and, with complete additional facts and figures, we again pursued our discussions of this matter. With the complete accounting that we then possessed, we, for the first time, were able to present a thorough accounting record of the financial transactions that had taken place during the eight years of our mortgage relationship with Rochester Turners.

At this point I wish to acknowledge my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Turner William Meyer for his assistance in this study -- because it was almost entirely through his efforts, knowledge and assistance that we were able to prepare and present the compilations that were necessary to properly understand and assimilate the eight years of financial transactions that had occurred.

I acknowledge, too, the cooperation and work effort done by our former accountant, Donald Statt, in assisting in this matter.

I firmly believe that the Rochester Turners are anxious to negotiate some rearrangement of the mortgage indebtedness on the Rochester Turner building. It is my personal desire as well as the wish of your officers that some means can be arrived at, in the near future, wherein the Rochester Turners will be able to re-negotiate the mortgage obligation that exists on this building. When this is accomplished, the National Turner monies now invested in this building will be released into our General Operating Fund, and, in turn, provide the means for us to function more effectively, more constructively and, I hope, more progressively.

As an appendage to my report, I am including a report of the study of our national financial status as prepared by Turner William Meyer (and myself) together with this committee's recommendations for certain changes.

This report will be reviewed and considered by the Finance Committee of the convention for further action. However, inasmuch as all delegates will not have the opportunity to serve on the Finance Committee, I will very briefly outline these suggested changes:

- (1) No per capita dues increase at this time;
- (2) A consolidation of all of the presently separated funds, except the National Festival Fund and the Endowment Trust Fund, into one "General Fund;"
- (3) a. Discontinue the 1% contribution of per capita dues that is currently being made to the Endowment Trust Fund; and
b. Discontinue the allocation of the 25¢ per capita dues to the Physical Cultural Fund and the 55¢ per capita dues allocated to the Turner Topics Fund.
- (4) Certain other technical changes in our accounting procedures that will result in a greatly reduced amount of work in the preparation of our annual financial report - and, we trust, a resulting reduction in our annual accounting costs.

One of the prime factors contributing to the operational costs of our national organization is the heavy expense involved in convening the National Council meetings each year (as now required by our statutes). Therefore, I recommend that our National Executive Committee be authorized by this convention to study the merits of convening a National Council Meeting every two years instead of each year; and that they submit their findings, in resolution form, to our 52nd National Convention. (This recommendation should be considered by the "Principles and Statutes" committee of this convention, as well as by the "National Affairs" Committee. I will verbally furnish my reasons in support of this recommendation to each of these committees.)

In closing, I wish to state that there are many improvements that can be made in our "over-all" national Turner operations. But, let us also recognize that there are many dire needs for change and improvement in our regional, district, and, particularly, in our society operations as well.

It is my personal hope that the delegates, through their attendance at this 51st Convention, will become more fully aware of these needs - and return to their respective districts and societies imbued with a "fire-within" to make the next two years a time for our greatest strides forward!

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Doyle
Second Vice-President
American Turners

August 1--1966

Dear Turner Doyle:

I have completed an analysis of the American Turners financial position at December 31, 1965, and of the auditor's financial reports for the years 1964 and 1965. As you recall, the 50th National Convention in 1964 directed that:

- (1) The Arthur H. Miller Co. be requested to set up a new bookkeeping system including the consolidation of funds into as few funds as possible.
- (2) The matter of a need for an increase in per capita tax be studied and reported on at the next convention.

Several changes were made in the bookkeeping system, and beginning in 1964 the old Physical/Culture Fund, Turner Topics Fund and Bowling Funds were merged with the General Fund for Balance Sheet purposes. However, because the American Turners Principles and Statutes (1957 version as amended by the 49th convention in 1962) dictates that 25¢ from each member's per capita tax be allocated to the Physical/Culture Fund and 55¢ be allocated to the Turner Topics Fund, it is necessary to still account for these funds annually for profit and loss purposes. I fully agree with our auditors in their approach and also in their recommendation to fully consolidate the funds by amending the Turner Principles so that the entire per capita tax (except 25¢ for the National Festival Fund) would be allocated to the Consolidated General Fund.

The 25¢ present per capita tax allocation to a separate Physical/Culture Fund is unrealistic because this fund does not operate as a separate fund. Its main purpose was taken over by the National Festival Fund when this fund was formed. Charges against the P/C Fund are arbitrarily made by the national office and do not include charges for rent, maintenance, overheads, insurance, etc. Any attempt to make such allocations would be very difficult and undesirable. The National Festival Fund is still (and will continue to be) maintained as a separate fund. This fund now has cash reserves of over \$10,000 to assist in financing the next National Festival.

The 55¢ per capita tax allocation to a separate Turner Topics Fund is likewise unrealistic. Costs of printing and mailing Turner Topics can continue to be accumulated in a separate account to control these costs and to keep the council informed as to the total cost and the per capita cost of this publication.

The Endowment Trust Fund (which is still maintained as a separate fund) receives 1% of the per capita tax collected by the General Fund each year. This amounts to less than \$200 a year and is no longer needed for this purpose. The Endowment Trust Fund is self-supporting with over \$22,000 in cash reserves and \$48,000 in investments. The annual interest from these assets (\$2,600) is more than is required to meet annual expenses and fund growth requirements.

The Bowling Fund has always been self-supporting and does not receive any per capita tax allocation. A separate analysis of the activities of this committee will be provided for information purposes annually even though it is merged with the General Fund.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Physical/Culture Fund, Turner Topics Fund and Bowling Fund be fully consolidated with the General Fund. The total separate funds will then be as follows:

	Fund Balances 12/31/65
(a) General Fund	\$23,400
(b) National Festival Fund	10,800
(c) Endowment Trust Fund	69,700
(d) A.T.R. Corporation Fund	(10,500)
(e) Jahn Fund (not under National Office control)	

- (2) Allocation of 25¢ per capita tax to P/C Fund; 55¢ per capita tax to Turner Topics Fund; and 1% of General Fund per capita tax receipts to Endowment Trust Fund be discontinued.
- (3) The attached 2 financial statements and separate summaries should replace pages 2 to 9 of the present financial package in the future. These statements have been prepared as samples using actual 1965 figures re-stated on a fully consolidated General Fund basis. The \$6,750 reserve fund shown on the current General Fund Balance Sheet has also been reclassified under Current Assets as cash in savings account. This amount represents cash on demand deposit in a savings bank and has not been set aside for any specific purpose; therefore it should be shown the same as cash in checking accounts as a current asset.
- (4) The attached financial statements of the consolidated General Fund show a net profit in 1965 of \$2,907.42 in 1965 and cash assets of \$12,299.57. The net income picture is satisfactory to cover future years anticipated operations. And the cash plus other current assets is more than enough to cover the 1965 current liabilities of \$3,902.79. Therefore no increase in per capita tax assessment is required and none is recommended.

With Turner Greetings

William R. Meyer (Sgd)

P.S. I am also enclosing financial data regarding A.T.R. Corporation and the Rochester Turners that I have updated to 12/31/65.

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AMERICAN TURNERS--GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS--DECEMBER 31, 1965 AND 1964

<u>ASSETS</u>		December 31		Increase
		<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
Current Assets				
Cash--				
Checking Accounts	\$5549.40			
Savings Accounts	<u>6750.17</u>	\$12299.57	\$ 4898.49	\$ 7401.08
Accounts Receivable --				
Per Capita Tax	\$7691.39			
Less: Allowances for				
Return of Unused Cds.	<u>3477.81</u>	4213.58		
Sale of Promotional				
Supplies	432.57			
Endowment Trust Fund	235.82			
A.T.R. Corporation	831.93			
Other	<u>331.50</u>	6045.40	7985.54	(1940.14)
Inventory of Promotional Supplies		1433.55	1857.97	(424.42)
Prepaid Insurance and Expenses		<u>795.41</u>	<u>680.47</u>	<u>114.94</u>
Total Current Assets		\$20573.93	\$15422.47	\$ 5151.40
Note Receivable--A.T.R. Corporation		9573.35	14148.35	(4575.00)
Special Deposit--Air Travel Card		425.00	425.00	--
Office Furniture & Fixtures--net of				
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>726.92</u>	<u>879.78</u>	<u>(152.86)</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$31299.20</u>	<u>\$30875.60</u>	<u>\$ 423.60</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities--				
Accounts Payable	\$2744.53			
Per Capita Tax for 1966 Received				
in Advance	863.00			
Accrued Payroll & Withholding Taxes	141.39			
Accrued Interest Payable	153.87	\$ 3902.79	\$ 2361.61	\$ 1541.18
Notes Payable--Rehabilitation of				
Rochester Turner Building		3950.00	3950.00	--
Fund Balance--				
Balance January 1, 1965	24563.99			
Add: Excess of Income over Expenses				
for the Year Ended December 31,				
1965--page 3	2907.42			
Less: Retroactive Office Rent				
Adjustment--A.T.R.				
Building 4/18/58--12/31/64	<u>(4025.00)</u>	<u>23446.41</u>	<u>24563.99</u>	<u>(1117.58)</u>
Total Liabilities and				
Fund Balance		<u>\$31299.20</u>	<u>\$30875.60</u>	<u>\$ 423.60</u>

AMERICAN TURNERS--GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1965

INCOME

Per Capita Tax	\$28431.61		
Less: Amount allocated to American Turners En- dowment Trust Fund	<u>170.64</u>	\$28260.97	
Membership at Large		215.00	
Jahn Fund Contribution to Turner Topics publication		1200.00	
Advertising in Turner Topics		224.13	
Bowling Activities--net income--see page 4		625.29	
Leaders Course--net income--see page 4		166.33	
Sale of Promotional Supplies	\$ 2363.41		
Less: Cost of supplies	<u>1918.27</u>	445.14	
Interest		<u>634.22</u>	\$31771.08

EXPENSES

Salaries		10960.08	
Payroll Taxes		317.58	
Maintenance of Office		359.15	
Awards		264.55	
National Gymnastic Activities		450.00	
Office Rent		600.00	
Printing and Mailing of Turner Topics		7611.24	
Printing, Postage, Office Supplies & Expense		2263.18	
Telephone and Telegraph		293.88	
Travel		4169.84	
Legal and Accounting		636.80	
National Physical Culture Committee Expenses		381.78	
Interest		186.50	
Insurance		216.22	
Depreciation		<u>152.86</u>	<u>28863.66</u>

Excess of Income over Expenses--page 2

\$ 2907.42

AMERICAN TURNERS--GENERAL FUND
ANALYSIS OF BOWLING ACTIVITY INCOME AND EXPENSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1965

INCOME

National Turner Tournament	\$1033.90
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EXPENSE

Travel	\$223.40	
Printing	31.41	
Legal and Accounting	90.80	
Awards	<u>63.00</u>	<u>408.61</u>

Excess of Income over Expense--Page 3	<u>\$ 625.29</u>
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AMERICAN TURNERS--GENERAL FUND
ANALYSIS OF LEADERS COURSE INCOME AND EXPENSE
JUNE 27--JULY 4, 1965

INCOME

Registrations	\$ 335.00
Donation--National Womens Auxiliary	<u>1250.00</u>
Total Income	\$1585.00

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$450.00	
Food and Lodgings	778.00	
Phone, postage, travel & supplies	142.76	
Diplomas and T-Shirts	<u>47.91</u>	
Total Expense	<u>\$1418.67</u>	

Excess of Income over Expense--Page 3	<u>\$ 166.33</u>
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Upon motion to accept by Turner Pitzele (Ill.), seconded by Turner Szilagyi (L.Erie), Turner Doyle's report was accepted as read.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

To the 51st National Convention - American Turners
To the 24th National Convention - Women's Auxiliary

Greetings:

Membership

Dues-paying members of the American Turners as of August 1, 1966, for 1965 was 14,558.

The auditor's estimate of unused cards and doubtful accounts for 1965 was \$3,477.81, accounting for an additional membership of approximately 155 members, which is 14,663.

In addition, there are 551 forty-year honorary members and 340 fifty-year honorary members, making the total membership for 1965 - 15,554 members.

Loss of Societies

In 1965 two societies were lost: The Monessen Turners of the Western Pennsylvania district and the Hartford Turners of the New England district. Although Hartford has not yet officially disbanded, no dues have been paid. The rehabilitation for this society does not seem favorable.

General Fund Statement of Income and Expense

For 1965 an income of \$18,186.98 and expenses of \$19,538.02 was reported by our accountants, leaving an excess of expenses over income as of December 31, 1965, of \$1,396.04 in the General Fund of the American Turners.

The condition of the other funds of the American Turners is as follows:

Physical Cultural Fund:

Income, 1965	\$5,137.61
Expenses	<u>2,997.27</u>
Excess of income over expenses	\$2,140.34

Turner Topics Fund:

Income, 1965	\$9,339.87
Expenses	<u>7,702.04</u>
Excess of income over expenses	\$1,537.83

Bowling Fund:

Income, 1965	\$1,033.90
Expenses	<u>408.61</u>
Excess of income over expenses	\$ 625.29

Festival Fund:

Income, 1965	\$3,895.32
Expenses (for acctg.)	<u>90.80</u>
Balance for year	\$3,804.52

(The assets in the festival fund on December 31, 1965, were \$10,970.97. This fund is earmarked for the conduct of festivals, and is at a savings deposit which earned \$342.71 in 1965. The June 3, 1966 balance in the Festival Fund savings account was \$12,808.57, with the last deposit made March 31, 1966.)

Excess Usable Funds:

Physical Cultural Fund	\$2,140.34
Topics Fund	1,537.83
Bowling Fund	<u>625.29</u>
TOTAL	\$4,303.46

General Fund Savings Account

Since the 50th Convention in New York permitted the combining of funds not earmarked, this excess was deposited in a savings account, opened December 31, 1965, with a deposit of \$5,000.00. Further deposits were made March 31, 1966, June 3, 1966, and June 15, 1966, of \$5,000.00, \$3,468.41, and \$615.14 respectively, making total deposits in the General Fund Savings Account of \$14,083.55. This account to date has earned interest recorded at \$130.77.

The income in the Festival Fund was added to the General Fund in the amount of the June 15, 1966, deposit of \$650.13.

The total income from these accounts reduces the December 31, 1965, deficit of \$1,396.04 to \$650.13. A part of the above usable assets of the General Fund will be added to the savings fund at an early date.

Executive Committee

In reviewing my report to previous conventions, I find that no improvement has taken place in the Program Structure of the administration.

At the 50th Convention, I pointed out the lack of liaison between the National administration and its various committees and between these committees and the regional members of the Council. I am referring to the Committees on Health and Physical Education; Cultural Education; Bowling and Legal Committee, recommending that one member of the Executive Committee be responsible for the proper functioning of these committees.

I note a resolution from a district that in legal matters they stood alone, even though this District has a member on the Legal Committee.

Membership

There is also a resolution before this convention of membership assistance at the national level. Here, too, a member of the executive committee would be helpful in giving membership thought and advice. A National Chairman of Membership and a Chairman of Sub-Committees should be appointed by the National President.

Presidential Reports to Convention

At the first session of each convention a Presidential report is heard. At some conventions the President has made recommendations for improvements. I refer here to a report by Past President Edward Groth to the 48th Convention in Rochester, New York, in 1960. A report under the headings of Physical Education; Cultural Education; The Family Group; Participation in Civic Projects. These reports are heard, published, and given no further thought.

Would it not be wise for a Committee of the Convention to be organized to receive the Presidential report for immediate action at the Convention at which the recommendations have been made?

E. A. Eklund
National Secretary

A motion for acceptance of Dr. Eklund's report was made by Turner Baecher (Western N.Y.) and seconded by Turner Warnken (L.Erie), and was passed.

National Treasurer Turner Edward Loeser announced that his report would be available to the Finance Committee on Monday.

Chairman Schrader then called for the report of Turner Eugene Mitchell, Chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This has indeed been a wonderfully busy, exciting, and full two-year period. The correspondence has poured in by the dozens each week. Approximately 90 per cent of all correspondence requiring attention has been answered within the week. The letters and questions have been welcomed and encouraged. This is the best way that I know to spread our knowledge of Turnerism to each other. I have learned much during these two years, and I am still in need of greater knowledge. Perhaps patience is a virtue that many young men with ambition grow short on. Experience is certainly a good teacher. Thank heavens for Mrs. Hester and the good training at the Normal College of Indiana University.

In 1965, National Meets and Tournaments were held in volleyball at Louisville, Kentucky; gymnastics at Wilmington, Delaware; and golf at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

The American Turners Leader's Course that was dropped in 1948 was again renewed and was held at the Illinois Turner Camp at Algonquin. As you have read and heard, it was sponsored by the National Ladies Auxiliary, and was a tremendous success.

The Council of the American Turners has asked for a seat and position on the President's Fitness Council. We all hope that this will help promote Turnerism for the future.

The U.S.O.C. held its annual meeting in Washington, D.C., and divided into games' committees. Ellsworth Stumpf and I were seated in the women's and men's groups respectively. I was elected to the position of secretary to the men's gymnastic committee at this time. It is interesting to note that we are not close to any agreement with the A.A.U. and the U.S.G.F. As an individual interested in bettering gymnastics in the United States, it is amazing to me to see power by vote with a stacked deck.

During the year 1966, a year older and a bit more able to cope with minor problems, the bids for tournaments and plans for events were laid somewhat more in advance.

National Tournaments were held in volleyball at Fort Wayne, Indiana; basketball at Adams, Massachusetts; and golf at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. It is my privilege to say that every tournament held these two years has been a success and has netted a profit for the host society.

Again, a Leader's Course was held at Louisville, Kentucky, under the sponsorship of the Jahn Fund. The teaching brought practical work forth and gave much to the instructors of societies represented. It will be of great interest to you to know that at least four societies have rebuilt their gym classes as a result of the Leader's Course. Two students have written applications for admission to the Normal College, and others are hopeful of bettering themselves through other media. The course has more than proven itself and should be continued in one form or another.

The Olympic Gymnastic Games Committee again met at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where teams were selected for the tryouts for the World Games. At this meeting, some unity was shown between the A.A.U. and the U.S.G.F. representatives. Several U.S.G.F. members did participate in the National Meet without being members of the A.A.U. Hope is still present.

A bid for a National Festival in 1967 was received from Kansas City Turners, but after investigation by the National Committee, withdrew their bid. This was very disheartening, but we wish them success in their district and region. A bid has now been received from the Moline Turners to hold a National Festival in the Moline-Rock Island facilities.

The National Festival Rule Book printed in 1951 has received much criticism for being out of date, and is now in the final process of being revised and completed for this convention.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I have enjoyed the two years as National Physical Education Chairman for the American Turners. To all the people who have helped me, God bless you and thank you.

Sincerely,
Eugene E. Mitchell, Chairman

ADDENDUM:

Bids received for National Tournaments in 1967:

December 1965 -- Adams, Massachusetts -- National Golf Tournament
April 1, 1966 -- Fort Wayne, Indiana -- National Basketball
Tournament
August 12, 1966 -- Moline, Illinois -- National Festival
August 17, 1966 -- Fort Wayne, Indiana -- National Golf
Tournament

On November 26 at 10:00 A.M. at the Normal College, an instructors meeting will be held. The topic will be National Festival and Turner Instructor Progress.

A motion for acceptance of Turner Mitchell's report was made by Turner Mike Babyak (N.J.) and seconded by Turner John Stocker (Western N.Y.). Motion passed.

Chairman Schrader then called for the report of Sara Palmer, Chairman of the National Cultural Education Committee.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF CULTURAL EDUCATION

GREETINGS:

In making this report I shall try to be optimistic to some extent, but there is a discouraging element also. On the lighter side, we have the societies that try very hard to promote the cultural program and in doing this they must have a person at the head who is interested and keeps working toward a better program. On the darker side we have the societies that do nothing and year after year appoint a chairman who does nothing but still retains the title of cultural chairman. I shall take each Region separately and report what I know of their activities.

Region 1

This region is the New England District and has ten (10) societies. Mrs. Irma Tabor is the Regional chairman and works very hard toward making the program better. Out of the ten societies, three send in reports. A district cultural exhibit was held in 1965 and six (6) societies participated. This event was held at Fitchburg Turners. Another district exhibit was held at Springfield this year and four (4) societies participated.

Five of the societies in this Region hold annual exhibits for their own members. At their district convention the cultural program is discussed not only by the district officials but by society delegates and ample time is allotted. A district round table was held last October. Mrs. Tabor has a separate meeting with all cultural chairmen or representatives present.

I would like to pay special tribute to Lucien C. Bilodeau of the Providence Turners who in all the years that I have been National Chairman has never failed to send in a monthly report. It takes people like Lucien to make our Turners a better organization.

Region 2

In Region Two there are the New York, New Jersey and Middle Atlantic Districts, comprised of 16 societies. Mrs. Helen Eckmuller is the Regional Chairman. There is very little I can report from this region as I have not received correspondence regarding any activities. The New York Turnverein has appointed a chairman that is doing an outstanding job with the cultural program. Mr. Edward J. Sexton is fairly new to our program, but his interest in the program is overwhelming. His monthly reports are most accurate and neat and he has projected a new interest in the cultural program. I hope he remains with us for a long, long time.

Mr. Sexton is also the district chairman in the New York District and on April 30th of this year conducted a district cultural exhibit. He reported 122 entries. Brooklyn, New York Turn Verein, Long Island City and Schenectady participated. In his report to me he stated: "As usual, not enough help."

Region 3

This Region consists of the Central States District and has six (6) societies. Mrs. Evelyn Rice is the Regional Chairman. Two societies, Louisville and Fort Wayne, send in reports each month. One society sent in one report and another sent in two reports for the year. A cultural exhibit is held each year and the last was at Southside Turners.

In June of this year Louisville was host to a Regional Cultural Exhibit and it was an outstanding affair. This is the first Regional Exhibit, and all of us who worked in it were amazed at the number of entries and the quality of the items. Northwest-Chicago, Milwaukee, Concordia, Detroit and Louisville participated. The Holiday Inn donated the space. The judges selected by Louisville were outstanding.

I would like to give a special thank you to the Fort Wayne Turners for the very wonderful work they do for the Retarded Children, the Leper Colony, hospital, church work and the work they do for the Braille Institute. Also for the choral work they do at Christmas time for the shut-ins.

Region 4

This region consists of the Lake Erie District and the Western New York, and consists of eight (8) societies. There is no Regional Chairman in this area, and I urge this convention to name one. Akron and Cleveland East Side sent in regular reports. Buffalo sent in three and Rochester one. For many years S.T.V. had an outstanding cultural program, but this past year it has declined and no reports of any kind were received. Toledo, who for many years never failed to send in a report, did not send any in this year, and they do have a very fine program. Detroit still has no building of their own, and all of the former cultural programs must be held at places where the members can find the equipment and the instructors. The annual cultural exhibit that has been held for many years was not held this year, but it is scheduled for the coming year. We are hoping to be back in the cultural program again as we were in the past.

Region 5

This Region consists of the Illinois District and Wisconsin. There are eight (8) societies. Mr. Erwin Schrader is the Regional Chairman and is trying to promote the program, but finds there is a great lack of interest. Northwest Chicago and Milwaukee are the only societies sending in a report.

Milwaukee have their handicraft and needlecraft classes and some very outstanding speakers at their meetings. They held a cultural display at their district convention. The women's auxiliary is the leader in the cultural program here.

Northwest-Chicago has a very fine mixed chorus and if you have not heard them you have missed something. Each year they hold

a show and this is put on by the choral group mostly. The auxiliary is a very busy group, as each year they hold a Fair and at this sell the items they have worked on throughout the year. Financially this has done very well, and is a way to make money for the society, but also gives the members an outlet for their talent. At one time Eiche had a fine program going, but for some reason I do not hear of it.

Region 6

Here we have the St. Louis, Missouri and Rocky Mountain Districts. There are five (5) societies. Mr. Eugene Solfronk is the Regional Chairman and tries very hard to promote the program. He is faithful in writing to each society in his region, sending copies of his correspondence to me which I appreciate very much. Kansas City, North St. Louis, and Concordia send in reports. Kansas City have their dancing classes, German, Ceramic and a very fine men's chorus. Concordia each year puts on a Minstrel Show, and in March held a cultural exhibit. North St. Louis each year put on a show by the choral group. I would like to see this society get back into the cultural program they once had under the direction of Mrs. Horst. It was one of the finest in our Turners.

Region 7

We have the Upper Mississippi and Minnesota District in this Region. Mr. C. Joseph Becker is the Regional Chairman. Moline is the only society sending in monthly reports. A cultural exhibit is held each year at the time of their district convention. At their monthly meetings the cultural program is discussed. I had hoped that Moline would have cultural entries at the Regional Festival at Louisville. Nothing is heard from the Minnesota District, and I have finally given up attempting to correspond with any society there.

Region 8

This Region consists of Southern California, and has two societies. Los Angeles Turners is the only society sending in a cultural report. They have an outstanding choral group and they are very active. San Diego has no program of any kind. Los Angeles is planning a cultural exhibit to be held this fall. Mr. John Reimer is the Regional Chairman in this Region.

Region 9

In this Region we have the Western Pennsylvania, consisting of nine societies. There is very little cultural activity in this Region. Mr. James Stoffel is the Regional Chairman. McKeesport sent in one report and Rochester sent in two. Mr. Stoffel advises me that a cultural exhibit was held on May 14th and he had hoped each society would participate, but to his disappointment only McKeesport and Rochester participated. They discuss the cultural program at their district convention, which he finds to be of not much help, and feels the lack of interest is growing each year in the cultural. At meetings they have a cultural meeting and the committee chairmen are quite interested and informative at the time, but that is as far as it seems to go. I would like to see the program better in this area but it seems there is not much I can do.

Conclusion

I have made up this report from the information I have received from my committee members. I feel there is room for much improvement in our cultural program, but it takes effort and time. One person cannot do it all. I would like to see more correspondence between some of the Regional Chairmen and the societies under them. I receive a great deal of correspondence from societies, and a great deal of this should be handled by the Regional Chairman. At times my correspondence piles up and I find it very difficult to keep up with it. I believe each society president should encourage the program more, and when an appointment is made of a cultural chairman it should be a person who will take an interest and not just have the title. I also find that my committee members should make reports to me more often. With them I also find they fail to answer letters I write, not all of them but several. If all of you would put a little more effort and time into the job, we would have a better program.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara G. Palmer, Chairman
National Cultural Committee

(The above report was read to the convention by the assistant secretary in Sara Palmer's absence.)

A motion for acceptance of the above report was made by Turner Kesper of New York and seconded by Turner Diamant, also of New York. Motion passed.

Chairman Turner Schrader next called upon Turner Wilfred H. Racker, Chairman of the National Bowling Committee:

REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

To the 51st National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

In the last two years, since the New York Convention, two National Bowling Tournaments were held. One meeting of the National Bowling Committee was held in Aurora, Illinois, and two junior bowling meets were conducted.

The 1965 National Bowling Tournament was held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, by the Fort Wayne Turners. This tournament had 208 Men's teams and 118 Women's teams entered, a total of about 1,630 Turners participated in 8 weekends. The Fort Wayne Turners showed a profit of \$3,454.00 from programs and bowling. Additional profit of \$2,958.43 was made from meals, souvenirs and checkroom.

The 1966 National Bowling Tournament was held this last spring in Cleveland, Ohio, by the American Turners S.T.V. This tournament had 208 men's teams and 110 women's teams entered, with a total of about 1,590 Turners participating, in seven weekends. Cleveland made a profit of approximately \$2,714.62 on this tournament.

The 1964 National Junior Bowling Meet had 155 participants

and the 1965 meet had 156 participants. We had two societies less participate in 1965 than in 1964.

The one meeting the National Bowling Committee held in the last two years was in Aurora, Ill., on July 9, 1966. At the Aurora meeting a number of additions and changes were made to the rules governing the National Bowling Tournament and also to the rules that govern the junior bowling meet. One of the important changes was that the two traveling trophies will be retired after this year and small plaques be given to the winning team society each year, in both the Men and Women. The Committee also voted Beaver Falls, Pa., the 1968 National Bowling Tournament site. The other cities which were bidding were: Johnstown, Pa., Rochester, N. Y., Akron, O., and Toledo, Ohio. This still needs the approval of National Council. The meeting also went on record to continue the junior bowling meets this coming fall. The meet will again be held between November 15 and December 15, 1966, in each home Turner society city. Two trophies will be awarded in each age group of 8 to 11 years, 11 to 13 years, and 14 to 17 years, girls and boys. This year also a plaque will be given to the society whose juniors get the most points. These points will be given: 6 points, first place; 4 points, 2nd place; 3 points, 3rd place; 2 points, 4th place; and 1 point to 5th place. We hope this will help to create more interest in this meet.

I received a full report from the Upper Mississippi District on their adult bowling program and also their junior bowling meets. 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 1967 National Bowling Tournament will be held at the Sylvandell and the Valley Bowl in Aurora and North Aurora, from March until May, 1967. The Valley Bowl Lanes are across the road from the Holiday Inn, which will be the headquarters motel. We hope for a large entry, so be sure and make your weekend reservations 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

A motion for acceptance of this report was made by Turner Neihaus (Upper Miss.) and seconded by Turner Hoyler (West. N.Y.). Motion carried.

Chairman Schrader announced that a report of the Instructors' Fund had appeared in the January-February, 1966, issue of Turner Topics; he then called on Vice-President Reskovitz for a report on the Endowment Trust Fund.

REPORT OF
AMERICAN TURNERS' ENDOWMENT TRUST

To the 51st National Convention of the American Turners:

I believe the Endowment Trust Fund is the foundation of the American Turners, and the larger we can make this fund the stronger we will be.

In the last two years the donations were not as large as they should have been, but if each Turner would make a small donation once a year, it would soon build up to a point where we could help out Turner societies in need.

In the past two years there was only one loan made: to the Western Pennsylvania District of \$3000.00 to try and save the Monesson Turners. We failed in this effort because there was not enough workers in the Monesson Turners to carry on. It is hoped that they will again have a society in Monesson. They signed all their assets to the Western Pennsylvania District, and the District is going to dispose of them and repay the Endowment Trust in the near future. The District is paying 5% interest on the loan and is paid up to date.

Donors for 1965

National Ladies Auxiliary	\$200.00	Willard Heiss, Wilmington	\$ 10.00
Western New York Dist.	25.00	Erich Hundrieser, N.Y.	5.00
Women Auxiliary Central TV, Rochester, Pa.	15.00	Pauline A. Keinzle Memo- rial Fund, Philadelphia	100.00
Ladies Auxiliary, Wilmington	25.00	Carl A. Rothe, St. Louis, Mo.	5.00
Dr. Adolph H. Picker, Baltimore, Md.	10.00	Stephen H. Reskovitz, Wilmington	30.00
Bears Section, Wilmington	15.00		

Donors for 1966

Western N.Y. Dist.	25.00	Middle Atlantic Dist.	25.00
Dr. Adolph Picker, Baltimore	25.00	Stephen H. Reskovitz, Wilmington	25.00
Bears Section, Wilmington	25.00		
Willard Heiss, Wilmington	20.00		

TOTAL.....\$585.00

Financial Report July 31st to August 31, 1966

Cash on hand		\$23608.36
Receipts		
American Turners 1% of 1965 Capita Tax	\$182.15	
Western New York District	25.00	
Middle Atlantic District	25.00	
Dr. Adolph H. Picker	25.00	
Stephen H. Reskovitz	25.00	
A.T.R. Corporation, Interest on Rochester New York Mortgage	468.75	
		<u>\$24359.26</u>
Bank Statements as of August 31, 1966		
Bank of Delaware, Wilm. Dela.	\$3005.91	
Christiana Federal Saving and Loan, Wilm. Dela.	11567.26	
Equitable Federal Saving and Loan, Louisville, Ky.	6664.82	
Greater Louisville Saving and Loan, Louisville, Ky.	3121.27	
	<u>\$24359.26</u>	
Disbursement		
Travel, Rochester New York Council Meeting		359.48
		<u>\$23999.78</u>
Note Receivable		
Western Pennsylvania District	\$3000.00	
A.T.R. Corporation Rochester Turner Mortgage	\$45,000.00	
	\$23,999.78	
	3,000.00	
	45,000.00	
	<u>\$71,999.78</u>	
(Rec'd after report was made up)	45.00	
	<u>\$72,644.78</u>	

Motion was made, seconded and passed that the Endowment Trust Fund Report be accepted as read.

At this time Dr. Eklund read a letter from Turner Carl Anderson, past national president, extending his greetings to the Convention and expressing his regrets that other pressing matters kept him from attending.

Chairman Schrader announced that those districts which had not yet appointed one of their delegates to the Nominating Committee should do so as soon as possible and turn in the names to Dr. Eklund. Turner Schrader set the time for a meeting of the Nominating Committee at 2:30 P.M. on Monday.

Motion was made by Turner Herbert Heider (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Noller (N.Y.) that all committee meetings begin promptly at 9:00 A.M. on Monday morning. Motion carried. Turner Szilagyi suggested that each committee meet briefly for a few moments at the close of this session, but no motion was made, and the meeting time of 9:00 A.M. will stand.

Chairman Schrader called on Turner Erwin Schrader to read off the locations of the various committee meetings.

The time of 9:00 A.M., Wednesday morning, August 24, was set by Chairman Schrader for the convention to reconvene in its Second Session.

Upon motion by Turner A. Doyle (Ill.) seconded by Turner Ray Schnell (Ill.), the convention was adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

The second session was called to order at 9:24 A.M. on August 24, 1966, by Chairman W. Schrader. Upon motion by Turner Diamant (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Noller (N.Y.) reading of the minutes of the First Session was dispensed with, inasmuch as mimeographed copies of these minutes were passed out to all delegates.

Chairman Schrader appointed Turner President Jacquin and Turners Richard Schnell (Ill.) and John Quero (St.L.) to extend the greetings of the assembled delegation to the Women's Auxiliary in their convention.

Local convention chairman Erwin Schrader gave a short resume of the evening's program at the dinner in the Gold Room, and asked that all last-minute reservations for the banquet be given to him immediately.

Turner Alfred Kierschner brought to the attention of the chair that the Credentials Committee Report had failed to list him as a member of the Committee on National Affairs, and this was so noted. It was pointed out to Turner Kierschner that his name does appear in the report of that committee, however, as having participated.

Turner Westermeyer of the Credentials Committee reported that he has received a telegram from the South Bend District advising that they will be represented with a delegation. Motion was made by Turner Pitzele (Ill.), seconded by Hoyler (West.N.Y.) that this delegation be seated and given their federal votes at the time of their arrival. Motion passed.

Chairman Schrader introduced Turner Mike Babyak (N.J.), who gave a short explanation of the new accident insurance policy which is available through the National office. He then invited questions from the floor:

Q.: "Is a society instructor covered under this insurance?"

A.: "Yes, if he has paid his \$2.00 per year charge."

Q.: "Am I covered as a delegate attending this convention?"

A.: "Yes; anyone who has enrolled is covered in any Turner-sponsored activity, and this is certainly Turner-sponsored."

Q.: "Would people on the way to the Illinois Turner Camp, for example, be covered?"

A.: "This would have to be determined by the circumstances. If the person were on the way to a sponsored activity at the Camp, he would be covered. If he were merely going to his cottage for a weekend of recreation, it is questionable that he could collect."

Q.: "We have many children on the gym floor who are not otherwise affiliated with the Turners. Can they be covered under this insurance?"

A.: "Yes, since they are registered class members and as such are attending Turner-sponsored activities."

Q.: "How many from any one society must join?"

A.: "Any district or society may enroll, even if only one member is covered. The policy is issued to the society, not to the individual member."

Q.: "What is meant by 'sponsored activity'?"

A.: "This would cover Board of Directors meetings, society meetings, tournaments, visits to another society arranged by your society; and although not originally so intended, a claim has been awarded for an injury incurred during a Turner-sponsored party."

Q.: "Did I understand correctly that the expiration date of the policy is December 15?"

A.: "That is correct. The dates are from December 15 to December 15, which will allow a society a couple of months after its activities begin in September to get everything sent in."

Q.: "Do you have any claim forms available -- at least one for each society to have on hand so they would know what type of information is needed for a claim?"

A.: "We could see about sending one copy to each society, although the normal procedure would be to notify the National office, who would then send the proper forms to be filled in."

Q.: "Approximately how many people are now covered under this policy?"

A.: "At the present time there are about 1,500 Turners covered. As information about the policy spreads, this number should, of course, increase."

Q.: "Who handles the paper work?"

A.: "The only paper work which it would be necessary for the society to do would be to advise us of the accident and then to verify the claim. We would then handle the rest upon the receipt of the receipted bills."

Chairman Schrader called for current communications. Dr. Eklund disclosed that a message of greetings has been received from Turner Aaron Orchard in the form of a telegram extending greetings to the convention and expressing his regrets that ill health kept him from attending.

Chairman Schrader then called for the election of National officers. The propriety of changing the order of business from the suggested agenda was questioned by Turner Szilagy (L.Erie), but upon an explanation from Turner Doyle that the reason for doing this was so the results of the elections would be known before the banquet, Turner Szilagy withdrew his objections.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee was called to order by temporary chairman Robert J. Schuler at 2:45 P.M. with the following delegates present:

Robert J. Schuler	Walter Schrader	Lou Aichele
August Andre	Elmer Crook	Alex Diamant
John Westermeyer	Richard Neihaus	William O. Huth
Edward Timm	Fred L. Bartels	

Motion was made by Turner Walter Schrader to nominate Turner Robert J. Schuler as Permanent Chairman. Motion was seconded by Edward Timm and passed. Upon motion by Turner John Westermeyer, seconded by Turner Lou Aichele, Turner Elmer Crook was chosen as Permanent Secretary.

It was moved and seconded that the following Turners be placed in nomination:

President	George J. Jacquin
First Vice President	Andrew Doyle
" " "	Stephen Reskovitz
Second Vice President	Bruno Pietuchoff
" " "	Clifford E. Anderson
Chairman, Physical Education Comm.	Eugene E. Mitchell
Chairman, Cultural Committee	Sara G. Palmer
Chairman, Bowling Committee	Wilfred H. Racker
Endowment Trust Fund Committee	John Westermeyer

National Council Regional Members:

Region 1	Anthony J. O'Donnell
Region 2	Robert Stahl
Region 3	Forrest F. Steinlage
Region 4	James F. Szilagy
Region 5	Walter W. Kopp
Region 5	William Meyer
Region 6	Aaron Orchard
Region 6	Larry Woolworth
Region 7	Robert Dau
Region 8	Otto K. Nell
Region 9	Edward W. Timm

The committee recommends to the National Secretary that the dates of election of members of the American Turners Endowment Trust Fund be printed in annual report.

It was moved and seconded that the committee adjourn at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Schuler, Chairman
Elmer Crook, Secretary

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by its secretary, Turner Crook (Mo.). Motion was made by Turner Pietuchoff (N.Engl.), seconded by Turner Andre (Mid.Atl.) that this report be accepted. Motion passed.

For President:

By Nominating Committee: George Jacquin

Motion was made by Turner Aichele (L.Erie), seconded by Turner Szilagyi (L.Erie) that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. Motion made by Turner Hoyler (West.N.Y.), seconded by Babyak (N.J.), that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Jacquin as National President. Motion carried.

Turner Jacquin expressed his thanks to the Convention for their confidence in him.

For First Vice-President:

By Nominating Committee: Turners Andrew Doyle and Stephen Reskovitz

Motion was made by Turner Diamant (N.Y.), seconded by Boeker (N.J.) that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. Campaign speeches on behalf of each candidate were made. A federal vote (136 votes) roll call was taken. Results showed Doyle with 69 votes, Reskovitz, 67, and Turner Doyle was declared elected as First Vice-President. He thanked the convention and assured them he would do all in his power to carry through their wishes during the next two years.

For Second Vice-President:

By Nominating Committee: Bruno Pietuchoff and Clifford E. Anderson

Turner Pehlke (Ill.) nominated Turner Stephen Reskovitz. Turner Anderson withdrew his name in favor of Turner Reskovitz. Turner Pietuchoff also withdrew from the race in favor of Turner Reskovitz, and made a motion that nominations be closed and Turner Reskovitz be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Turner Kesper (N.Y.) and passed. In his acceptance speech, Turner Reskovitz reiterated his great interest in building up the Endowment Trust Fund, and he was given a rising vote of acclaim.

For Chairman of the Physical Education Committee:

By Nominating Committee: Eugene E. Mitchell

Motion was made by Turner Diamant (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Vogel (Ill.), that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. Motion by Turner Harksen (Upper Miss.), seconded by Weber (West.N.Y.), that a unanimous ballot be cast for Turner Eugene Mitchell. Motion passed.

For Chairman, Cultural Committee:

By Nominating Committee: Sara G. Palmer

Motion was made by Turner Jo Ann Mueller (Central States), seconded by Aichele (Lake Erie) that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Motion that a unanimous ballot be cast was made by Turner Baecher (West.N.Y.), seconded by Turner Crook (Mo.). Motion carried.

For Chairman, Bowling Committee:

By Nominating Committee: Wilfred H. Racker

Motion was made by Turner Heider (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Weber (West.N.Y.), that nominations be closed. Motion carried. Motion was made by Turner Aichele (L.Erie), seconded by Turner Westermeyer (St.L.) that a unanimous ballot be cast for Turner Racker. Motion passed.

For Trustee of the Endowment Trust Fund:

By Nominating Committee: John Westermeyer

Turner Andre asked for the dates of expiration of terms of the trustees of this fund. Dr. Eklund explained that there are six trustees; three are chosen by the Council and three by the convention. Of those chosen by the convention, Turner Bob Schuler has four more years to serve and Clifford Anderson's term will expire at the next convention.

Motion was made by Turner Pitzele, seconded by Turner Hohenstein, that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Motion for a unanimous ballot in favor of Turner Westermeyer was made by Turner Woolworth (St.L.) and seconded by Turner Quero (St.L.); motion was carried.

For National Council Regional Members:

Region 1: By Nominating Committee: Anthony J. O'Donnell

The question was raised as to whether Turner O'Donnell's name has been proffered by the Nominating Committee or by the Region; the chair ruled that although the recommendation may have been made by the region, this recommendation was acted upon by the Nominating Committee and so presented to us.

Motion was made by Turner Meyer (Ill.) nominating Turner Bruno Pietuchoff as Region 1 Council member. Seconded by Reskovitz. Turner Gawlas (West. Pa.) raised the question of whether it was proper for a delegate from another district to propose the name of a council member for another region. After a discussion of this matter and after referring to Statutes 33 and 34, the chairman ruled that this was entirely in order.

Motion was made by Turner Kierschner (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Kesper (N.Y.) that nominations be closed. Motion was carried.

At this time, Chairman Schrader suggested that unless there were any objections, it would be wisest to get nominees lined up for all Regions and then have the voting done all at once for those regions which had a disputed vote. This would be in the interest of saving time. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

Region 2: By Nominating Committee: Robert Stahl

Motion was made by Turner Diamant, seconded by Turner Weber (West.NY), that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Motion was made by Turner Boeker (N.J.), seconded by Turner Noller (N.Y.) that Turner Stahl be elected by a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Region 3: By Nominating Committee: Forrest F. Steinlage

Motion was made by Turner Schuler (Central States), seconded by Turner Lubbers (Central States), that the nominations be closed. Motion passed. Motion for a unanimous ballot in favor of Turner Steinlage was made by Turner Pitzele (Ill.), seconded by Turner Quero (St.L.). Motion was carried.

Region 4: By Nominating Committee: James F. Szilagyi

Motion was made by Turner Aichele (L.Erie), seconded by Turner Schroeder (N.Y.), that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Motion was made by Turner Aichele, seconded by Turner Warnken (L.Erie), that a unanimous ballot be cast for Turner Szilagyi. Motion passed.

Region 5: By Nominating Committee: Walter W. Kopp and William Meyer

Campaign speeches were made by several delegates in favor of each of these Turners. The question of whether or not Turner Kopp was desirous of reelection was raised, but Turner Model (Wisc.) stated that he had spoken personally with Mrs. Kopp and been assured that he was interested. Motion was made by Turner Schroeder (N.Y.), seconded by Kesper (N.Y.) that nominations be closed. Motion passed.

Region 6: By Nominating Committee: Aaron Orchard and Larry Woolworth

It was explained that Turner Orchard had been kept away from the convention by illness and not lack of interest; his telegram of greetings had been mentioned at the start of this session.

Motion was made by Turner Schroeder (N.Y.), seconded by Pitzele (Ill.) that nominations be closed. Motion passed.

At this time Turner Kierschner (N.Y.) offered a motion to suspend the order of business for three minutes for the purpose of granting the floor to Turner Walter Meissner of the Illinois District. This was seconded by Turner Trummer (Mo.). Turner Meissner originally did a great deal of work on the Statutes. He extended his greetings to the assembled delegation and remarked that he was happy to see such a good representation in view of the failure of the national government to give our organization the recognition it should have.

Region 7: By Nominating Committee: Robert Dau

Turner Neihaus (Upper Miss.) nominated Turner Richard Burke (Upper Miss.). Campaign speeches were made for each of the candidates. Motion was made by Turner Meyer (Ill.), seconded by Diamant (N.Y.), that nominations be closed. Motion passed.

At this time the regular order of business was suspended while representatives of the Women's Auxiliary were received. Margery Stocker, chairman of the board of directors of the Women's Auxiliary; Marie Pehlke, president of the Illinois District Women's Auxiliary; Ida Mae Lange, past president of the Women's Auxiliary; and Katherine Reskovitz, board member, all extended their greetings to the assembled delegates.

Region 8: By Nominating Committee: Otto K. Nell

Motion to close the nominations was made by Turner Weber (West.N.Y.), seconded by Turner Kesper (N.Y.). Motion passed. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Turner Nell was made by Turner Schroeder (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Westermeyer.(St.L.). Motion passed.

Region 9: By Nominating Committee: Edward W. Timm

Turner Timm withdrew his name from consideration and placed in nomination the name of the incumbent, Clifford Anderson. Motion was made by Turner Szilagyi (Erie), seconded by Turner Diamant (N.Y.), that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Motion was made by Turner A.H.Niehaus (West.Pa.), seconded by Turner Smith (West.Pa.), that Turner Anderson be declared elected by a unanimous ballot. Motion passed.

Turner Chairman Schrader announced that voting would now take place on the four regions in which there were two candidates:

- Region 1 - Turners O'Donnell and Pietuchoff
- Region 5 - Turners W. Meyer and W. Kopp
- Region 6 - Turners Orchard and Woolworth
- Region 7 - Turners Dau and Burke

The chairman instructed each district to prepare and turn in its tally of votes before adjournment for lunch, so they could be counted and the results announced when the convention reconvenes.

Motion was made by Turner Crook (Mo.), seconded by Turner Nick Meyer (Mo.), that the convention re-convene at 1:30 P.M. Motion passed. Upon motion properly made and seconded, the Second Session was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

THIRD SESSION

The third session was called to order by Chairman Schrader at 1:40 P.M. He called for the result of the voting on the Regional Council members for Regions 1, 5, 6, and 7.

Region 1 - Pietuchoff - 76; O'Donnell - 60
Region 5 - Meyer - 94; Kopp - 42
Region 6 - Orchard - 80; Woolworth - 56
Region 7 - Burke - 120; Dau - 16

Turners Burke and Meyer thanked the convention for their expression of confidence.

In further consideration of the Nominating Committee's report, a motion was made by Turner Bartels (Wisc.), seconded by Crook (Mo.), that the recommendation of this committee contained in the last paragraph of its report be accepted. Motion passed.

Prior to the consideration of committee reports, Chairman Schrader announced the rules governing debate:

Roberts Rules of Order will govern the Convention.

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

There being no objection, Chairman Schrader ordered that these rules would be followed.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Turner Burke (Upper Miss.).

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: Fifty-First Convention of the American Turners.

Greetings:

The Financial Committee meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman, Turner Harold Pehlke. Roll call was taken, with the following Turner delegates present:

Harold Pehlke, N.W. Chgo.	Bruno Pietuchoff, Lawrence
Edw. Hohenstein, Schiller	Walter Newkirk, Kansas City
Richard King, Harmony, Ambridge	Nick Meyer, Concordia
Richard Burke, N.W. Davenport	Michael Babyak, Jr., Passaic
Reuben Hinze, Sheboygan	William Meyer, N.W. Chicago
Herbert Heider, Schenectady	Charles Baecher, Buffalo

Also in attendance were Second Vice President Andrew Doyle and National Treasurer Edward P. Loeser. The committee then nominated and voted Turner Bruno Pietuchoff as permanent chairman and Turner Burke as secretary. At this time Turner Heider asked that we pay tribute to Turner J. Edward Schenz of Akron Turners, who has departed, for his lifetime efforts and services rendered, especially to the Financial Committees of past conventions.

The chairman then read the proposed instructions for procedure in committee meetings, which was approved.

At this time the chair recognized Turner Doyle, who gave a report compiled by a Financial Committee appointed by the National Executive Committee. Turner William Meyer, also a member of the appointed Financial Committee, continued with a detailed report of the National Financial Study.

A resolution to raise national per capita dues to \$3.00, to be distributed as follows: General Fund, \$1.50; Festival Fund, 35¢, Physical-Cultural Fund, 25¢, and Turner Topics Fund, 90¢, was amended as follows:

That National dues be set at \$2.25 and distributed \$2.00 to Consolidated General Fund and \$.25 to the Festival Fund. The reason for this is that all funds except Endowment and Festival have now been consolidated as part of improving accounting procedures and reducing accounting expense, and that no reasons for an advance in per capita dues were advanced.

At this time Turner Wm. Meyer continued with the recommendations of the Financial Committee.

We recommend: The form used in the Financial Statement as contained in the report of Second Vice President Doyle be used in the future to report the position of the American Turner Consolidated General Fund and statements of income and expense, formerly designated as General Fund, Physical-Culture, Turner Topics and Bowling Fund.

At this time the delinquent Per Capita Dues were reviewed and appropriate recommendations were given by the delegates.

At this time motion was made to recess for lunch.

The second session of the Financial Committee was called to order. The Committee reviewed action taken in the first session.

We recommend the National Council at its next meeting determine the propriety of diverting to the Consolidated General Fund the interest income of the Festival Fund.

On motion of Turner Nick Meyer and Turner Heider, a vote of thanks was extended to Turners Doyle and William Meyer for their painstaking and conscientious work in preparing their study of financial affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruno Pietuchoff, Chairman

Richard Burke, Secretary

Turner Newkirk (Central States) announced that the report shows him from Kansas City, whereas he is actually from Louisville, Kentucky. The correction was noted.

Motion was made by Turner Pehlke (Ill.) that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted in its entirety, inasmuch as the committee had spent a great deal of time studying the entire situation. Motion was seconded by Turner Gebhardt (Ill.). There were a number of objections from various delegates to accepting the report in its entirety. At this time, Turner Schrader turned the chair over to Vice-Chairman Kierschner. Chairman Kierschner explained that the motion is in order; if the delegation does not care to vote on the report as a whole, it has only to defeat the motion and the report will then be considered item by item.

The question of rejected resolutions was brought up. The secretary of the Finance Committee, Turner Burke, explained that any resolution which had been defeated in committee was not mentioned in the minutes, but since the question has been raised, these rejected resolutions are being turned in as a part of the report.

On the motion to accept the report in its entirety, the standing vote was 31 for and 24 against. Turner Niehaus (West. Pa.) called for a Federal vote. The secretary called the roll, which would now call for 142 Federal votes, since the South Bend delegation had just arrived. Result of voting: For: 82 - Against: 60
Report was accepted in its entirety.

Turner Timm asked that he be given leave to raise a point of order on this report under new business, and this leave was granted.

At this time Turner Meyer (Ill.) explained in greater detail to the delegates how the new bookkeeping system would work and the reasons for the changes.

In reply to a question from Turner Babyak, Turner Burke confirmed the fact that the resolution submitted by Western New York regarding collection of dues of the district by the National organization was defeated in committee.

Turner Meyer, in response to a query to Bowling Chairman Racker, explained that although the bowling funds will now be a part of the General Fund, a separate ledger sheet will still be kept and separate report will be shown, as per the example he had made up which is shown on page 20 of these minutes.

Turner Kierschner then called for the report of the Publicity and Publications Committee, which was read by its chairman, Turner Bartels.

REPORT OF PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The committee was called to order at 9:07 A.M. by Turner Fred Bartels. Members present: Fred Bartels, Nat Pitzele, John Quero, Walter Schrader, Richard Harr, Eberhard Noller, Leonard Weber. Absent: Cliff Kinsey, George Campbell, Robert Marx, Lee Osborn, Henry Behr, Richard Neihaus. Turner Fred Bartels was elected Chairman. Turner Leonard Weber was elected Secretary.

(1) We read and considered resolutions submitted, receiving only one from the St. Louis District which was in two parts.

Part 1. Committee was not in favor of the resolution because of its vague interpretation.

That in the future supplemental information be submitted with the resolutions for proper clarification.

Part 2. Committee concurs with Part 2 with the following changes and correction, to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that Turner Topics be sent to physical education directors of each city with a Turner society, and to National Officers of the United States President's Committee on Physical Fitness, to include an introductory letter.

(2) We recommend that articles and sketches on both nutrition and physiology be commended, and these contributions be continued in Turner Topics.

(3) We recommend that for the purpose of making Turner Topics a more interesting periodical we request that all Turner societies who publish periodicals and have articles of National interest submit these articles to the National Secretary's office for publication in our Turner Topics.

(4) We recommend for the purpose of more effective dissemination of Turner recognition that an extra number of Turner Topics (two for each society in the district) be sent to the District Secretary, for distribution to organizations not affiliated with the Turners.

(5) We recommend that the society secretaries maintain an up-to-date roster and immediately notify the National Secretary of any change of address. This is necessary to decrease the cost of issues returned to the National Secretary's office, which amounts to 10¢ per copy, or approximately \$50.00 per issue; and also to assure the members will receive their copies and thereby keep fully informed.

(6) We recommend that ideas promoting society growth or success be made available to other societies through the Offices of Regional Counselors, who shall transmit this information to the National Council for further publication in Turner Topics.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Bartels, Chairman
Leonard Weber, Secretary

Additional recommendation (7) to be included as a part of the report of the Publicity and Publications Committee:

(7) We recommend that for each Turner Topics issue a deadline date be given for articles that societies wish to have appear in the next issue.

Motion was made by Turner Hoyler (West. N.Y.), seconded by Turner Kesper (N.Y.), that the report of this committee be accepted with the addition above, which was given verbally by Turner Bartels. After some discussion regarding the type of articles which are printed in Turner Topics and how a society could insure that its contributions were printed, the vote was called for and the motion was passed. The report of this committee was accepted as read.

Chairman Kierschner then called for the report of the Cultural Committee, which was read by its secretary, Irma Tabor.

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE

To the 51st National Convention of the American Turners present:

Greetings:

The Cultural Committee of the Convention met at 9:05 A.M. with the following Turners present:

		<u>Region</u>
Jo Ann Mueller	Louisville Turners	3
Irma K. Tabor	Adams Turners	1
Louella Roth	Covington Turners	3
William Kesper	New York Turners	2
Erwin R. Schrader	Northwest, Chicago	5
John Kovats	Cleveland Turners	4
Margery Stocker	Buffalo Turners	4
Elmer Raasch	Milwaukee Turners	5

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 one resolution submitted was rejected by the committee.

The Committee thanks Sara Palmer for her untiring effort and work for the cultural program. They unanimously recommend that Sara Palmer be reelected National Cultural Chairman, with the provision that she be allowed to select an assistant if she so desires.

Due to the numerous changes that were made, during the 1964 Convention, in the Cultural Program, the committee found it unnecessary to make additional changes at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

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

Motion was made by Turner Pehlke (Ill.), seconded by Turner Baecher (West. N.Y.), that the report of the Cultural Committee be approved. Motion passed.

At this time Turner Pietuchoff expressed his thanks to the delegates present for the confidence they had expressed in voting for him as Region 1 Council member. (He had not been present at the time the result of the voting was announced.)

Turner Kierschner then called for the report of the Committee on National Affairs, which was read by Turner Szilagyi, its secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

The National Affairs Committee convened at 9:00 A.M. with Robert Schuler as temporary chairman and the following delegates present:

Robert Schuler	Edgar Schmidt	August Andre
Herbert Vogel	Arthur Hoyler	Lester Smith
James Szilagyi	Fred Bartels	Forrest Steinlage
Warren Dalbke	Axel Nordstrom	Lou Aichele
Mrs. Daisy Pippin	John Quero	Ronald Gawlas
Richard Neihaus	Henry Behr	Richard Schnell
Steve Reskovitz	Alfred Kierschner	Lew Witt
Larry Woolworth	LaVerne Harksen	

In the ensuing election, Forrest Steinlage was elected chairman and James Szilagyi, secretary.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was passed:

RECOMMEND that a vote of thanks be given the Committee and officers of the Beaver Falls Turners, and particularly the chairman, Turner Joseph P. Simon, for the wonderful and successful First National Golf Tournament of the American Turners, held July 16-18, 1965, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

This committee concurs with resolution submitted by the Western Pennsylvania District on May 18, 1966, suggesting that members of Monessen Turn Verein be permitted to transfer their membership to other societies, and refers this resolution to the Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances.

The following resolution was adopted upon motion properly made, seconded and passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that a promotion program be formed to induce clubs such as old Turner clubs, swim clubs, athletic clubs, etc., to join the American Turners.

This committee recommends that notice of all National events open for bids be mailed out to all society secretaries by the National office.

It is suggested that the remaining supply of Turner seals be advertised for sale in Turner Topics to societies or individuals for \$1.00 per sheet.

We recommend that the National Office ask for the election date of each society and that the National Secretary keep a permanent file on this and immediately after the election date he send the society a standard form for the society to use and return, listing names and titles of all their new officers.

We recommend that our National Executive Committee be authorized by this convention to study the merits of convening a National Council meeting every two years instead of each year, and that they submit their findings, in resolution form, to our 52nd National Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Forrest Steinlage, Chairman
James Szilagy, Secretary

Motion was made by Turner Smith (West. Pa.), seconded by Turner Kesper (N.Y.) that the report of the Committee on National Affairs be approved in its entirety.

A discussion followed on the advisability of including the price of \$1.00 per sheet in the resolution which was passed by the committee regarding the remaining supply of Turner seals. Motion was made by Turner Koth (Wisc.), seconded by Turner Gebhardt (Ill.), that this paragraph of the report be amended to read:

"It is suggested that the remaining supply of Turner seals be advertised for sale in Turner Topics to societies or individuals at a suitable price to be set by the secretary."

The motion to amend was passed by a standing vote of 40-12.

Turner Witt objected to the report of the committee in that there was no mention of the resolution it had defeated regarding the advisability of the National Council resurveying district boundaries. He made a motion to amend the report to include the following:

"WE RECOMMEND to the 1966 National Convention that the National Council set up a committee to investigate the feasibility of redistricting the societies of the American Turners to their mutual advantage."

This motion was seconded by Turner Warnken, and was carried.

On a vote on the original motion, the report of the committee was accepted with the two amendments already voted on.

Turner Szilagy then announced that the bid of Buffalo for the 1968 Convention and that of Northwest Davenport for the 1970 Convention were being turned over to the chairman for consideration under new business.

The report of the Bowling Committee was then called for by Turner Kierschner, and this was read by Turner Timm.

REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Bowling Committee was called to order on Monday, August 22, in the Avenue East Room, at 9:30 A.M., by Turner Ray Schnell, Eiche, Chicago.

Turner Edward Timm of Beaver Falls was elected chairman of this committee and Turner Ray Schnell, Eiche, Chicago, was elected secretary.

Members in attendance were Turners Edward Timm, Beaver Falls; Ray Schnell, Eiche; Dick Senn, Louisville; John Ewasko, Johnstown; John Stocker, Buffalo; Larry Woolworth, Kansas City; and Turner Wilfred Racker, Toledo, National Bowling Chairman, attended in an advisory capacity.

No resolutions were received.

Financial reports of National Junior Bowling Tournaments of 1964 and 1965 were read by Turner Racker and approved by this committee.

Minutes of the National Bowling Committee meeting held on July 8 and 9 in Aurora, Illinois, were read and approved by this committee.

Recommendations:

1. That all Turner societies seek full participation in 1967 American Turners National Bowling Tournament at Aurora, Illinois.
2. That all societies consider and support the third National Junior Bowling Meet held in each city in the fall of 1966.
3. Recommend to host societies of each National Bowling Tournament that the checks issued to winning teams be made out to captains, with team name displayed on checks, which will help in the cashing of checks.
4. That this committee recommends to the Nominating Committee that Turner Wilfred Racker be reelected to National Bowling Chairman and be commended for his efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward W. Timm, Chairman

Ray Schnell, Secretary

Motion was made by Turner Heider (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Kesper (N.Y.), that this report be approved. Motion carried.

Report of the Health and Physical Education Committee was then called for, and this was read by Turner A. H. Niehaus.

REPORT OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Health and Physical Education Committee was called to order by Turner Alex Diamant at 9:20 A.M.

Turner Alex Diamant was elected chairman and A. Herman Niehaus as secretary.

Roll was called and found the following present:

Alex Diamant	Fred Boeker	Elinor Risch
Frank McIntyre	Arnold Trummer	Walter Erwin
William Naab	Harry Warnken	Joseph Tabor
Henry W. Schroeder	Bernard Model	Edward Hille
George Wolf	A. Herman Niehaus	Ralph Markus

The following action was taken:

- 1 - Recommend that this National Convention create office of Chairman of the Golf Committee; that he serve on the National Council, having equal privileges and responsibilities as the Chairman of other National activities.

On this recommendation, motion was made by Turner Henry Schroeder, seconded by Turner Walter Erwin, that this be rejected until a further date. Motion carried.

- 2 - Recommend that Chairman of the National Golf Committee appoint one (1) representative from each Region of the American Turners, to set up rules and regulations to govern National Tournaments. Recommend that representative must be an active participant in golf.

Motion by Turner Schroeder, seconded by Turner Erwin, that this be rejected until a later date. Motion carried.

- 3 - Recommendation that National Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee advise all members of the National Committee to all and any matters brought to his attention.

Motion by Turner Schroeder, seconded by Turner Elinor Risch, that this recommendation be accepted. Motion carried.

- 4 - Recommended by Arnold Trummer, seconded by Turner Bernard Model, that Chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee should send important correspondence and matters pertaining to his Committee to the National Secretary at National Headquarters to copy and mail to all members of the National Health and Physical Education Committee. Recommendation carried.

- 5 - Recommended by Turner Henry Schroeder, seconded by Turner Joseph Tabor, that National Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee appoint a committee from one (1) or two (2) adjacent regions for a period of two (2) years as a National Health and Physical Education Committee, on a rotation basis, to cover all regions of the American Turners. Recommendation carried.
- 6 - Recommended by Turner Henry Schroeder, seconded by Turner Joseph Tabor, that National Golf Tournament for 1967 be awarded to Adams Turners. Recommendation carried.
- 7 - Recommended by Turner Joseph Tabor, seconded by Turner Erwin, that National Basketball Tournament for 1967 be awarded to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Turners. Recommendation carried.
- 8 - Recommended by Turner Joseph Tabor, seconded by Turner Fred Boeker, that National Festival for 1967 be awarded to Moline, Illinois, Turners. Recommendation carried.
- 9 - Recommended by Turner Bernard Model, seconded by Turner Joseph Tabor, that Turner Eugene E. Mitchell be Chairman of the National Health & Physical Education Committee. Unanimously adopted.
- 10 - Recommended by Turner Trummer, seconded by Model, that National Council recommend for appointment qualified members of the American Turners for the United States Olympic Volleyball Committees (Men's and Women's). Recommendation carried.
- 11 - Recommended by Turner Arnold Trummer, seconded by Turner Walter Erwin, that National Festival Rules be used for all Turner events. Recommendation carried.

Motion by Turner Henry Schroeder, seconded by Turner Joseph Tabor, that this committee meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Committee adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Alex Diamant, Chairman
A. Herman Niehaus, Secretary

Motion was made by Turner Szilagyi (L.Erie), seconded by Turner Babyak (N.J.) that each item on this committee's report be considered separately. Motion carried.

- 1 - Motion to accept the recommendation of the committee which rejected the proposed resolution, was made by Turner Crook (Mo.), seconded by Turner Hille (Mid.Atl.). Motion carried.
- 2 - Motion was made by Turner Timm, seconded by Turner Niehaus (West.Pa.) to change this recommendation to read: Recommend that each region choose a representative for a golf committee of the American Turners to set up rules and regulations to govern national tournaments. Recommend that this representative must be an active participant in golf. This motion was defeated.

Motion was made by Turner Heider (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Trummer (Mo.) that the recommendation of the committee to defeat this resolution be accepted. Motion carried.

- 3 - Motion was made by Turner Baecher (West.N.Y.), seconded by Turner Crook (Mo.), that the recommendation of the committee be approved. Motion carried.
- 4 - Motion was made by Turner Trummer (Mo.), seconded by Turner Nick Meyer (Mo.) that the recommendation of the committee be approved. Motion carried.
- 5 - Motion was made by Turner Kesper (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Warnken (L.Erie), to accept the recommendation of the committee on this resolution. A lengthy general discussion followed, in which there was some disagreement among the actual committee members themselves as to what was to be the effect of this recommendation. It was finally clarified to the convention that this would actually involve a statutory change if it is accepted, and that it would, in effect, wipe out the present system of choosing the committee. The committee members explained that their thought behind this was that the difficulties and expenses of convening a meeting of the Health and Physical Education Committee when it is spread all over the country make it impossible to have the frequent meetings which should be held. The recommendation was passed by a vote of 45 for and 7 against, and will be prepared for acceptance at the 1968 convention.

Turner Diamant (N.Y.) asked permission from the chair to make an announcement, and read the following:

"Progressively, gymnastics has been developing over the past several years. From age-group activity on up through national competition the level of skill has been climbing. This, however, is not enough! Unless we expose our gymnasts to international competition, we will never be able to achieve a "dream."

"It is imperative that the United States teams attend the World Championships this fall in Germany if we even hope to succeed in 1968. The gymnastic people must match funds with the AAU in order to cover the expense of this trip. We desperately need to raise \$7,500 to meet our goal. Won't you please help us to help ourselves by buying a tile?"

Motion was made by Turner Smith (West.Pa.), seconded by Woolworth (St.L.), that the Fourth Session of this Convention convene at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday morning, August 25, 1966. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Turner Pehlke (Ill.), seconded by Babyak (N.J.), for adjournment of this Third Session, and it was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

FOURTH SESSION

The Fourth Session of the Convention was called to order by Chairman Schrader at 8:45 A.M. on Thursday, August 25, 1966. The chairman called for a continuation of the discussion of the report by the Health and Physical Education Committee.

- 6 - Turner Smith (West.Pa.) objected to the awarding of the Golf Tournament to Adams Turners, inasmuch as they have not participated in the previous two tournaments. He made a motion that the action of the committee be rejected and that the bid for this tournament be awarded to Fort Wayne Turners. This motion was seconded by Turner Bullard (Central States). Turner Mitchell explained the reasons for the committee's action in recommending the award of this bid to Adams Turners, and Turner Smith's motion was defeated.

Motion was made by Turner Babyak, seconded by Turner Kesper (N.Y.), that the recommendation of the committee be accepted. Motion was carried.

- 7 - Motion for acceptance of the committee's recommendation was made by Turner Nick Meyer (Mo.), seconded by Turner Warnken (L.Erie). Motion carried.
- 8 - Turner Mitchell gave a short talk explaining the facilities which would be available if the 1967 National Festival is awarded to Moline Turners. Motion was made by Turner Schroeder (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Timm (West.Pa.), that the committee's recommendation to accept the bid of Moline Turners for the 1967 Festival be approved. Motion accepted.
- 9 - This has already been taken care of by the election which has already been held.
- 10 - Motion was made by Turner Babyak, seconded by Turner Tabor (New England) that this resolution be adopted. Motion carried.
- 11 - A motion was made by Turner Westermeyer (St.L.), seconded by Crook (Mo.), that this recommendation be adopted.

Turner Mitchell explained that new rules have now been written by his committee which will soon be available to each society. Following these rules in all Turner events should eliminate confusion. Turner Dalbke (Ill.) made a motion, seconded by Turner Pitzele (Ill.) that the wording of this recommendation be changed by adding the words "as a guide" before "for all Turner events." This motion for amendment was carried, and then the amended motion was also carried.

Turner Mitchell explained that the new rules will not be put out in printed form until after they have been used at the 1967 National Festival, so that any rules which prove impractical or unworkable may be changed before the booklet is printed up.

Chairman Schrader next called for the report of the Committee on Principles and Statutes, which report was read by Turner Weiser, secretary of the committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES AND STATUTES

The committee on Principles and Statutes met at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, August 22, 1966, with the following Turner delegates present:

Harold J. Weiser
Pressley P. Pippin
Louis Baker
Paul Bullard

Ervin Koth
John Westermeyer
Elmer Crook
Adolph Zink

Joseph Lubbers
William Huth
Clifford Anderson

The committee organized by electing Turner Ervin Koth chairman and Turner Harold J. Weiser as Secretary.

A motion was made by Turner Joseph Lubbers, seconded by Pressley Pippin, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Statutes governing honorary membership: (Par. 109) (Revised 1957)

"Members who have paid National per capita tax for the cumulative period of forty years and have reached the age of 59 years, may be recognized by the National Council as honorary members of the American Turners upon the submission of satisfactory documentary evidence, and upon application of his Society to the Council of the American Turners. These members shall be exempted from the payment of National dues."

"A member who has attained fifty years of uninterrupted or cumulative membership shall, in addition to forty years recognition, be recognized through the issuance of a fifty-year Honorary Membership card by the National Council upon proper application by the member's society."

WHEREAS a Junior member upon attaining his 18th birthday becomes eligible for membership in his society and likewise the American Turners, and

WHEREAS, membership dues and per capita tax paid to a Society by such a member are payable in advance; then, upon attaining his fifty-eighth birthday he will have accumulated 40 years of membership and will have paid National per capita tax for a cumulative period of forty years;

FURTHER, Upon attaining his 68th birthday he will have accumulated and completed 50 years of membership and therefore becomes eligible for his fifty-year Honorary Membership card;

WHEREAS, as stated in above statutes, as they now read, SUCH a member upon reaching his 59th birthday will have completed 41 years of membership and pay 41 years of per capita tax in order to receive his 40-year Honorary Membership card.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED: That, in order to correct this fallacy, the words "and have reached the age of 59 years" be deleted from the above Statutes as they now read.

RESPECTFULLY ENDORSED AND SUBMITTED THIS 5th Day of March, 1966,
FOR CONSIDERATION AND RATIFICATION BY OTHER SOCIETIES OF THE
AMERICAN TURNERS.

New York District of the American
Turners

The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was properly made by Turner John Westermeyer and seconded by Turner Adolph Zink to pass the following resolution, submitted by the Western Pennsylvania District on May 18, 1966:

WHEREAS the Monessen Turn Verein no longer being a member of the American Turners National Organization, due to financial conditions, and

WHEREAS responsible officers of the Monessen Turn Verein collected dues, National and District, from members but failed to turn these receipts collected over to the National Office nor the District Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS that now the past officers of the Monessen Turn Verein cannot issue Transfer Cards, and

WHEREAS members who had faithfully paid their National and District dues and that they not suffer by the acts of their past officers, particularly the elderly members, who would lose the benefits of uninterrupted membership in the American Turners, and

WHEREAS that all the members of the Monessen Turn Verein be notified by mail by the District Secretary, as per 1964 National Dues Card stubs in his possession, that

THEREFORE, the District Executive Committee be authorized to issue any Transfer Cards requested; therefore

RECOMMEND that any member of the Monessen Turn Verein desiring to secure Transfer Card contact the Western Pennsylvania District Executive Committee secretary; that they pay the District Executive Committee \$2.25 National dues and 50¢ District dues (total \$2.75) for the year 1965, and that the District Executive Committee issue the card, and

THAT upon receipt of Transfer Card these members be permitted to transfer to any American Turners Society they wish, and

THAT Society, to which these members apply by transfer, should admit these members without probation and without admission fee (Per Art. 98 - Principles and Statutes of the American Turners), but must pay the yearly dues of the society transferred to, beginning with 1966, and that their membership be continued uninterrupted.

Turner Elmer Crook amended this privilege to extend to the next Convention in 1968, and the amended proposal was passed unanimously. Then the amended resolution was passed in its entirety.

A motion was made by John Westermeyer, seconded by Cliff Anderson, to adopt the following resolution, submitted by the Western Pennsylvania District on May 18, 1966:

RECOMMEND that since the American Turners are experiencing societies dropping out of existence, thus creating loss in membership and finances, both to the society, district and national organization.

Take the recent case of the Monessen Turn Verein, Monessen, Pennsylvania; when the Executive Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District found out the real distress this society was in, asked the National Office for legal assistance to endeavor to save the property valued at \$60,000.00 and the membership as well. The advice we received was that we contact our Regional Legal Adviser.

The District Executive Committee was of the opinion that was what the National Legal Adviser was for, that when such a serious occasion arose we could expect some assistance and advice from him and not let the District stand by itself. It has been necessary that the District Executive Committee fight this battle alone, which proved to be a losing one, even though the Endowment Trust Fund did assist the District with a loan of \$3,000.00.

Monessen Turn Verein owed \$841.25 National dues for the years 1962, 1963 and 1964. That distress condition burdens not only the society, the district and/or region, but the whole National organization as well.

WHEREAS this being the case, we believe it should be a National organization responsibility to see that organizations live up to the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners, particularly to paying National dues; that any society failing to pay National dues in full for one year shall be considered a society in distress, and

THEREFORE, that the National Secretary promptly notify Regional Councilor that a society is in distress, that they have not paid their National dues, so

RECOMMEND that the National Council appoint a "Fact-Finding Committee," this committee to include one (1) or two (2) members of the District that has this distressed society.

THAT this committee shall investigate cause and reasons for the delinquency and make a prompt report to the National Council.

The resolution was passed.

The following resolution was considered in two sections:

(1) Be it resolved that the national per capita tax be increased to \$3.00 per member, and be broken down as follows:

General Fund	\$1.50
Festival Fund	.35
Physical-Cultural Fund	.25
Turner Topics Fund	.90
	<u>\$3.00</u>

(2) Be it resolved that the per capita be increased \$1.00 per year for the American Turners Endowment Fund, for a two-year period. (Reason: so this fund can reach \$100,000 so some societies may use some of the earnings of this fund.

A motion by Turner John Westermeyer, seconded by Turner William Huth, to approve Section 1 of this resolution was defeated in Committee.

A motion was made by John Westermeyer, seconded by Elmer Crook to approve Section 2. Turner Huth amended the motion with addendum after the words "American Turners Endowment Fund" to insert "for a period of two years" as part of the per capita tax. The amendment was approved, and then the motion in its entirety was approved for Section 2.

A motion was made by Turner Huth, seconded by Turner Pressley Pippin, to adopt the following resolution, and same was adopted:

RESOLVED: That American Turners conduct an organization membership drive to raise finances rather than consider a National dues increase against membership organizations.

In passing this resolution, the committee felt that the responsibility of the National organization in a membership drive could be met through publicity literature printed in quantities and made available to member societies.

The following resolution was considered by the committee, and upon motion to defeat by Turner Crook, seconded by Turner Huth, it was defeated:

RECOMMEND: That the Nominating Committee for the American Turners National Convention be made up of not more than one (1) member from each Region.

The following resolution was turned down by the committee upon motion to defeat by Cliff Anderson, seconded by Elmer Crook:

WHEREAS, the Districts of the American Turners do not have a satisfactory way of checking on the membership of the societies in the District, and

WHEREAS, the membership stubs returned to the National office with the payment of National Per Capita Tax offer such a check, and

FURTHER, from 1951 to 1957, District per capita tax was collected by the National office along with the National Tax with very satisfactory results,

BE IT RESOLVED that Paragraph 109 of the Statutes be amended as follows:

The first sentence be altered to read: "Each Society shall pay to the American Turners an annual per capita tax of \$2.25 plus the District annual per capita tax, for each of its members, regardless of the type or name of the membership¹/₂ issued and whether such member does or does not pay dues or other fees."

The following sentence to be added at the end of the first paragraph: "Promptly upon receipt of the stated per capita tax, the National Office shall remit to the District Treasurer, the District per capita collected, with a statement of the number of members paid for by each Society."

A motion was made by Turner Crook, seconded by Turner Zink, that the following resolution be referred to the 1968 Convention:

RECOMMEND that this National Convention create the office of Chairman of the Golf Committee; that he serve on the National Council, having equal privileges and responsibilities as the Chairmen of other National activities.

The following resolution was handled through the above motion also, and the motion was carried:

WHEREAS the task of organizing and completing plans for any First National Tournament are enormous and painstaking, with much hard work and concentration in preparing complete program, both in arranging playing schedule and social activities, and

WHEREAS the many Turners who participated in the First National Golf Tournament of the American Turners, which was held at Blackhawk Golf Course, Beaver Falls, Penna., July 16-18, 1965, and

WHEREAS all enjoyed the efficient manner in which the Chairman handled and arranged all details, even the minor ones, the hospitality, and

WHEREAS we feel he would continue to give this efficient service, if given the opportunity, and therefore

RECOMMEND that the name of Turner Joseph P. Simon, of Beaver Falls Turners, Western Pennsylvania District, be placed in nomination as Chairman for the National Golf Committee.

Motion was made by Turner Westermeyer, seconded by Huth, to recommend the addition of a lay adviser to the Health and Physical Education Committee, to conduct a golf tournament, and that Joseph P. Simon perform this task for the next two years. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ervin Koth, Chairman
Harold Weiser, Secretary

Motion was made by Turner Westermeyer, seconded by Turner Zink (N.Y.) that the resolution appearing on page one of this report and approved by the committee be adopted. Since this involves a change in Statutes, a two-thirds majority is required on a Federal vote (136 votes, since the South Bend delegation is no longer present). The secretary called the roll of districts and the motion was passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Turner Wm. Meyer (Ill.), seconded by Turner Westermeyer (St.L.), that the second resolution of the committee, regarding transfers for members of the Monessen Turners, be adopted.

Motion to amend by inserting the word "only" in the last paragraph was made by Turner Crook (Mo.), seconded by Turner Woolworth (St. L.). This would make the last paragraph read:

Turner Elmer Crook amended this privilege to extend only to the next Convention in 1968,....." Motion to amend was carried, and on the amended motion the delegates then voted their approval.

On the third resolution, on page 55 of these minutes, motion was made by Turner Crook (Mo.), seconded by Boeker (N.J.) that the action of the committee in passing this resolution be approved.

It was explained by the members of the Western Pennsylvania delegation that the only reason for proposing this resolution was to insure that help would be available to other societies in distress before the situation becomes too critical. The motion was carried.

The first section of the next resolution was defeated in committee, so no action by the convention was necessary. On Section 2 of this resolution, a motion was made by Turner Woolworth (St.L), seconded by Turner Westermeyer that the amended resolution as approved by the committee be accepted. A lengthy discussion followed. Delegates from several regions felt that their districts would refuse to pay this added per capita dues and that there was danger of losing some societies if it were passed. Turners Doyle, Reskovitz and Kierschner expressed the hope that the intent of this resolution could be attained through voluntary donations if an active campaign were conducted for them. A federal vote was taken, with the result being 14 for and 122 against. The resolution was defeated.

A motion was made by Turner Crook (Mo.), seconded by Turner Heider (N.Y.), that the next resolution considered by this committee, concerning a membership drive, be accepted. Motion passed.

No action was necessary on the next two resolutions, since they were both defeated in committee. On the resolution regarding the creation of an office of Chairman of the Colf Committee, and the associated recommendation of Joseph P. Simon for this chairmanship, motion was made by Turner Hoyler, seconded by Turner Neihaus (Upper Miss.), that these resolutions be turned over to the 1968 Convention, as recommended by the committee.

Turner Crook (Mo.) made a motion to amend, substituting the word "deferred" for the word "referred" in the committee's report (Pg. 58, Line 13). Motion to amend was seconded by Turner Babyak (NJ) and was carried. The amended motion was then passed by the convention.

Turner Pietuchoff asked the chairman to suspend the order of business momentarily so he could present some business to the convention before it was necessary for his delegation to leave. He then read the following letter:

August 25, 1966

To the Officers and Delegates of
the 51st Convention:

After thorough consideration of all aspects of my election as Councillor from Region I, I have come to the conclusion that the interests of the Region would be best served by my resigning for the following reasons:

- A - Anthony J. O'Donnell needs another term to complete projects which he has started; and
- B - My election would be contrary to the action of the New England District Convention held in May 1966.

May I express my deep appreciation to the National Convention delegates here assembled for their confidence in me and their strong support in offering me another chance to serve at the national level.

Bruno A. Pietuchoff
New England District

Turner Pietuchoff then asked that the New England delegation be excused to make their train departure time.

Chairman Schrader turned the chair over to Vice Chairman Kierschner.

On the last paragraph of the report of the committee on Principles and Statutes, motion was made by Turner Babyak and seconded by Turner Hille that this be rejected on the basis that a lay adviser has already been chosen. Motion was carried.

Under unfinished business, motion was made by Turner Babyak, seconded by Turner Kesper, that Turner Pietuchoff's resignation as councillor be accepted and that Turner O'Donnell be elected in his place. Motion was carried.

Under new business, motion was made by Turner Heider (N.Y.), seconded by Turner Noller (N.Y.), that the 1968 National Convention of American Turners be awarded to Buffalo Turners. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Turner Kesper (N.Y.), seconded by Crook (Mo.), that the bid from Northwest Davenport Society for the 1970 Convention be referred to the 1968 Convention for action. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Turner Babyak (N.J.), seconded by Turner Hohenstein (St.L.), that all future resolutions be submitted to only one committee at a convention. Motion was defeated.

Motion was made by Turner Babyak (N.J.), seconded by Turner Schroeder (N.Y.), that in future conventions all committee reports contain all action taken on all resolutions submitted and that they be identified. Motion was carried.

The following resolution was submitted by Turner Doyle, who explained that it was being submitted as a result of a suggestion by Congressman Pucinski, one of the speakers at our banquet on Wednesday evening.

The American Turners, in assembly in Chicago, Illinois, for its 51st National Convention, on this date of August 25, 1966, has duly proposed and endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The National Office of the American Turners has sought, unsuccessfully, to obtain representation on the Advisory Committee to the President's Committee for Physical Fitness; and

WHEREAS: ~~the~~ specialized program of physical education and training ~~has~~ has been successfully proved in the gymnasium classes conducted by Turner Societies throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS: We, the American Turners, firmly believe that we have within our Turner membership individuals who possess the knowledge and talents to contribute substantially to the work being accomplished by the President's Committee for Physical Fitness:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Turners hereby apply for the opportunity to have representation on the Advisory Committee to the President's Committee for Physical Fitness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we submit the name of Eugene Mitchell of 3820 - 15th Street, Moline, Illinois (61265) as our representative to this Advisory Committee.

Motion was made by Turner Baecher (Western N.Y.), seconded by Turner Neihaus (Upper Miss.) that the above resolution be adopted. Motion was carried.

On a point of order which he had earlier been given leave to bring up under new business, Turner Timm questioned whether the new bookkeeping policy which was accepted by the Convention would jeopardize in any way the amateur standing of any of our athletes in our gymnasium program, by including the Bowling Fund monies in the General Fund. A general discussion was held, and although it was felt that this should in no way be a problem, the chairman instructed Turner Baecher and Turner Racker and any others interested to discuss it further in an attempt to determine whether a problem exists.

Motion was made by Turner Burke (Upper Miss.), seconded by Aichele (L.Erie), that the editor of Turner Topics be instructed to print the report of President Jacquin in Turner Topics. Motion carried.

Turner Burke called the attention of the assembled delegates to the resolution adopted at the 46th Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1956, that a week be designated in November to be used for promoting membership in the American Turners, and that this be advertised in Turner Topics and promoted by all societies. He made a motion that this once again be done this year and in future years. Motion seconded by Turner Crook (Mo.), and passed.

^{E.} Turner W. Schrader (Ill.) made a motion, seconded by Turner Pitzele (Ill.), that the secretary be instructed to send appropriate telegrams to the following people: Sara Palmer, on her reelection as Chairman of the Cultural Committee; Turners Frank Zimay, president of Chicago Turngemeinde, Bob Stahl and Otto K. Nell, all of whom are ill; and to Mrs. Chris Arend, whose husband, Turner Chris Arend was a delegate to this convention and passed away last Friday evening, August 19. Motion was carried.

Motion by Turner Burke, seconded by Turner Warnken, that a vote of thanks be given to the host district and that a letter of commendation be sent by the secretary to the Pick-Congress Hotel commending them on the fine facilities provided. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Turner Kesper, seconded by Turner Crook, that a standing vote of thanks be given to the chairman and vice chairman who handled the convention. Motion carried.

Motion by Turner A.H.Niehaus, seconded by Woolworth, that a vote of thanks be given to the national officers and council for their magnificent services during the past two years. Motion carried.

At this time the convention paused for a moment of silence in respect to the memory of our departed Turners, who have died since our last convention in 1964.

Turner Woolworth brought up the question of whether it was advisable to have an open day in a convention schedule, since many delegates have left this convention early and this might be avoided by not having this open day. A general discussion was held on the matter and no decision of any kind was made, the presumption being that Buffalo would use its own judgment in making its plans for 1968. In this connection a discussion was also held as to the wisdom of holding future conventions in Turner Halls, and this too was left open.

Upon motion by Turner Kesper, seconded by Turner Neihaus, to conclude the business of the 51st National Convention, it was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William Huth, Convention Secretary

Lucille Bothfeld, Honorary
Assistant Secretary