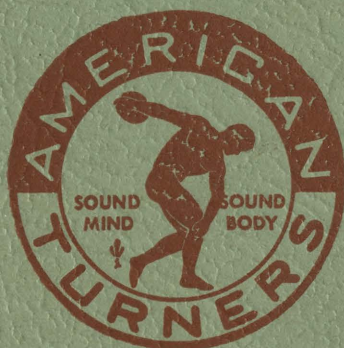


Official Minutes of the
FORTY - FOURTH
CONVENTION
of the



Held at
Central Turners
Davenport, Iowa

August 29, 1952 to August 31, 1952

The total number of Districts represented is 14.

The number of delegates present is 138 representing 226 Federal Votes.

The total number of alternates present is 14.

The names of the duly accredited delegates and alternates present at this Convention from the represented Districts are as follows:

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT:

A. J. Schmid
Geo. O. Wahnsiedler
Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Sr.
Walter J. Lienert
Jacob P. Koch
V. J. Vander Boom
August Kruwell

Fred Olt
Harry Grabner
Fred W. Weigel
Jos. Weissmueller
Edward Groth
Richard Rieken
Waldemar Eickhoff

ILLINOIS DISTRICT:

Robert Hermann
Rudolph Koenig
Andrew Doyle
L. O. Greiner
Walter Meisner
Moritz Montag

Louis Baker
Edward L. S. Arkema
William Modrow
William Horschke
Joseph Schindlbeck
Christ Bleidistel

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT:

Herman Kaufman
Edward Barrow
William Schwarz
Arthur A. Koehn
J. Edward Schenz
Al Jones
Harry W. Warnken
Russell Dreher
J. L. Williams
Bruno Uhl
Herman Eisele
Frank Flack
A. R. Steinke

Carl Hein
A. C. Hoffmeyer
Jack Nickels
Lou Aichele
James Szilagyi
Otto Eckl
Donald E. Sauer
Jos. J. Zimmermann
Carl R. Wedler
Edward H. Freeman
George M. Heeschen
William Helfrich

MIDDLE ATLANTIC:

Stephen H. Reskovitz
John Lare

August C. Andre

MIDWEST:

George Spanheimer
A. E. Warr

Larry Woolworth (alternate)
Jim Cambron (alternate)

MINNESOTA:

George Kuettner
Celeste Goerlach

Anne Senzek (alternate)
Loretta Bertsche (alternate)

NEW ENGLAND:

Helmut Kopp
Max Spanier
Walter Pumpula

Arvo Tuikka
Bruno Pietuchoff
Charles F. Miller

NEW JERSEY:

No Delegates

NEW YORK:

William C. Orth
Henry W. Schroeder
Bob Stahl

Charles Holzchuh
Carl Tullner
Louis Fleischman

NORTH PACIFIC:

No Delegates

PITTSBURGH:

Wm. Kiess
Harold Howarth
John Munch
H. Oechsle
W. Behrendt
Ed Wellman
Phil Coletta
Ben Kohn
Wm. Voelker
Carl Steinkopf
Wm. Spiegelberg
Walt Thompson

Lorenz Ruhl
John Rotzsch
O. N. Simmen
Ira Rhodes
Clifford Anderson
Howard Brent
Albert Deutsch
Evan Giannini
Eugene Horn
Edward Mattes
J. Wellman
Bert Davis

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Otto K. Nell
Robert L. Imendorf

Marianne Imendorf (alternate)

ST. LOUIS

Edward L. Hohenstein
Otto Nerl
Robert Marx

Pauline Stephens
George L. Heet
Henry Lueke (alternate)

UPPER MISSISSIPPI:

Robert Mullins
Willi Franck
Edward Hunzinger
Charles Hinman
Arthur Kaiser
George Anderson
Arthur Severin
Fred Largent
Henry Behr
Henry Krambeck
Dave Henschen
Edwin Schumann
Jack Mundt

Arthur Hamann
John Mohr
Lawrence Laverenz
Ed Licht
Francis Bowker
Harold Gerds
John Heppe
Albert Johannsen
Richard Ferguson
Marshall Marr
Oster Schwartz
Joseph Becker
Ray Huth (alternate)

T. E. Koehler
Otto Jessen
Ralph Griesy

Lester H. Dau (alternate)
Clark Filseth (alternate)

WESTERN NEW YORK:

Andrew Lascari
John M. Stocker
George Cheston
George J. Jacquin

William O. Huth
Miss Emma Gerstner
Mrs. Margery Stocker

WISCONSIN:

Bernard Model
Anthony King
Henry J. Schiget (alternate)

Fred L. Bartels (alternate)
Walter J. Kopp (alternate)

In addition to the above named delegates and alternates, the following members of the National Council are present:

Carl M. Weideman, President
Alfred F. Kierschner, First Vice-President
Carl R. Anderson, Second Vice-President
John M. Stocker, Chairman Health and Physical Education
Charles F. Miller, Regional Councilor
Bob Stahl, Regional Councilor
Edward Groth, Regional Councilor
George J. Jacquin, Regional Councilor
Louis O. Greiner, Regional Councilor
Dr. George J. Haub, Regional Councilor
Lester H. Dau, Regional Councilor
Otto K. Nell, Regional Councilor

Dr. E. A. Eklund, National Secretary and Lisle M. MacKay, National Treasurer of the American Turners are also present at the Convention.

Marshall Troester, Chairman of the Legal Committee is also present at this Convention ex officio.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Edward Groth, Chairman	Charles F. Miller
George J. Jacquin, Secretary	Dr. George J. Haub
Lester H. Dau	Otto K. Nell
Louis O. Greiner	Bob Stahl

(Notes by Secretary of the Convention: Turner John Kovats, National Chairman of Cultural Educational Committee was prevented from attending the Convention by serious illness in his family. Turner Charles A. Geber, Councilor for Region IX was prevented from attending the Convention by serious illness which afflicted him a few days before the Convention.)

(Note by Secretary of the Convention: Turner A. J. Schmid, a delegate from Central States District, is a member of Chattanooga Turners, the first delegate from that Society attending a National Convention in many years.)

The above report was checked by the delegates and several changes were suggested which received the approval of the Credentials Committee and were embodied in the report as printed above.

This report of the Credentials Committee was unanimously adopted by the Convention pursuant to motion made, seconded and carried by voice vote subject to such additional corrections as may be approved by the Credentials Committee.

President Weideman accordingly declared the listed delegates to be the duly accredited delegates entitled to seat, voice and vote at this 44th National Convention of the American Turners.

President Weideman then stated that the Convention was ready for the formation of a permanent organization and called for nominations for Chairman of the Convention. In response to this request, Turner Walter Meisner of the Illinois District was nominated. Turner Meisner thanked the delegates but declined, stating that he had been elected Convention Chairman a number of times and that this honor ought to be accorded to other Turners.

Additional Turners were then nominated in succession for Chairman including Edward Groth, Dr. Carl B. Sputh and Herman Eisele, but all declined. Turner Robert Hermann of the Illinois District was then nominated and accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, a motion to close the nominations was duly made and carried and Turner Hermann was unanimously elected Chairman of the Convention.

Turner Hermann took the chair and thanked the delegates and promised to conduct the proceedings of the Convention as fairly and expeditiously as possible.

Chairman Hermann then directed that he would receive nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Convention, whereupon Alvin R. Steinke of the Lake Erie District and Fred L. Bartels of the Wisconsin District and John Mohr of the Upper Mississippi District and President of the Host Society, were nominated in succession for Vice-Chairman of the Convention.

After a motion to close nominations was duly made and carried, Chairman Hermann declared that, if there was no objection, the election of Vice-Chairman would be by roll call. There being no objection, a roll call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

John Mohr	163
Alvin R. Steinke	42
Fred L. Bartels	21

Chairman Hermann accordingly declared Turner John Mohr elected Vice-Chairman of the Convention. Turner Mohr thanked the delegates and took his place at the side of Chairman Hermann.

The Chairman then called for nominations for Secretary of the Convention and Herman Eisele of the Lake Erie District was nominated. He thanked the Convention, stating that the honor of Convention Secretary had been conferred upon him at every National Convention since 1931 and that for the

best interests of the American Turners this honor should be passed on to others. However, there being no other nomination, Turner Eisele again accepted the nomination and, in the absence of further nominations, was elected Secretary of the Convention.

Chairman Hermann stated that he would be pleased to receive nominations for Assistant Secretary of the Convention, whereupon Don Sauer of the Lake Erie District and George J. Jacquin of the Western New York District were nominated.

The Chairman directed that the election for Assistant Secretary would be by roll call of Districts, which resulted in favor of George J. Jacquin by a vote of 175 to 51 and Turner Jacquin was declared elected Assistant Secretary of the Convention.

The Chairman asked the pleasure of the Convention with reference to the election of Honorary Chairmen of the Convention, whereupon a motion was duly made that the Convention dispense with the naming of Honorary Chairmen, which motion was carried by voice vote.

Chairman Hermann then directed that the delegates were ready to proceed with the business of the Convention and ordered that the first business of the Convention would be the Report of the President, Carl M. Weideman.

President Weideman stated that this Biennial Message appears in printed form in the 1952 Annual Report of the American Turners and that he would not read the Report. Judge Weideman supplemented his written report by an address which reviewed his stewardship of the affairs of the American Turners for the past fifteen years and which included suggestions covering the many phases of Turner Activities, for the consideration of the succeeding administration. Turner Weideman's address was enthusiastically received.

Chairman Hermann then called for the report of the National Secretary. Dr. E. A. Eklund replied that a brief Report of the National Secretary appeared in printed form in the 1952 Annual Report and he offered to answer any further questions regarding his activities which might be asked at any time.

The Chairman directed that, unless an objection was raised, the National Secretary's report would be considered accepted, and there being no objection, he so ordered.

Chairman Hermann then called for the Report of the National Treasurer. Lisle K. MacKay, National Treasurer, submitted Audited Financial Statements of all of the Funds under the control of the National Treasury in printed form in the 1952 Annual Report and stated that the original copy of the Auditor's Report and the Treasurer's Books and Records were at the Convention for the reference of the Finance Committee and Treasurer MacKay declared himself ready to answer any questions relative to any of these Funds. The statements submitted by Turner MacKay were as follows:

AMERICAN TURNERS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CHARLES L. COE

Certified Public Accountant

17007 Kercheval Avenue — Grosse Pointe Farms 30, Michigan

National Executive Committee

American Turners

Detroit, Michigan

We have examined the statements of financial position of American Turners General Fund, Physical-Cultural Fund, and Endowment Trust Fund as of December 31, 1951, and the statements of income and expenses for the year then ended, have reviewed the accounting procedures of the funds and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the funds and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures we considered necessary.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of financial position and related statements of income and expenses present fairly, the position of American Turners General Fund, Physical-Cultural Fund, and Endowment Trust Fund at December 31, 1951, and the results of their operations for the year, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with the preceding year.

Income of all funds is reported on the accrual basis except that pledges to the American Turners Endowment Trust Fund were not accrued as income because of their uncertainty.

CHARLES L. COE

May 7, 1952

Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

AMERICAN TURNERS—GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 1951

ASSETS			
Cash			\$ 4,544.12
Accounts Receivable			
Per Capita Tax	\$ 9,592.77		
Less reserve for return of unused card — estimated	6,485.07	\$ 3,107.70	
Sale of promotional supplies		355.14	
American Turners Physical-Cultural Fund		3,540.87	
Due from employee		625.03	7,628.74
Inventory of promotional supplies at lower of cost or market			1,271.66
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			13,444.52
INVESTMENTS			
Savings Funds			
Standard Savings and Loan Association	1,250.60		
Detroit Federal Savings and Loan Association	546.25		
First Federal Savings and Loan Association	1,467.94	3,264.79	
United States Savings Bonds—at cost plus accrued interest		13,584.00	16,848.79
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES—at cost less accumulated depreciation			
Office furniture and fixtures		2,251.59	
Less accumulated depreciation		1,111.32	1,140.27
			<u>\$ 31,433.58</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE
CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable		
Trade	\$ 2,109.07	
Due to American Turners Endowment Trust Fund	722.44	2,831.51
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Payroll taxes		167.59
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,999.10

FUND BALANCE

Balance January 1, 1951	37,774.71	
Excess of expenses over income for the year ended December 31, 1951	9,340.23	28,434.48
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		\$ 31,433.58

AMERICAN TURNERS—GENERAL FUND
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
Year ended December 31, 1951

GENERAL OPERATING INCOME

Income		
Per Capita Tax	\$ 20,170.37	
Less ten per cent of gross receipts contributed to American Turners Endowment Trust Fund	2,719.42	\$ 17,450.95
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Membership at large		20.00
Interest income		597.08
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TOTAL INCOME

18,068.03

Expenses

Salaries	11,406.61	
Payroll taxes	109.71	
Postage	462.12	
Printing and office supplies	5,614.38	
Travel expense	2,910.48	
Telephone and telegraph	289.87	
Legal and accounting	892.50	
Special awards	156.30	
Insurance	250.00	
Miscellaneous	1,045.04	
Contributions to instructors pension retirement fund	754.73	
Depreciation	207.78	
Rent	420.00	
Physical Instructor Scholarships at Indiana University	\$ 712.50	
Less collection from students granted scholarships but who did not accept employment with American Turners	67.50	645.00

Expenses of National A.A.U.

Gymnastic Championships	8,128.83	
Less entrance fees and other income	2,650.27	5,478.56
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GENERAL OPERATING LOSS

12,575.05

DEPARTMENTAL INCOME

Turner Topics operating income	348.34	
Income from sale of promotional supplies	2,886.48	3,234.82
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EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME

\$ 9,340.23

**AMERICAN TURNERS — GENERAL FUND
DEPARTMENTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES
Year ended December 31, 1951**

TURNER TOPICS

Income		
Per Capita Tax		\$ 10,198.14
Contributions from Jahn Fund		1,200.00
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TOTAL INCOME		11,398.14
Expense		
Engravings and photographs	\$ 346.56	
Mailing	1,737.79	
Printing	8,965.45	11,049.80
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OPERATING INCOME	\$	348.34
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PROMOTIONAL SUPPLIES

Income		
Application and schedule blanks	\$	176.00
Emblems, decals, and stickers		408.74
Posters and booklets		79.30
Patterns63
Electro cuts		63.79
Diplomas		81.45
Christmas seals — 1951		3,431.74
Other promotional supplies		2,668.04
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		6,909.71
Cost of merchandise sold		4,023.23
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OPERATING INCOME	\$	2,886.48
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**AMERICAN TURNERS — PHYSICAL — CULTURAL FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 1951**

ASSETS

Cash		\$ 1,186.21
Accounts receivable	\$ 1,598.79	
Less reserve for returned cards — estimated	1,080.85	517.94
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		\$ 1,704.15
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Dues to American Turners — General Fund		\$ 3,540.87
Fund balance (deficit)		
Balance January 1, 1951	\$ 4,895.57	
Excess of expenses over income for the year ended December 31, 1951	(6,732.29)	(1,836.72)
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		\$ 1,704.15
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AMERICAN TURNERS — PHYSICAL — CULTURAL FUND
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
Year ended December 31, 1951

Income		
Per Capita Tax		\$ 5,084.64
Christmas seal sale — 1950		345.15
Entry fees		199.41
TOTAL INCOME		5,629.20
Expenses		
National Festival		
Medals	\$ 1,061.05	
Judges	1,390.00	
Miscellaneous	3,234.06	
Rent	1,223.31	
Equipment	245.05	
Film	310.01	
Travel	1,394.78	
Printing	1,909.81	
Salaries and labor	966.57	\$ 11,734.64
Bowling Championship	136.93	
National Cultural Educational Activities travel	42.50	
Miscellaneous	447.42	12,361.49
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME		\$ 6,732.29

AMERICAN TURNERS — ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 1951

ASSETS		
Cash		\$ 1,685.60
Due from American Turners — General Fund		722.44
Investments		
United States Savings Bonds — at cost	\$ 30,000.00	
Detroit Federal Savings and Loan Association	4,299.28	34,299.28
		\$ 36,707.32
FUND BALANCE		
Fund balance January 1, 1951		\$ 32,006.62
Income for the year ended December 31, 1951		4,700.70
		\$ 36,707.32

AMERICAN TURNERS — ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
INCOME STATEMENT
Year ended December 31, 1951

INCOME		
Membership pledges paid		\$ 1,212.00
American Turners — General Fund Contribution		2,719.42
Interest income		769.28
		\$ 4,700.70

The Chairman ordered that the Treasurer's Report would be received and referred to the Finance Committee of the Convention.

Chairman Hermann stated that the Convention was ready to receive the Report of the Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee. Turner John M. Stocker, Chairman of this Committee referred the delegates to the 1952 Annual Report wherein his Annual Report appears in printed form. The Convention Chairman directed that this Report be received and referred to the Health and Physical Education Committee of the Convention.

The Chairman then called for the Report of the Bowling Committee. Turner Lisle K. MacKay, National Bowling Chairman, stated that his report appeared in printed form in the 1952 Annual Report and asked the delegates to read this report carefully.

Chairman Hermann, in the absence of any objection, declared this report accepted.

The Chairman announced that the reports printed in the 1952 Annual Report of the American Turners were considered to be a part of the proceedings of this Convention and that since the reports were already available in printed form, they need not be repeated in the Official Minutes of the Convention.

The Chairman then asked for the report of the National Chairman of the Cultural Education Committee. Turner J. L. (Jack) Williams, Cultural Education Representative from Region IV reported that John Kovats, National Chairman of Cultural Education found it impossible to be present at the Convention due to serious illness in his family. Turner Williams further stated that Turner Kovats had prepared an Annual Report which is not included in the 1952 Annual Report and which had not yet reached the Convention. Turner Williams asked permission to submit this report later. The Chairman approved this procedure, there being no objection.

The Kovats report was subsequently submitted to and considered by the Convention Committee on Cultural Education and is inserted here in its logical place, by the Secretary of the Convention for purposes of reference:

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the 44th National Convention

Greetings:

Two years of experience as National Cultural Education Chairman, which included the National Festival in Buffalo, has been a revelation of mass movement, mechanics, moods and psychology. On as grand a scale as a National Festival tremendous sacrifices must be made by the personnel directly charged with the mechanics. In spite of our shortcomings in Buffalo, I cannot commend the local cultural chairman, under the leadership of Turner Albert Werner, too highly. They did a magnificent job and have submitted recommendations to rectify details which were criticized. This Convention is to rule on the submitted resolutions.

As regards Cultural Education several factors are self evident when a study is made of the last three Annual Competition reports. Suffice it to say that a greater number of societies sent in monthly reports, that the reports show improvement in reporting the activities, and that more diverse activities are on society agenda. On the other hand, it is evident that the human factor is an important consideration. Why is it that a society which has earned hundreds of points in competition one year reports practically nothing the next? It is fantastic to believe that the membership has suddenly ceased participation. On the other hand it is gratifying to grade a society in which there is an upsurge.

Our rules as written were good and sufficient but they need revision as a result of experiences. Under the present system of quarterly grading by different groups we have received many criticisms and suggestions. Resolutions are in the hopper and an improved book of rules must result.

The cultural set-up is in a position similar to the physical. The area division is unwieldy—correspondence details handling. But the worst factor is unanswered correspondence. To make an annual report consisting of the couple submitted by the Regional members would make an utterly impossible picture. The final standings, which are available, tell but a fraction of the Turner cultural activities. However, I feel that in spite of lack of correspondence some societies are meeting the obligation as per the rules which state that societies must maintain physical and cultural requirements to remain in good standing.

At the last official count, 1780 members are participating in six group and 70 individual activities covered in our rules book. As large as the number of Turners interested is concerned and as surprising as the ramification of activity there is still some resistance on the part of elder physical education men. There seem to be two schools of thought—one very strict and the other lenient. Even as Bowling, in ten years, has shown incredible progress so cultural educational programs may profit by example.

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings,
John Kovats,
National Chairman, Cultural Education

The Chairman of the Convention reminded the delegates that the Annual Reports of the Turners Endowment Trust and of the Jahn Educational Fund and of the Instructors' Fund and of the American Turner Scholarships to the Normal College A.G.U. of Indiana University also appear in the printed copy of the Annual Report for the reference of the delegates.

The Chairman then advised the delegates of the following items of regular business which would come before this session of the Convention:

1. Appointment of a committee to extend greeting of this Convention to the 17th National Convention of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners.
2. Appointment of a Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the Offices of the American Turners for the coming two years.

3. Nomination of candidates for Trustee of Endowment Fund to fill vacancy on Board of Trustees due to the expiration of term of Waldemar Fickhoff.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials covering the assignment of the delegates to committees of the Convention based on the certificates submitted by the Districts.
5. Making arrangements for meetings of the committees to permit them to consider resolutions submitted to the Convention by Districts and Delegates, and to formulate their reports to the Convention.

Chairman Hermann recommended that the above items of business be taken up in the order listed. There being no objection, the Chairman appointed the following Turners as a committee to extend greetings and sincere good wishes for a successful Convention to the Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners meeting simultaneously at the Central Turners, Davenport:

Walter Meisner, of the Illinois District

Dr. George J. Haub, of the St. Louis District

Andy Lascari, of the Western New York District

John Mohr, of the Upper Mississippi District. ..

Chairman Hermann stated that as a Nominating Committee he would appoint one delegate from each District represented at the Convention and that he would announce this committee at the opening of the second session of the Convention and asked that in the meantime each District suggest to the Chair one of its delegates to serve on this committee.

The Chairman further suggested that nominations for the vacancy on the Endowment Trust would be received from the floor subsequent to the election of the officers of the American Turners.

The Chair then directed that the Convention was ready to receive the report of the Credentials Committee covering the assignment of the delegates to the committees of the Convention.

This report was submitted by Turner Ed Groth, Chairman of the Credentials Committee in printed form and each delegate was provided with a copy of the report which read as follows:

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

To the 44th National Convention of the American Turners

Greetings:

This committee has prepared a list of assignments of the delegates to the several regular committees of the Convention, compiled from the preferences indicatd on the Credentials submitted by the District Officers, these assignments being as follows:

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Sr.	Ed Groth	Fred Olt
Robert Hermann	L. O. Greiner	Walter Meisner
Joseph Schindlbeck	William Schwarz	Arthur A. Koehn
Russell Dreher	A. R. Steinke	Carl Hein
A. C. Hoffmeyer	Jack Nickels	Jos. J. Zimmermann
Carl R. Wedler	Stephen H. Reskovitz	Moritz Montag
Christ Bleidistel	George Spanheimer	August C. Andre
Helmut Kopp	Wm. C. Orth	George Kuettner
W. Behrendt	Ed Wellman	Harold Howarth
Lorenz Ruhl	Ben Kohn	Wm. Voelker
Ed L. Hohenstein	Otto K. Nell	Cliff Anderson
Arthur Kaiser	John Mohr	John Heppe
Fred Largent	Henry Behr	Otto Jessen
Lester H. Dau	Alfred Johannsen	Ray Huth
Anthony King	Wm. O. Huth	Bernard Model
Lou Aichele	Howard Brent	

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

George M. Heeschen	George Cheston	Otto Eckl
James Szilagy	Larry Woolworth	Bruno Uhl
Harry W. Warnken	Henry J. Schiget	Herman Kaufman
Frank Flack	Al Jones	Harry Grabner
Jos. Weissmueller	Walter J. Lienert	James Cambron
Wm. Horschke	Andrew Doyle	Bob Stahl
Walter Pumpula	Henry Schroeder	Albert Deutsch
H. Oechsle	Phil Coletta	Robt. Marx
O. N. Simmen	Otto Nerl	Henry Krambeck
Marianne Imendorf	Edwin Schumann	John M. Stocker
Dave Henschen	Harold Gerdts	Fred L. Bartels
Richard Ferguson	Anne Senzek	Walter J. Kopp
Andrew Lascari	Wm. Klier	

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL EDUCATION:

William Helfrich	A. J. Schmid	Marie E. Lueke
J. L. Williams	Louis Baker	August Kruwell
Waldemar Eickhoff	Arvo Tuikka	A. E. Warr
Charles F. Miller	John Rotzsch	Walter Thompson
Jack Mundt	Joseph Becker	Bert Davis
Mrs. Margery Stocker	Marshall Marr	Robert G. Mullins
Herman Eisele		

NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Geo. O. Wahnsiedler	Arthur Severin	Edward H. Freeman
Edward Barrow	V. J. Vander Boom	Bruno Pietuchoff
Carl Tullner	Celeste Goerlach	Ira Rhodes
Emma Gerstner	George L. Heet	

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

J. Edward Schenz	Rudolph Koenig	William Modrow
Fred W. Weigel	Max Spanier	Charles Holzschuh

John Lare
William Kiess
Edward Hunzinger
Francis Bowker
Oster Schwartz

John Munch
Henry Lueke
T. E. Koehler
Jacob P. Koch

Carl Steinkopf
Robert L. Imendorf
Ed Licht
Arthur Hamann

COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES:

Richard Rieken
Donald E. Sauer
Pauline Stephens
Lawrence Laverenz

Geo. J. Jacquin
Louis Fleischman
Ralph Griesy
Loretta Bertsche

Edward L. S. Arkema
Wm. Spiegelberg
Charles Hinman
Clark Filseth

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Edward Groth, Chairman
George J. Jacquin, Secretary
Lester H. Dau
Louis O. Greiner

Charles F. Miller
Dr. George J. Haub
Otto K. Nell
Bob Stahl

The Chairman stated that any changes desired by any of the delegates in committee assignments or any errors appearing in the report be cleared through the Credentials Committee. A few changes were made from the floor and are embodied in the report as given above. The Convention then accepted the report by voice vote and the delegates listed on the several committees were declared to be the official members of the respective committees.

A motion was then made that when this session adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, August 30, 1952. This motion was seconded and after some discussion was carried.

Vice-Chairman Mohr then announced the location of the meeting places which had been provided for the several Convention Committees by the Host Society.

The Secretary announced that excellent stenographic and typing facilities and report duplicating facilities would be available to the officers of the committees as soon as their reports were ready.

At this point Chairman Hermann stated that the next order of business of the Convention would consist of the meetings of the Convention Committees to permit them to consider the various resolutions submitted to them by districts and delegates.

At this point the Chair declared the first session of the Convention adjourned, the time being 1:00 P.M.

SECOND SESSION

Saturday Morning, August 30, 1952

The Second Session of the Convention was called to order at 10:10 A.M.

in the gymnasium of the Central Turners at Davenport by Chairman Robert Hermann.

Pursuant to motion made, seconded and carried the reading of the minutes of the First Session of the Convention was omitted.

Chairman Hermann then announced that he had completed the list of members of the Nominating Committee whose duty it would be to submit names of nominees for National Officers of the American Turners for the next two years, and that this committee would consist of the following delegates: Lou Aichele, Lake Erie District; Wm. Orth, New York District; Wm. Huth, Western New York District; Clifford Anderson, Pittsburgh District; Edward L. Hohenstein, St. Louis District; George O. Wahnsiedler, Central States District; Henry Behr, Upper Mississippi District; Andrew Doyle, Illinois District; Stephen H. Reskovitz, Middle Atlantic District; George F. Kuettner, Minnesota District; Larry Woolworth, Midwest District, Helmuth Kopp, New England District; Robert L. Imendorf, Southern California District, and Fred L. Bartels, Wisconsin District.

The Chairman requested that this committee have its report ready for submission at the opening of the Third Session of the Convention.

At this point a suggestion was made that a Sergeant-at-Arms be appointed to aid the officers of the Convention. There being no objection Chairman Hermann asked for nominations and Wayne Muhs, a member of Central Turners Davenport, was nominated by Vice-Chairman Mohr and was unanimously elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Convention.

Chairman Hermann then declared the Convention ready to consider the reports of the committees. Prior to calling for committee reports, however, the Chairman suggested the following rules to govern debate at the ensuing portion of the Convention:

"Delegates will be permitted to speak for not more than three minutes at any one time, and no delegate will be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject, except by permission of the Convention. These regulations shall not apply to delegates submitting reports who may speak as often as occasion requires to answer questions and may also have the floor after debate is closed. Roberts Rules of Order will govern the deliberations of the Convention."

There being no objection, the Chairman ordered that the suggested rules would govern the debate in the ensuing business of the Convention.

The Chairman then called for the report of the Finance Committee of the Convention which was submitted as follows by J. Edward Schenz, Secretary of this committee, a copy of this report being handed to each delegate:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the 44th Convention of the American Turners:
Greetings:

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

Rudolph Koenig, Chairman
J. Edward Schenz, Secretary
Fred W. Weigel
John Lare
William Kiess
Edward Hunzinger
Oster Schwartz
Arthur Hamann
Max Spanier

Henry Lueke
T. E. Koehler
Robert L. Imendorf
John Munch
Jacob P. Koch
William Modrow
Charles Holzschuh
Carl Steinkopf
Ed Licht

The committee examined the American Turner Financial Statements which were prepared by Charles L. Coe, Certified Public Accountant of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, and the Annual Report of the National Council, covering the period from January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951, and finds that the General Fund Balance Sheet, Income and Expense Statement and Departmental Income and Expense Statement, and the Physical-Cultural Fund Balance Sheet, and Income and Expense Statement, and the Endowment Trust Fund Balance Sheet, and Income Statement therein contained, were prepared by said accountant from the accounting records of the National Council, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, and in conformity with the generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with preceding years, and the committee recommends:

1. That, in the future, all such statements and reports should be audited in detail, and that all money and bonds on deposit be certified by the depository.
2. That the National Treasurer furnish each District Treasurer with a copy of each Annual Financial Statement as soon as possible after it has been prepared.
3. That a detailed Treasurer's Report for the previous two years' period be furnished each delegate at the National Convention.
4. That accounts receivable be broken down by years in the Annual Report of the Statement of Financial Position.
5. That the percentum of income applicable to the Endowment Trust Fund be paid annually in order that the Endowment Trust Fund records will agree with the General Fund Income and Expense Statement and that said payment shall be made within three months after the close of the fiscal year.
6. That the percentum contribution to the Endowment Trust Fund be limited to the \$1.00 of the \$1.75 National per capita tax collected.
7. That because the same is not available on said reports, the National per capita tax income on the General Fund Income and Expense Statement be shown as: (a) General Fund, \$1.00; (b) Turner Topics, \$.50, and (c) Health, Physical and Cultural Educational Fund \$.25.
8. That the record of income and expense of Christmas Seals be incorporated in the Annual Report.
9. That no increase be made in the per capita tax.

11. That the National Treasurer apply for the exemption which is due non-profit organizations on postal charges.

(Note by Convention Secretary: National Secretary Dr. E. A. Eklund announced that he had made the application referred to in this paragraph some time ago and that the exemption requested had been allowed as evidenced by a communication from the Assistant Postmaster General of the Post Office Department at Washington addressed to the Postmaster at Detroit bearing date August 20, 1952.)

(Note by Secretary of Convention: A complete copy of this letter appears at the end of the minutes of this Convention.)

The committee further notes that the excess of expenses over income for the year ending December 31, 1951 of \$9,340.23 is chiefly due to the item of travelling expenses amounting to \$2,910.48, and the loss of \$5,478.56 on the National A.A.U. venture, which was unwarranted, and recommends:

12. That travelling expenses should be held to the very minimum, and
13. That, before any event involving a major expense is scheduled, the approval of the National Council must first be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,
Rudolph Koenig, Chairman
J. Edward Schenz, Secretary

(Convention Secretary's Note: The Financial Statements referred to in the introductory paragraph of this report are printed in their entirety, in the minutes of the First Session.

The paragraphs 1 through 9 and 11 of the report of the Finance Committee of the Convention printed above were read and discussed one after the other by the Convention and were adopted in succession by voice vote of the delegates pursuant to motion properly made and seconded.

In the discussion of Paragraph 12, Turner Kierschner of the New York District asked for a detailed explanation of just what was intended by this paragraph and what restrictions were intended to be imposed on the necessary travel of National Officers. Turner Koenig, Chairman of the Convention Finance Committee explained that it was not the intention of the Committee by this paragraph, to place any restriction on traveling which the National Officers or the National Council considered necessary for the best interests of the American Turners. After this explanation Paragraph 12 was adopted by voice vote of the delegates.

Paragraph 13 was adopted by voice vote without discussion.

(Convention Secretary's Note: The above report when submitted included a Paragraph 10 providing for a change in the method of collecting the District and National per capita taxes providing for the collecting of both taxes by the District Treasurer and for the payment of the National Tax to the National Treasurer by the District Treasurer. This paragraph was ruled out of order by

the Chairman on the grounds first, that it was not in proper form and second that it should have been submitted to the Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances.)

During the consideration of the preceding report, a committee from the Seventeenth National Convention of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners asked permission to deliver a message to the Convention. Chairman Hermann recognized this committee consisting of Merry Wahnsiedler of Evansville, Indiana, Laura Olt of Dayton, Ohio, and Mary Jacquin of Buffalo, New York. This committee brought Turner Greetings and sincere good wishes for a successful Convention from the Women's Auxiliary and urged the delegates to encourage the Women's Auxiliaries of their Societies to join the National Women's Auxiliary organization if they are not now members.

Chairman Hermann cordially thanked the committee from the Women's Auxiliary for their greetings and good wishes.

The Chairman thereupon called for the report of the Convention Committee on National Publication and Publicity which was submitted to the Convention by its Secretary, Celeste Goerlach, in printed form so that each delegate had a copy of the report before him, this report reading as follows:

To the 44th National Convention of the American Turners

Greetings:

The Convention Committee on National Publication and Publicity met with the following members present:

George O. Wahnsiedler	V. J. Vander Boom	Bruno Pietuchoff
Edward Barrow	Celeste Goerlach	Ira Rhodes
Carl Tuller	George L. Heet	Edward H. Freeman
Arthur Severin		

The following officers were elected:

George O. Wahnsiedler, Chairman
Celeste Goerlach, Secretary

The following resolutions were adopted.

1. We recommend that the Board of Directors of each Society canvass the membership and select a qualified publicity director to publicize the Society in the local papers, magazines, television and radio.
2. We recommend that all Turner Societies list their Society in their local telephone book as, "American Turners _____." (Sample: American Turners, Toledo.)

We recommend that the National Council request that all Societies in America carry out this plan.

3. We recommend that, in all publicity work, our organizations be referred to as "Societies" and not as "Clubs," and that the publicity department of all Societies be requested to stress and promote this recommendation.

4. We recommend that every Society participate and cooperate with various organizations and groups other than Turners for the purpose of promoting and advancing Health and Physical Education and Cultural Education.
5. We recommend that each Society send to any of its members in service of the United States Armed Forces its monthly bulletins, together with a copy of the American Turner Topics furnished gratis by the National Council.
6. To further stimulate publicity of the Turner Movement, it is recommended that the American Turners set a period of time, of a day, or a week of each year to be known as the "American Turner Day or Week." The days and dates of such a period to be chosen by the National Council.
The publicity to be accomplished through the medium of open house

The publicity to be accomplished through the medium of open house sessions, with all organized classes at work; with conducted tours of Society buildings, with games and demonstrations; with demonstration of Turner work at points outside the Society; releases of activities to the public press; dinners and social events; with invitations to public figures.

A demonstration of all activities as outlined in the four point purposes as stated in the principles of the American Turners.

All levels of the American Turners organizations, the Society, the District, the Region and the National to participate in this program on the dates chosen for each year.

Respectfully submitted,
George O. Wahnsiedler, Chairman
Celeste Goerlach, Secretary

The above report was read and discussed and acted upon by the Convention, paragraph by paragraph, and all six paragraphs were adopted by voice vote of the delegates after Paragraph 5 had been amended by the insertion of the word "gratis" after "furnished" and after Paragraph 6 was amended to read "The days and dates of such a period to be chosen by the National Council," both amendments being made from the floor and adopted without objection, and being embodied in the report as printed above.

Chairman Hermann then called for the Report of the Convention Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances.

This committee submitted its report by its Secretary, Pauline (Pat) Stephens, a copy being passed to each delegate.

Chairman Hermann reminded the delegates that each proposed amendment comprised a separate matter and would have to be voted upon separately and that, if there appeared to be a difference of opinion, the vote would have to be by roll call of the Districts, to show the Federal Votes "For" and "Against" the proposed amendment.

The Secretary of this Committee then read the Report of the Convention Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances by Paragraphs, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES

To the 44th National Convention of the American Turners

Greetings:

The committee was called to order by Turner Richard Rieken with the following delegates present:

Donald E. Sauer	Louis Fleischman	Herman Eisele
Pauline Stephens	Ralph Griesy	Wm. Spiegelberg
Lawrence Laverenz	Edward L. S. Arkema	Loretta Bertsche
Geo. J. Jacquin		

Turner Lawrence Laverenz was elected Chairman, with Turner Richard Rieken as Assistant Chairman, and Turner Pauline (Pat) Stephens was elected Secretary.

This committee is informed by the National Secretary that the following proposed amendments to the Statutes were properly submitted to all Districts pursuant to Article 175 of the Statutes.

This committee recommends the adoption of the following proposed amendments to the Statutes.

1. We recommend that the following article be added to the Statutes after Article 21.

"Article 21a. No person shall be accorded voice or vote at a National or District Convention unless his National and District per capita tax is paid for the year preceding the Convention, as evidenced by the records at the National Office, unless he is specifically exempted from the payment of per capita tax by the Statutes."

Paragraph 1 was unanimously adopted by voice vote of the delegates and Chairman Hermann declared this proposed amendment adopted by a Federal Vote of 226 to 0.

2. We recommend that the following sentence be inserted before the last sentence in Article 105 of the National Statutes:

"Members of the American Turners actively serving in the Military Forces of the United States shall be exempt from the payment of per capita tax during the period of such service, and for six (6) months after date of *honorable* discharge."

Paragraph 2 was amended from the floor by inserting "honorable" before "discharge" and was then adopted by unanimous voice vote of the Convention and Chairman Hermann declared this proposed amendment adopted by a Federal Vote of 226 to 0.

3. We recommend that Article 24 be rewritten to read as follows:

"Article 24. Districts in arrears with their per capita tax for the fiscal year preceding the National Convention shall not be permitted to vote at the Convention."

This paragraph was discussed at length and was amended from the floor to read as follows:

- 3a. "Article 24. Districts in arrears with their per capita tax for the fiscal year preceding the National Convention shall be entitled to votes at the Convention, only in proportion to the number of paid per capita tax cards from their Districts."

After further discussion this amended Paragraph 3a was rejected by a preponderance of negative voice votes and, there being no request for a roll call, the Chairman declared the amendment proposed in Paragraph 3 defeated and that Article 24 would remain unchanged in the Statutes.

4. We recommend that the last sentence of Article 78 of the National Statutes be changed to read as follows:

"Transfer cards issued by the Districts shall be valid for *ninety* days."

Paragraph 4 was unanimously adopted by voice vote of the delegates and Chairman Hermann declared this proposed amendment adopted by a Federal Vote of 226 to 0.

5. We recommend that Article 66 of the Statutes be changed to read:
"Of these Regional representatives of Cultural Education, the National Chairman of the Cultural Education Committee, with the approval of the National Council, shall appoint half for the term of four (4) years and half for a term of two (2) years; thereafter, all members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years."

Paragraph 5 was amended from the floor by inserting "National" before "Chairman" (as printed above) and was then adopted by unanimous voice vote of the Convention and Chairman Hermann declared this proposed amendment adopted by a Federal Vote of 226 to 0.

6. We recommend that in view of the fact that nothing of value is gained by having the individual Societies remit their District dues to the National Office; and since the National Office is put to considerable work and expense in accounting for these District dues and returning them to the District Treasurer; and since the District officer is again put to extra work in accounting for quarterly collections;

We therefore recommend that the collection of District dues be separated from the collection of National per capita tax, and handled by the individual Districts in the manner best suited to their own requirements.

It is understood that the method of collecting National Per Capita Tax will not be affected by this resolution.

After some discussion, Chairman Hermann ruled that the proposed amendment in Paragraph 6 was not in proper form and, upon the statements of the officers of the Convention Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances that other proposals had been before the committee covering the same subject matter in better form, this paragraph was ordered referred back to the Convention Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances for reconsideration.

7. We recommend that fifty-year honorary memberships be eliminated and that the Statutes be amended to provide that those members who have paid National per capita tax for a cumulative period of forty years and have reached, at least, the age of fifty-nine years, be recognized by the National Council as honorary members of the American Turners upon the submission of satisfactory documentary evidence, upon the application of his Society to the Council of the American Turners and that forty-year honorary members who have been duly recognized by the National Council, shall be exempted from the payment of the per capita tax. Any interruption in the continuity of membership due solely to active service in the Armed Forces of the United States shall not be interpreted as an interruption in the continuity of membership. A suitable diploma or certificate shall be issued by the National Council to forty-year honorary members.

Paragraph 7 was discussed at considerable length and, as it appeared that there would be a decided difference of opinion, Chairman Hermann ordered that the vote on this proposed amendment would be by roll call of the Districts. This vote resulted as follows:

DISTRICTS	VOTES	FOR	AGAINST
New York	9	—	9
New England	20	20	—
Illinois	15	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	13 $\frac{3}{4}$
St. Louis	5	—	5
Lake Erie	42	42	—
Western New York	13	13	—
Middle Atlantic	9	—	9
Wisconsin	5	—	5
Pittsburgh	37	37	—
Midwest	3	1	2
Central States	31	11	20
Minnesota	2	1	1
Upper Mississippi	33	33	—
Southern California	2	—	2
	<hr/> 226	<hr/> 159 $\frac{1}{4}$	<hr/> 33 $\frac{3}{4}$

Inasmuch as a two-thirds affirmative majority of the Federal Votes represented at the Convention amounts to 150 $\frac{2}{3}$ Votes and 159 $\frac{1}{4}$ votes were cast in the affirmative, Chairman Hermann declared the proposed amendment adopted by a vote of 159 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 66 $\frac{3}{4}$.

The Secretary of the Convention Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances hereupon advised that Paragraph 7 completed their original report to the Convention, which report was submitted with Turner Greetings and signed by

Lawrence Laverenz, Chairman
Pauline Stephens, Secretary

Chairman Hermann reminded this committee that Paragraph 6 of their original report had been referred back to this committee and asked this

committee to re-convene and submit a supplementary report covering this matter at their early convenience.

The Chair then advised the delegates that the time was 12:45 P.M. and suggested adjournment of this session. Pursuant to motion promptly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Chairman Hermann declared the Convention adjourned to re-convene at 2:00 P.M.

THIRD SESSION

Saturday Afternoon August 30, 1952

The Third Session of the Convention was called to order at 2:30 P.M. in the Gymnasium of the Central Turners at Davenport by Chairman Robert Hermann.

The Chairman announced that a telegram had reached the Convention which he asked the Secretary to read:

"Western Union 8-30-52

National Convention of American Turners
Davenport, Iowa

On this occasion of the 44th National Convention of the American Turners and of its Women's Auxiliary I send greetings to the delegates and officers of your Convention. I am aware of the patriotic record of the Turners during more than a century of our country's history. I am equally aware of the admirable contribution which the Turners have made to the health and physical well being of our people. These accomplishments together with your unflinching adherence to the great political principles of democracy and constitutional government cannot fail to produce a type of citizen who will continue to serve our country well. I wish the American Turners continued progress and success.

Dwight D. Eisenhower."

This telegram was enthusiastically applauded by the delegates.

Chairman Hermann then took a moment to introduce Wayne Muhs, the Sergeant-at-Arms, who had been so busy since his election that he could not stop long enough to be introduced.

The Chairman then suggested that the Convention proceed to receive the Report of the Nominating Committee, and, there being no objection, asked for this Report, which was submitted by Larry Woolworth, the Secretary of this Committee, as follows:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the 44th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

This committee was called to order for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Regional Councilors for the nine Regions of the American Turners. A further

purpose of this committee was to submit nominees for the office of Chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee and Chairman of the National Cultural Education Committee, with the cooperation of the members of Convention Committees of these two educational branches.

This Nominating Committee organized by electing Lou Aichele Chairman and Larry Woolworth Secretary. The other members of the committee present were as follows:

William Orth	George O. Wahnsiedler	George F. Kuettner
William Huth	Henry Behr	Helmut H. Kopp
Clifford Anderson	Andrew Doyle	Robert L. Imendorf
Edward L. Hohenstein	Stephen Reskovitz	Fred L. Bartels

After considerable preliminary discussion, the committee temporarily adjourned for the purpose of obtaining suggestions for and information concerning candidates to be selected, and for the purpose of receiving suggestions for nominees for National Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee and National Chairman of the Cultural Education Committee from the members of these respective Convention Committees.

This committee re-convened and after further discussion and consideration of all information received from all sources, respectfully submits the following nominees for the offices indicated:

President:

Alfred F. Kierschner of the New York District

First Vice-President:

Carl R. Anderson of the Upper Mississippi District

Second Vice-President:

Edward Groth of the Central States District

Dr. George J. Haub of the St. Louis District

Chairman of National Health and Physical Education Committee:

George L. Cheston of the Western New York District

Henry W. Schroeder of the New York District

Chairman of National Cultural Education Committee:

J. L. (Jack) Williams of the Lake Erie District

Regional Councilors:

Region I—Charles F. Miller

Region II—Bob Stahl

Region III—Harry Grabner

Region IV—George J. Jacquin

Region V—Rudy Koenig

Region VI—Otto Nerl

Region VII—George Kuettner and George Anderson

Region VIII—Otto K. Nell

Region IX—Clifford Anderson

This committee further desires to make record of the following facts: Dr. Carl B. Sputh was asked to accept the nomination for President but declined. Judge Carl M. Weideman was also asked to accept re-nomination for President and also declined.

John M. Stocker was asked to accept re-nomination for National Chairman of Health and Physical Education Committee but declined.

This committee had a communication from John Kovats, who was unable to be present at the Convention, advising that it would be impossible for him to accept re-nomination for National Chairman of Cultural Education Committee.

Re-nominations as candidates for Regional Councilors were offered to Edward Groth, Louis O. Greiner, Dr. George J. Haub, Lester H. Dau and Charles A. Geber and these Turners all declined re-nomination as candidates for Councilors of their respective Regions.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,
Louis G. Aichele, Chairman
Larry Woolworth, Secretary

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

Chairman Hermann then suggested that the Convention proceed to complete the list of nominees for the different offices by nominations from the floor and that, subsequent to the completion of the list, the Convention proceed to the election of the officers.

No objection was raised to this procedure and the Chairman asked whether there were any additional nominations from the floor for the office of President of the American Turners. Dr. Carl B. Sputh was promptly nominated. Dr. Sputh thanked the delegates but firmly declined. Delegate Otto K. Nell of the District of Southern California, placed the name of Carl M. Weideman in nomination for President. Judge Weideman was not present at this moment, but Turner Marshall Troester, stated that Judge Weideman would positively not accept the re-nomination for the Presidency, whereupon Turner Nell withdrew his nomination of Turner Weideman.

There being no further nominations for President, a motion was duly made that the nominations for the office of President be closed, which motion was carried by voice vote of the Convention.

Chairman Hermann then asked, in succession, for nominations, in addition to those made by the nominating committee, for the offices of First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, National Chairman of Health and Physical Education and National Chairman of Cultural Education, and for the Regional Councilors of their respective Regions.

In each case there were no additional nominations from the floor and in each case a motion was duly made and carried that nominations be closed.

(When Region VII was reached, Turner George Anderson whose name had been submitted by the committee, declined.)

After the list of nominees had been completed, Chairman Hermann directed that the Convention would proceed to the election of the different officers in succession.

He stated that there was only one nominee for President for the ensuing two year term, namely Turner Alfred F. Kierschner of the New York District and asked for the pleasure of the Convention. A motion was then promptly made and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for Turner Alfred F. Kierschner as the unanimous choice of this Convention for President of the American Turners. This motion was enthusiastically carried and Chairman Hermann declared Turner Kierschner elected President of the American Turners. Turner Kierschner cordially thanked the delegates stating that he would fulfill the obligations of this high office to the best of his ability.

Chairman Hermann then ordered that the Convention was ready to proceed with the election of a First Vice-President and that Carl R. Anderson of the Upper Mississippi District was the only nominee, whereupon a motion was duly made that Turner Anderson be elected by acclamation as First Vice-President of the American Turners. This motion was enthusiastically carried and the Chairman declared Turner Anderson elected First Vice-President of the American Turners.

Turner Anderson thanked the delegates and assured them that he would co-operate to the fullest possible extent with President Kierschner in conducting the affairs of the American Turners.

The Chairman then announced that the next business would be the election of Second Vice-President for which there were two nominees, Edward Groth of the Central States District and Dr. George J. Haub of the St. Louis District and that the election would be by ballot.

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

No objection to this method of voting was raised from the floor and the Chairman ordered that this procedure would be followed, and appointed Louis Fleischman and Wayne Muhs to act as Tellers.

Blank ballots were then passed out and collected and checked for total number of votes and counted by the tellers. The vote on the election for Second Vice-President resulted as follows:

Edward Groth	202
Dr. George J. Haub	24

Turner Haub immediately asked for the floor and moved that the election of Turner Groth be made unanimous. This motion was promptly seconded and unanimously carried.

The Chairman accordingly declared Edward Groth elected Second Vice-President of the American Turners.

Turner Groth thanked the delegates and stated that he would do his utmost for the welfare and progress of the American Turners.

Chairman Hermann then directed that the next business would be the election of National Chairman of Health and Physical Education for which two candidates had been nominated, namely, George L. Cheston of the Western New York District and Henry W. Schroeder of the New York District.

The Chairman ordered the balloting to proceed as announced for the election of Second Vice-President and ballots were passed out and checked for correct number of votes and the votes were counted by the tellers. This vote resulted as follows:

George Cheston	127 $\frac{3}{4}$
Henry Schroeder	98 $\frac{1}{4}$

Chairman Hermann then declared Turner Cheston elected National Chairman of Health and Physical Education of the American Turners.

Turner Cheston thanked the delegates and stated that he would serve faithfully in this position with which the delegates had honored him.

The Chairman then directed that the next election would be for the office of National Chairman of Cultural Education and stated that Turner J. L. (Jack) Williams of the Lake Erie District was the only nominee.

A motion was then made and seconded that Turner Williams be elected by acclamation. This motion was enthusiastically carried and Chairman Hermann declared J. L. (Jack) Williams unanimously elected National Chairman of Cultural Education.

Turner Williams thanked the delegates and stated that this honor was entirely unexpected but that he was enthusiastic about Cultural Educational work and realized its importance in the Turner program and that he would diligently apply himself to the task before him.

Chairman Hermann then ordered that the Convention was ready to proceed with the election of the Regional Councilors for the nine Regions of the American Turners and that the election of the Councilors would proceed in the numerical order of the Regions.

The Chairman observed only one nominee remained for each Region, on the completed list of nominees for Regional Councilor, but he would nevertheless call for a separate vote for each Regional Councilor. The Chairman followed this procedure and each nominee for each of the Regions was unanimously

elected Regional Councilor for his respective Region by voice vote of the delegates and Chairman Hermann declared in succession that the following Turners were elected Regional Councilors for the Regions indicated:

Region I	Charles F. Miller
Region II	Bob Stahl
Region III	Harry Grabner
Region IV	George J. Jacquin
Region V	Rudy Koenig
Region VI	Otto Nerl
Region VII	George Kuettner
Region VIII	Otto K. Nell
Region IX	Clifford Anderson

The Chairman then announced that there remained one office to be filled by an election, namely the vacancy on the Board of Trustee of the American Turners Endowment Trust created by the expiration of the term of Turner Waldemar Eickhoff.

Chairman Hermann suggested that the Convention proceed with this election and, there being no objection, asked for nominees for this vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

Thereupon Turner Waldemar Eickhoff was promptly nominated. There being no further nominations, a motion to close the nominations was duly made and carried and Turner Eickhoff was elected by acclamation. The Chairman then declared Turner Waldemar Eickhoff elected for a six year term as Trustee of American Turners Endowment Trust.

At this point the Chairman announced that a telegram had been received by the Convention from Adlai Stevenson, which the Convention Secretary read as follows:

"To the 44th National Convention of the American Turners,
c/o Central Turners, Davenport, Iowa

I extend greetings and congratulations to the American Turners Society on your 104th Anniversary and to the Davenport Turners on their Centennial. The very fact your Society has lived and flourished so long proves that its contribution has been substantial both to its active members and to the public understanding of the importance of physical fitness. I wish you continued success and many more happy birthdays.

Adlai Stevenson."

This telegram was received by the delegates with enthusiastic applause.

The Chairman then reminded the Convention that a portion of the report of the Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances had been referred back to this committee and stated that he had been advised that this committee was now ready to submit its supplementary report. Chairman Hermann asked this Committee to submit its supplementary report, which was done by Pauline Stephens, Secretary of this committee, as follows:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES,
STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES RELATIVE TO THE PRO-
POSED REVISION OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE ORIGINAL
REPORT OF THIS COMMITTEE.

We recommend that the first two sentences of Article 105 of the Statutes be amended to read:

"The per capita tax payable to the American Turners shall be \$1.75 per annum, for each of its members, regardless of the type or name of the membership issued and whether such member does or does not pay dues or other fees. Each Society shall remit to their District, dues payable to the District and include therewith the American Turner per capita tax, and the District Treasurer shall remit the per capita tax due to the National Office on or before January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10 of each year for each membership card issued for the preceding quarter and the stubs for each membership card issued shall be returned with the payment of the tax."

and that the last sentence of Article 105 of the Statutes be deleted.

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings,
Lawrence Laverenz, Chairman
Pauline Stephens, Secretary

After considerable discussion, the Chairman called for a voice vote which was not decisive, whereupon a roll call vote was ordered, which resulted as follows:

DISTRICTS	VOTES	FOR	AGAINST
New York	9	9	—
New England	20	—	20
Illinois	15	15	—
St. Louis	5	5	—
Lake Erie	42	3	39
Western New York	13	—	13
Middle Atlantic	9	9	—
Wisconsin	5	5	—
Pittsburgh	37	37	—
Midwest	3	3	—
Central States	31	—	31
Minnesota	2	—	2
Upper Mississippi	33	33	—
Southern California	2	—	2
	<hr/> 226	<hr/> 119	<hr/> 107

The Chairman stated that 226 Federal Votes being represented at the Convention, 150 $\frac{2}{3}$ votes would be required to adopt an amendment to the Statutes, and in view of the fact that only 119 affirmative votes were cast, the proposed amendment was defeated.

Chairman Hermann then called for the Report of the Convention Committee on Cultural Education. A duplicate copy of this report was passed on to each delegate and the report was read to the Convention by Turner Marie E. Lueke as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL EDUCATION

To the 44th National Convention of the American Turners

Greetings:

The meeting of the Cultural Education Committee was called to order by Turner Charles F. Miller at 2:30 P.M. and officially organized with the election of Turner Charles F. Miller as Chairman. Turner M. E. Lueke, Secretary.

The following members answered Roll Call:

William Helfrich	Marshall Marr	J. L. Williams
August Kruwell	Charles F. Miller	A. E. Warr
Herman Eisele	Walter Thompson	A. J. Schmid
Robert G. Mullins	Louis Baker	Mary Zimmerman
Arvo Tuikka	Marie E. Lueke	John Rotzsch

The committee herewith presents the following recommendations:

1. We recommend the continuation of Skat for competition at Cultural Festivals.

2. We recommend that the National Secretary be put on the mailing list and receive all Society Publications.

3. We recommend that Cultural Competition be stimulated by annual Cultural Festivals or displays at the Society level.

4. We recommend that special emphasis be placed on a Cultural Development program at the junior level which can be incorporated with the adult program.

5. WHEREAS the Cultural Education program of Societies of the American Turners is making a distinct progress, and;

WHEREAS further encouragement should be provided Societies, and;

WHEREAS we believe that the Cultural Education program can be given further encouragement;

THEREFORE, we believe that this progress can be stimulated by participation in the ANNUAL CULTURAL COMPETITION OF SOCIETIES OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS by all Societies. It is recommended that each District provide a prize to be given to that Society in the District which makes the best record each year in this National Competition.

6. It is recommended that the District Cultural Chairman meet with all Society Cultural Chairman at least twice each year, in addition to the District Convention, in order to exchange ideas, make reports of progress and to discuss Ways and Means of promoting their programs. The expense to be paid by each Society.

7. We recommend that music written for a woman's trio be substituted for women's quartette.

8. In order to promote and encourage the program of Cultural Education, that all Societies of the American Turners, appoint or elect a Chairman of Cultural Education and that on the agenda of membership meetings, a progress report be made by the Chairman of Cultural Education.

9. We approve the changes made in the National Cultural Rules by the 43rd National Convention.

10. In view of the fact that our present (July 1, 1949) edition of Rules Applying to Cultural Educational Competition is nearly depleted and in order that necessary revisions may be embodied in the Rules, we recommend that a new edition of these Rules be printed under the direction of the National Council and we further recommend that the revisions include:

- (a) Changes to conform to the new nomenclature in the Statutes such as 'National Executive Committee' to "National Council" throughout the Rules.
- (b) Revised listing of names and addresses of officers and members of the National Council, of the National Cultural Education Committee and of the National Cultural Rules Committee.
- (c) Revisions mandated by the 43rd National Convention.
- (d) Revisions which may be ordered by this present Convention.
- (e) Changes in the index which may be needed pursuant to changes in Rules.

11. We recommend Article 6, Paragraph 10, be revised to read that:

The Score of the music is to be procured by the National Secretary and made available to the competing Societies at cost.

11a. We recommend that the following sentence be inserted at the end of Paragraph 10 of Article 6:

"If the music chosen by the committee is written to be sung with accompaniment, it must be used. If the music is written with a notation "Piano for rehearsal only" the music must be sung A capella."

12. We recommend that the proposed schedule of needlecraft competition classifications as submitted to this committee by the sub-committee of the National Rules Committee be adopted.

13. We recommend that in the National Cultural Rules an active contestant be defined as follows:

"An 'Active Contestant' in cultural competition is one who actually takes part in Music Competition, Group B; Orchestral Competition, Group C; Drum and Bugle Corps Competition, Group D; Little Theater Competition, Group E; Skat Competition, Group G; and/or Public Speaking Competition, Group R."

14. We recommend that Societies taking part in the Annual Cultural Educational Competition shall be divided into three groups according to membership, *based on the official records at the office of the National Council* of the total membership of each Society for the fiscal year preceding the close of the competition.

15. We recommend that at Annual Cultural Competitions an increase in the awards for theatrical performances, concert, opera or operetta be increased from 10 to 30 points.

16. We recommend that entries for music, vocal and orchestral, drum and bugle corps, little theater and skat be sent the local cultural committee instead of to the Chairman of the National Cultural Committee.

17. We recommend, at National Festivals, all active contestants receive the official badge and souvenir program free of charge.

18. We recommend that the entering of one or more exhibits in one or more classes shall not entitle the entrant to an official badge and souvenir program.

19. We recommend that all entries for which competition is provided, will be admitted for competition without any entry fee if properly presented by eligible entrants in accordance with the Rules but subject to the control of the National Cultural Committee.

20. We recommend that all Paragraphs in the Rules authorizing the National Council to fix entry fees, be deleted from the Rules.

21. We recommend that no item shall be entered for competition at a National Festival unless the item was produced subsequent to the close of the preceding National Festival.

22. We recommend that in all competitions at National Festivals in which the exhibits are displayed, none of the exhibits may be dismantled until at least 24 hours after the prizes have been attached, so that all competitors and visitors may have an opportunity to see the winning entries and learn the names of the winning entrants.

23. We recommend that a chorus may be lead by a director but a quartette or trio must sing without a director.

24. We recommend that a performance in Little Theater competition may consist of one or several acts or plays, but the total time consumed by a performance shall not exceed one hour. A Society shall not present more than one performance in competition at each Festival.

25. We recommend that millinery be added as an addition to handicrafts' competition.

26. We recommend that Competition in Public Speaking may take the form of *memorized* recitation from literature, reading, elocution or a discourse, but the subject matter of the presentation must relate to some phase of the *Turner Movement*.

27. We recommend that an appropriate certificate be issued to each Society participating in the Annual Competition indicating the number of points awarded to the Society and the standing of the Society in its Group.

28. We recommend that provision be made for class or individual demonstrations by eligible entrants at Festivals in Ceramics, Sculpture, Handicraft, Painting, Sketching, Drawing, and related activities in which Competitive Exhibits are displayed, to promote interest in this part of our Cultural Education.

29. We recommend that three copies of the score of the optional music are to be furnished to the Local Cultural Committee by the competing group one month prior to the Festival.

30. We recommend that in Society Publication Competition, Essay Competition, Music Composition, Playwriting Competition and Poetry Competition, the papers be sent to and judged under the direction of the Local Cultural Committee.

31. We recommend that in Essay Competition two copies of the essay be submitted, one of which may be a carbon copy, the original to be returned to the entrant and the second copy to be retained by the American Turners.

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings:

Charles F. Miller, Chairman

Marie E. Lueke, Secretary

This report was carefully read by paragraphs and acted upon by the Convention by paragraphs.

Each of the thirty-one paragraphs of this report was adopted in succession, by voice vote, after a few questions with reference to several paragraphs and with little or no adverse discussion to any paragraph.

Chairman Hermann then asked for the Report of the Convention Committee on Health and Physical Education. This report was submitted to the Convention by William Klier, Secretary of this committee, a duplicate copy of this report being handed to each delegate present. The report was read by Turner Klier by paragraphs and acted upon by the Convention by paragraphs, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To the 44th National Convention of the American Turners

Greetings:

The National Committee on Health and Physical Education met with the following members present: George M. Heeschen, James Szilagyi, Harry W. Warnken, Frank Flack, Jos. Weissmueller, Wm. Horschke, Walter Pumpula, H. Oeschle, O. N. Simmen, Marianne Imendorf, Dave Henschen, Richard Ferguson, Andrew Lascari, George Cheston, Henry Shiget, Walter Kopp, Fred

L. Bartels, Al Jones, Walter J. Lienert, Andrew Doyle, Henry W. Schroeder, Phil Coletta, Otto Nerl, Edwin Schumann, William Klier, Larry Woolworth, Anne Senzek, Harold Gerdts, Otto Eckl, Bruno Uhl, Herman Kaufman, Harry Grabner, James Cambron, Bob Stahl, Albert Deutsch, Robert Marx, Henry Krambeck, John M. Stocker. Henry W. Schroeder was named Chairman and William Klier, Secretary.

The committee wishes to submit the following resolution:

1. It is recommended that an Instructors Meeting be held in conjunction with the Homecoming program of the Normal College A.G.U. of Indiana University at Indianapolis.

Paragraph 1 was adopted by voice vote.

2. The Rule Book for Physical Education Competition at National Festivals is entitled as follows: "National Festival Rules of the American Turners."

Inasmuch as this title might lead Turners to believe that this book lists all Rules for National Festivals, both Physical and Cultural, we recommend that, in the future, Physical Educational Rules Books be entitled: "National Rules for Health and Physical Educational Competition of the American Turners," or a similar title which will not create the impression that it includes the Rules of Cultural Competition.

Paragraph 2 was adopted by voice vote.

3. We recommend that at National Festivals the same three (3) age groups for competition be established for Senior Women as are now in effect for Senior Men.

Paragraph 3 was adopted by voice vote.

4. We recommend that in future National Volleyball Championships the umpires and referees be nationally qualified officials recognized by the United States Volleyball Association.

(Note by Secretary of Convention: This paragraph 4 as submitted applied to Volleyball Tournaments and required *all* officials to be recognized by the United States Volleyball Association. This recommendation was discussed at length and was progressively amended informally by common consent from the floor for purposes of clarification until this revised Paragraph 4 read as printed above.)

In this revised form, Paragraph 4 was adopted by voice vote.

5. Whereas, there are no specific rules for conducting or governing American Turner National Championships, or any statute which may give the authority to set up such rules, we therefore, recommend that rules and regulations governing American Turner National Championships be set up by the National Committee on Health and Physical Education, and these rules be incorporated into the National Festival Rules.

Paragraph 5 was adopted by voice vote.

6. Under no circumstances shall any funds of the American Turners be spent for any Turner or non-Turner Physical Education, Athletic or Gymnastic meets, or any promotional ventures without the approval of the National Council.

Paragraph 6 was adopted by voice vote.

7. Be it Resolved: That Paragraph 60, Page 12, of the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners be amended to read:

"60. The members of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education shall consist of six (6) technically qualified Turner Teachers, actively engaged in teaching at a Turner Society of the American Turners; and representing two or more regions of the American Turners."

and not to read as heretofore.

The Chairman advised the delegates that the above paragraph comprised a proposed amendment to the Statutes and, if there was a difference of opinion, would require a roll call vote and a two-thirds majority of the Federal Votes represented at the Convention for adoption.

This proposed amendment was discussed at considerable length and after a motion duly made and carried to close the debate, a roll call vote was taken. This vote resulted as follows:

DISTRICTS	VOTES	FOR	AGAINST
New York	9	—	9
New England	20	—	20
Illinois	15	10	5
St. Louis	5	—	5
Lake Erie	42	—	42
Western New York	13	13	—
Middle Atlantic	9	—	9
Wisconsin	5	4	1
Pittsburgh	37	18½	18½
Midwest	3	3	—
Central States	31	26	5
Minnesota	2	2	—
Upper Mississippi	33	32	1
Southern California	2	2	—
	<hr/> 226	<hr/> 110½	<hr/> 115½

The affirmative vote on this proposed amendment being less than the required 150 2/3 votes required, the Chairman declared the proposed amendment defeated.

At this point in the proceedings, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the Convention adjourn to re-convene at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, August 31, 1952.

FOURTH SESSION

Sunday Morning, August 31, 1952

The Fourth Session of the Convention was called to order at 10:15 A.M. in the Gymnasium of the Central Turners at Davenport by Chairman Robert Hermann.

The Chairman directed that the business before the Convention was the consideration of the balance of the Report of the Convention Committee on Health and Physical Education, the first seven paragraphs of which had been acted upon by the Convention at the end of the Third Session. The balance of this report, commencing with Paragraph 8 was then submitted by William Klier, Secretary of this committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (continued)

8. A letter from the Southside Turners Indianapolis concerning National Basketball Championship was read and tabled because of the following resolution:

We recommend that only the National Volleyball Championships be held in 1953 and that all other National Championships be suspended for 1953 in order to increase participation in the Detroit Invitational Festival.

This paragraph was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.

(Turner Klier stated that his committee desired that record be made of the fact that an unofficial bid for the National Volleyball Championship was received by the Convention Committee on Health and Physical Education from American Turners STV, Cleveland.)

9. We submit the following four recommendations:

9a. That Volleyball competition be conducted under the Rules of the United States Volleyball Association, with limitations imposed by the American Turner National Festival Rules.

9b. That Gymnastic Competition be conducted under A.A.U. Gymnastic Rules with American Turner limitations.

9c. That swimming competition be conducted under A.A.U. Swimming Rules, with limitations imposed by National Turner Rules.

9d. That Badminton Competition be played under National Badminton Rules, with limitations imposed by American Turner National Rules.

Paragraphs 9a, 9b, 9c and 9d were adopted in succession by the Convention by voice vote.

10. With a reference to the resolutions submitted to this committee relating to bowling, a motion was carried at the meeting of this committee to turn over all bowling resolutions submitted to the Committee on Health and Physical Education, to the National Bowling Chairman and we respectfully request the approval of this procedure by the Convention.

Paragraph 10 was adopted by voice vote of the delegates.

11. We recommend that suitable bowling committee be set up by the National Council completely separate from the Committee on Health and Physical Education.

Paragraph 11 was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.

During the meeting of this committee, Turner Al Jones, Chairman of the Detroit Invitational Festival, invited all Turner organizations to attend this 1953 Festival on June 26, 27, 28 and Turner Jones gave a vivid explanation of the plans of their Festival Committee.

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings,
Henry W. Schroeder, Chairman
William Klier, Secretary

During the consideration of the above report of the Committee on Health and Physical Education, Turner George Cheston of the Western New York District gave notice that a group of Convention Health and Physical Education Committee members, of which he was one, intended to submit a minority report on a matter which was considered and disapproved by the committee.

Immediately after the conclusion of the Report of the Convention Committee on Health and Physical Education, Chairman Hermann recognized Turner Cheston who presented the following minority report:

MINORITY REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the 44th National Convention of the American Turners

Greetings:

Whereas a resolution lowering the age limit to 15 years at National Turner Festivals was rejected by only one vote at the meeting of the Health and Physical Education Committee of the Convention,

We, the Minority, appeal to the Convention to consider our recommendation to lower the age limit to 15 years so as to permit a greater participation in National Turner Festivals.

With Turner Greetings,
Philip Colleta

Pursuant to motion made and seconded that the Minority recommendation be adopted, this Minority Report was discussed at length by the delegates and the preponderance of opinion seemed to be that the suggested reduction in age limit would not be appropriate for Turner Festivals but some sentiment developed in favor of reducing the age limit for Turner Championships.

An amendment was then made and seconded that the words "National Turner Festivals" in the Minority Report be changed to read "National Turner Championships only." After further discussion on this amendment a

voice vote was taken on the amendment which was not decisive and a roll call by Districts was called for. This roll call vote was taken and resulted as follows: 149 for the amendment and 77 against the amendment. The Chairman accordingly declared the amendment carried and after several re-readings of the Minority recommendation, the wording of the recommendation was rearranged by suggestions from the floor, by unanimous consent, to read as follows:

"We, the Minority, appeal to the Convention to consider our recommendation to lower the age limit to 15 years in National Turner Championships only, so as to permit a greater participation."

This rearranged recommendation of the Minority Report was then adopted by voice vote of the Convention.

President-elect Kierschner, at this point reminded the delegates that they had reduced the years of membership required for Honorary Membership in the American Turners from 50 years to 40 years and that this would greatly increase the number of applications for Honorary Membership.

He further advised that the verifying, processing and approving of the applications for 40 year memberships would require many months and that, in the meantime, until the honorary memberships are actually approved and issued, the payment of the per capita tax would continue as before.

Chairman Hermann then called for the Report of the Convention Committee on National Affairs, a copy of which was distributed to each delegate and which was submitted by Edward L. Hohenstein, Secretary of this committee as follows:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

To the 44th Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The National Affairs Committee of the American Turners met with the following members present:

Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Sr.	Edward Groth	Anthony King
Robert Hermann	L. O. Greiner	Fred Olt
Joseph Schindlbeck	William Schwarz	Walter Meisner
Russell Dreher	A. R. Steinke	Arthur A. Koehn
A. C. Hoffmeyer	Jack Nickels	Carl Hein
Carl R. Wedler	Stephen H. Reskovitz	Jos. J. Zimmermann
Christ Bleidistel	George Spanheimer	Moritz Montag
Helmut Kopp	Wm. C. Orth	August C. Andre
W. Behrendt	Ed Wellman	George Kuettner
Lorenz Ruhl	Ben Kohn	Harold Howarth
Edward L. Hohenstein	Otto K. Nell	Wm. Voelker
Fred Largent	Henry Behr	Cliff Anderson
Lester H. Dau	Wm. O. Huth	John Heppe
Alfred Johannsen	Howard Brent	Otto Jessen
Bernard Model	Lou Aichele	

Walter Meisner was selected as Chairman and Edward L. Hohenstein as Secretary.

The committee herewith presents the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. WHEREAS, the Turner movement in America has been in existence for more than 100 years and;

WHEREAS, many of the individual Societies have already reached or will reach within a few years their 100th Anniversary, and;

WHEREAS, a suitable diploma was awarded to all Societies reaching their 50th Anniversary;

Be it, therefore,

Resolved that a suitable award be presented by authority of the National Council to each Society upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Paragraph 1 was adopted by voice vote.

2. In conformity with a resolution passed at various National Conventions and again passed by the 43rd National Convention, New York, August 31-September 3, 1950, be it resolved by the Convention that all Societies list their Society in the local telephone book as "American Turners _____" (Sample: American Turners-Toledo).

Paragraph 2 was adopted by voice vote.

3. It is recommended that Societies of the American Turners place their employees under the provisions of the Retirement System of the American Turners. Almost all educational institutions provide retirement security and in order to provide faithful and happy employees, it is important that Societies be urged to provide this security.

Paragraph 3 adopted by voice vote.

4. Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the 43rd National Convention that all Turner Societies give serious and thoughtful consideration to admitting women to membership and that this Convention approve and recommend that women be admitted to membership on the same basis that men are admitted to Society membership.

Paragraph 4 adopted by voice vote.

5. That this Convention recommend support to the American Turners Endowment Trust Fund, and that each District, each Society and all members of Societies, make a contribution. We believe that the American Turners Endowment Trust shall and will be an important means of reviving and promoting the growth of the Turner Movement by helping present Societies to establish themselves in new and modern quarters and helping new Societies to be formed. By providing modern facilities, we will have greater numbers than the American Turners have ever had and gain a sounder position in American civic life.

Paragraph 5 was adopted by voice vote.

6. We recommend—

- (a) That a digest of the proceedings of the National Council, rather than a verbatim transcript, be mailed to the membership;
- (b) That such mailing be generally restricted to the presidents and secretaries of the constituent Societies, unless in special cases, the mailing to others should be deemed desirable or advantageous;
- (c) That the National Council make the fullest possible use of the reduced special catalog, booklet, and book rates, available under Postal Laws and Regulations, in lieu of the much higher parcel post rates, when mailing out catalogues, booklets, etc.

The above three Paragraphs 6a, 6b and 6c were adopted by voice vote.

(Note by Secretary of the Convention: National Secretary E. A. Eklund announced that application for the reduced rates referred to in Paragraph 6c had been filed with the Post Office Department and that the application had been allowed as evidenced by a letter from Assistant Postmaster General Osborne A. Pearson. A copy of the letter referred to was submitted to the Officers of the Convention and is printed at the end of these minutes.)

7. We recommend that the National Council be instructed by the 44th National Convention, to apply for membership, in the name of the American Turners, in the American Olympic Association of the United States of America.

This recommendation contained in Paragraph 7 was adopted by voice vote after it was explained that the cost of this membership would be nominal.

8. Whereas the American Turners is a federation of Societies, and not individuals, and, whereas, with the exception of members at large it is not possible to become a member of the American Turners, except through joining a constituent Society, therefore, be it resolved that the National Secretary be instructed, in ordering the printing of future application blanks for membership, so to re-arrange the wording that it will be an application for membership in a specific Society of the American Turners.

Paragraph 8 was adopted by voice vote.

9. We recommend that the National Council continue to assist in creating scholarships to the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union of the University of Indiana, and that the amount allotted for the classes be increased to \$100.00 and \$250.00, respectively, for partial and full scholarship assistance, to be paid annually, provided applicants meet the requirements as set forth by the Scholarship Committee.

Paragraph 9 was adopted by voice vote.

10. We recommend that at all meetings and affairs at which a Turner member is addressed or introduced, he shall be referred to as "Turner _____" and not as "Mister" or any other appellation.

Paragraph 10 was adopted by voice vote.

11. We recommend that under no circumstances shall any funds of the American Turners be spent for any Non-Turner athletic, gymnastic, cultural or promotional activities of any nature whatsoever, without approval of the National Council.

Paragraph 11 was adopted by voice vote.

12. The following recommendation is presented with no comment by the committee:

We recommend that the office of National Secretary of the American Turners be re-organized to function on a more economical basis.

Pursuant to motion made and seconded, the above Paragraph 12 was adopted by voice vote.

13. We recommend that the Instructors' Fund be perpetuated strictly for the purpose for which it was originally intended, and, that the funds under no circumstances be diverted for any other purpose.

After considerable explanation and discussion this Paragraph 13 was defeated by a rising vote of the delegates.

14. We recommend that the financial statement sent monthly to members of the National Council be likewise sent to each Society.

Paragraph 14 was adopted by voice vote.

15. We recommend:

That each Society of the American Turners schedule a meeting during the months of May or June, with all organized classes and sections, in order to plan and schedule the program of the Health and Physical Education classes, the Cultural Education classes, the meetings, and social events of all sections and the program of educational events and social events for the next season. The whole schedule is to be directed and approved by the Board of the Society and published for distribution during registration week to all members of the Society. The published program should also contain all National and District events scheduled.

That the full program for classes in Health and Physical Education, gymnastics, calisthenics, ballet, swimming, and games (Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Tennis, Baseball, and Bowling) be scheduled.

That organized classes in Cultural Education: music — male, women or mixed vocal chorus; instrumental music, painting; needlecraft; ceramics; photography; handicrafts and others in the Cultural Education category, be announced on a definite schedule basis.

That all social program for both the Society and its various sections be scheduled and announced.

That participation in civic affairs of the municipality and state be studied and planned for its announced programs, such as (Parades, competitive events

at museums and fairs, exhibitions in all our activities in outside athletic programs, such as: Gymnastics, Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, Bowling, etc.)

That planned participation in Turner District, Regional and National Competition be completed as well as plans made for competition.

That efforts be made to schedule competition at invitational meets with Y.M.C.A. Leagues and Colleges with whom competition can be scheduled.

(Paragraph 15 was adopted by voice vote of the delegates.)

16. The following is presented to the Convention for its action:

The National Council has reported that the following Societies have withdrawn from the American Turners and these withdrawals have not yet been approved for such purpose by the National Convention:

Illinois District—Peoria Turn Verein
Germania-Waukegan Turn Verein

(Upon the basis of recommendations of the Illinois District and pursuant to motion duly made and carried by voice vote, the Convention approved the dropping of these two Societies from membership in the American Turners.)

Middle Atlantic—Turn Verein Vorwaerts-Baltimore.

(After full explanation by Bob Stahl, Regional Councilor from Region II to the effect that the above Society had consolidated with the Baltimore Germania Turnverein, now known as American Turners-Baltimore, Inc. a motion was made and seconded that the Society named Turn Verein Vorwaerts-Baltimore be dropped. This motion was carried by voice vote.)

Southern California—Oakland Turnverein.

(After a statement by Otto Nell, the Regional Councilor for Region VIII, to the effect that there exists some hope that the Oakland Society may again become an active organization, a motion was duly made and carried by voice vote that action on the status of this Society be delayed at least until the next regular National Convention.)

New England District—Meriden Turner Society Inc.

(In view of the possibility expressed by Charles F. Miller, Regional Councilor of Region I, that the Meriden Society may again become an active Society, a motion was made, seconded and carried by voice vote, that action with reference to the status of this Society be deferred.)

New Jersey District—American Gymnastic Society Inc.

Elizabeth Turnverein
Paterson Turn Verein
Trenton Turners

(Based upon a report from Bob Stahl, Regional Councilor for Region II to the effect that there was a reasonable chance that the American Gymnastic Society and the Elizabeth Turnverein may be revived, a motion was made, seconded and carried by voice vote that action on the status of these two

Societies be delayed until the next Convention. Likewise, based upon the statement that the Paterson Turn Verein had completely liquidated and the case of the Trenton Turners was hopeless, a motion was made, seconded and carried by voice vote that these two Societies be dropped from the American Turners.)

New York District—Columbia Turn Verein
Turn Verein Vorwaerts

(Based upon a report of Bob Stahl, Regional Councilor for Region II to the effect that the condition of Columbia Turn Verein was hopeless, a motion was made, seconded and carried by voice vote that this Society be dropped from the American Turners.)

(Upon further report of Bob Stahl and a report of Turner Kierschner, it was stated that Turn Verein Vorwaerts was an earlier name of American Turners of Brooklyn, Inc. now in good standing in the American Turners and a motion was made, seconded and carried by voice vote that the records be changed to indicate this fact.)

Pittsburgh District—East Pittsburgh Turners
(Suspended by N.E.C. Approved Lawrence Convention.)

(After brief discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried by voice vote that the suspension of the East Pittsburgh Turners authorized at the Lawrence Convention be made permanent and that this Society be dropped from the roster of the American Turners.)

St. Louis District—Concordia Turners

(After some informal discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried by voice vote that the action of the status of the Concordia Society be tabled for two years).

Upper Mississippi District—Eldridge Turners

(A motion was made, seconded and carried by voice vote that the Eldridge Turners be dropped from membership in the American Turners.)

Western New York District—Auburn Turn Verein
Eiche Turnverein-Buffalo

(Based on a statement of Turner Jacquin, Regional Councilor for Region IV to the effect that both the Auburn and Eiche-Buffalo Societies had completely disbanded, it was moved, seconded and carried by voice vote that these Societies be dropped from the roster of the American Turners.)

17. The following communication from the National Council is hereby submitted to the Convention without comment:

"The National Council of the American Turners, respectfully requests the Committee on National Affairs to study the case of two Societies, who fail to comply with the Statutes of the American Turners. One Society the Central Turners, Inc., Evansville, Ind. admit a larger membership than that for which a per capita tax is paid. The other the McKeesport Turn and Gesang Verein who refuse to pay the per capita tax earmarked for the American Turner Topics."

(With reference to the Evansville Society, a motion was made and seconded that this matter be referred to Turner Wahnsiedler, a member of that Society and that he be asked to make an effort to get this Society to conform to the per capita tax provisions of the American Turners Statutes and that we allow two years time for the adjustment of this matter. This motion was carried by voice vote.)

(With reference to the McKeesport Society, a motion was made and seconded that this Convention allow the McKeesport Turners two years time to adjust this insufficient per capita tax matter with the National Council. This motion was carried by voice vote.)

18. Paragraph No. 81 of the Statutes of the American Turners, adopted by the 252 votes present: For—226; Against—22, at the 43rd National Convention of the American Turners at New York, N.Y., August 31, 1950. to September 3, 1950 provides:

ADMISSION OF SOCIETIES: "No Society shall be admitted to the American Turners unless such Society shall have adopted a resolution expressing assent to the Principles and the Statutes. A copy of this resolution, as well as a copy of the Statutes of the Society, must be sent with application for admission to the Council of the District in which the Society is located, such copy of the Society's Statutes must contain a provision that in the event of the dissolution of the Society, any remaining assets shall become the property of the American Turners."

It is recommended that all Societies revise their Statutes and Charters to conform to the above provisions.

(Paragraph 18 was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.)

19. We recommend that Turner Herman Eisele be commended for his faithful and untiring services as Secretary of the National Conventions.

(Paragraph 19 was adopted and the Secretary expressed his sincere gratitude for this unexpected recognition of his modest contribution.)

Respectfully submitted,
Walter T. Meisner, Chairman
Edward L. Hohenstein, Secretary

Turner Meisner called attention to the fact that, in accordance with Article 71 of the Statutes, it becomes the privilege of the National Convention to change the location of the National Office and he raised the question as to whether or not, in view of the change of the personnel of the National Officers, a change in the location of the National Office would be desirable. This question was discussed informally at length from which it appeared there was some sentiment among the delegates to comply with the wishes of the future officers with respect to the location of the National Office. The officers-elect however, had not had an opportunity to consider this question thoroughly and therefore preferred not to make any recommendation. Some further sentiment developed to permit the National Council to make a change later in the event that this seemed to be desirable. It was pointed out that there was no provision for such action by the National Council in the Statutes. After attention was called to