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FIRST SESSION

Sunday Evening, August 28, 1960

The Convention was called to order by National President Edward Groth at 8:30 P.M. in the gymnasium of the Rochester Turners Inc. at 1550 Clinton Avenue, North; Rochester, New York.

The opening session was a combined meeting of the delegates and alternates of the American Turners and the delegates and alternates of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners, members of the Rochester Turners and guests.

The program was opened with the Presentation of the Flag, with a Color Guard from the Eike-Jordan-Bauer Post No. 1501, American Legion, the Rochester Turner Post. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by President Groth.

President Groth then introduced Dr. Elmer Shedd, President of the Rochester Turners, who welcomed the delegates as follows:

President Groth, Officers of the American Turners and the A.T.R. Corporation, Delegates and Fellow Turners. Gut Heil!

We are happy to again welcome you to Rochester, the home of the seventh oldest Turner Society in America. I say again, because we have been host to this Convention on other occasions, the first being in the year 1852.

Officially, we date our beginning to the date of our incorporation, 1852. Actually, in the spring of 1851, 15 German Turners, including John Jacob Bausch, founder, and Captain Henry Lomb, partner in the Bausch and Lomb Optical Co., met to organize the Rochester Socialer Turnverein.

In September, 1851, the infant society affiliated with the North American Gymnastic Union, later the American Turnerbund and now the American Turners.

It is a noteworthy fact that this first National Convention in Rochester passed the resolution creating the American Turners Normal College.

Another fact is that this Convention was not held in the Rochester Turn Hall, since their only asset was a vacant lot which served as a summertime open-air gymnasium.

From this humble beginning, our infant society grew in spite of misfortunes, heartbreaks and setbacks. Three fires destroyed their Turn Halls and

contents. But these hardy pioneers, knowing the secret of working together for what they wanted, picked up the pieces and started anew.

Even when the present building was planned, it was felt that a new, modern building with a swimming pool was needed to attract new members. This it did, but expenses were increased many fold and the huge mortgage was burdensome. Foreclosure was avoided by refinancing. A prosperity bubble appeared in 1934 and burst in January 1949.

We are grateful to the Officers of the American Turners and the delegates who helped us reorganize. We are thankful to you for awarding the Bowling Tournament and this Convention to us.

The Bowling Tournament was a much needed shot in the arm and the building again hummed with activity. Although we made money last winter, we are by no means sitting on top of the world, with a roof that still needs repairs and boiler repairs estimated at \$2000 to \$2500, flood light repairs, plastering, painting and other urgently needed improvements.

Turners Catlin, Pappaz and many volunteers who made the improvements evident in this building, saved us many thousand of dollars in labor costs. We would not be open today if we had to pay these labor costs.

We would like to double our membership and at the present time we have a membership drive going with six active teams working to get at least the 125 extra members that our budget committee says we need to stay out of the red in the coming year.

Once again we wish to thank all of you for your help and hope that you will bear with us in view of the improvement we have made. At this time I wish to introduce Councilman John Bittner of the Rochester City Council.

Turner John Bittner brought the greetings of the City of Rochester in behalf of the Mayor, the Honorable Peter Barry.

President Groth then introduced the officers at the speakers table: First Vice President George J. Jacquin, Second Vice President Stephen H. Reskovitz, Treasurer Edward P. Loeser, Chairman of Health and Physical Education Harry W. Warnken, Chairman of Cultural Education Sara G. Palmer, Chairman of Bowling Wilfred H. Racker and Secretary Dr. E. A. Eklund.

The President introduced Mrs. Evelyn Jones of Davenport, Iowa, the President of the National Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners, who extended the greetings of her organization and expressed the wish for a successful convention.

President Groth then gave the report of the President to the Convention.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the delegates at the 48th Convention—

Greetings:

Since this will be my final report as your president, I would like to present it in the form of a "State of the Union Message" in order to acquaint all of you with the various societies making up our national organization. Too many of us are interested only in our own society and give little or no thought to the others, so that it is difficult to realize the many problems confronting your National Council.

During the four years of my administration I have devoted much time to a study of our societies in order to determine what is wrong with us. This study was supplemented by personal visits to about 35 societies during the past year, and to 30 others in previous years, so that there are only a few with which I have not had personal contacts.

If any of you question the above implication that there is something wrong, just consider the following facts:

Sixty years ago we had 132 societies with approximately 26000 members. Twenty years ago we had 127 societies with approximately 19300 members. Today we have 77 societies with approximately 14600 members. Of these 77, at least 20 societies have a membership of under 100, and 12 of the 20 have less than 50.

Sixty-five percent of our societies collect annual dues of \$10.00 or less, including 12 with dues varying from \$3.00 to \$6.00.

How much longer can we afford to lose members, and what must we do to stop the decline? How much longer shall we persist in charging inadequate dues, thereby limiting our services and activities?

Recently a prominent politician accused the opposition party of suffering from "tired blood." This description could very well apply to many of our societies who are badly in need of new blood. First, they need it in the form of new members who are in sympathy with our principles and who would willingly pay for the services we should offer them. Secondly, they need new blood in the management of their society, which in many instances is entirely in the hands of older members who either refuse to turn the reins over to younger ones, or who have no younger ones available. While these old timers deserve the utmost respect and credit for carrying the burdens for so many years, they should realize that today's problems can best be met and solved by today's generation, who should be entrusted with the responsibilities, aided by the advice and experience of the older members.

According to our Turner Principles, we are organized to advance the health, happiness and progress of mankind thru a four-point program of Physical Education; Cultural Education; a recreation and social program for the entire family; and participation in civic projects. Surely no intelligent person can take exception to this program and it should not be too difficult to obtain new members, especially since no other national organization offers as much. Yet, each year we seem to be losing, not only in membership, but in national prestige.

Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that most societies are not adhering to these principles and are not offering these services to their communities. At least six of our societies have no program whatsoever; they offer nothing to their members. Many others offer only a limited program, while only a few are fulfilling their obligation in all four of these fields. Needless to say, these are our more successful and prosperous societies.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our greatest deficiency is in this field. Where once we were the acknowledged leaders, today we find ourselves trailing behind other organizations and college conferences.

Evidence of our deterioration can be found by a study of recent national

festivals, especially the last one in 1959. Not only has the participation and cooperation of our societies declined, but the management and operation is becoming more difficult due to the lack of qualified personnel.

Very few of our societies employ full-time instructors or maintain a full schedule of gym classes. Most of them either depend upon volunteers, or engage part-time instructors on a one or two-day-per-week basis, which is not sufficient for developing gymnasts. If we are to regain our former leadership, we must not only provide a daily schedule of classes, but a year-around program including recreational activities.

We must either conduct our national festivals more frequently or supplement them with regional or invitational meets if we want to encourage our young active members and retain their interest.

Our Turnteachers, who in my opinion are the backbone of our Turnvereins, are rapidly becoming our forgotten men. Only by employing competent instructors, by paying them adequately, and by conducting clinics or refresher courses, can we keep abreast of these rapidly changing times and regain the leadership.

CULTURAL EDUCATION

Of almost as much concern is the failure of over half of our societies to carry out a cultural program. While it is true that the demonstration of cultural activities at our last national festival was the best ever, the records show that only a small number of societies participated and furnished all the entries.

Unlike the physical, this phase of our activities can be conducted at no great expense, since in only a few instances is it necessary to employ paid instructors. It should not be difficult to organize groups, especially among the younger members and ladies, and interest them in some of the many branches of this part of our program.

Perhaps it is not that the membership of our societies is not interested in cultural development, but rather that the officers or directors fail to realize its value and are doing nothing to encourage it. Before we can expect relief from our tax burdens, we must place more emphasis on cultural work. Our motto, "a strong mind in a strong body," will be meaningless unless we expand and coordinate both our physical and cultural education programs, and place less emphasis on other activities that are not in keeping with our principles.

THE FAMILY GROUP

For many years we have proclaimed that our societies are family organizations, and as such are effective in preventing delinquency, yet I have found many of them doing little or nothing to attract our women and children, because they operate in a manner that tends to discourage rather than encourage participation. It is not enough to permit them only to attend gym classes; they should be invited to take part in cultural, recreational, and social affairs.

Many of our societies have women serving as directors, officers and committee chairmen, and have found them quite efficient; yet some still refuse to admit them to membership.

The children of today are the best source for members of tomorrow; if we keep the entire family interested in our Turner way of life, our future will be assured.

PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC PROJECTS

No society can be completely successful without the respect and good will of its community, and the best way to obtain it is thru participation in civic affairs. By taking part in drives and similar projects, and by cooperation with other organizations in the promotion of cultural and recreational programs, we not only gain recognition, but obtain valuable publicity. Too many of our societies are not recognized because they lock their doors to the public and prevent them from becoming acquainted with our work.

OTHER PROBLEMS

Many of our societies are affected by policies which they have adopted and which are contrary to our statutes; among them being social memberships, honorary society memberships, and affiliation with other groups.

Social memberships, without payment of national per capita dues is still permitted by some societies. It is inconceivable that any benefits are derived by extending limited social privileges in exchange for a small fee. Such members have little or no regard for Turner principles, and any financial gain is more than offset by loss of prestige and respect. The reputation of several societies has been seriously affected by this practice.

Now that our statutes provide for 40 year honorary memberships and exemption from per capita dues, the 25 or 30-year society memberships should be discontinued. Not only are they financially harmful, but in several instances the tax status of societies has been impaired.

In recent years several of our societies have seen fit to merge with other organizations, without consulting or seeking advice from our national legal committee, and in a few instances they have practically lost their identity as Turners. Others have affiliated with political or fraternal associations in order to influence legislation. Any society that carries out our program to its fullest extent should be self-supporting without depending on outside groups, especially when these groups have little or nothing in common with our principles.

CONCLUSION

After making this study, I have concluded that if we are to make any progress, we must first strengthen our weaker societies, and then insist that all of them carry out their obligations, especially in the field of physical and cultural education. Nationally we are badly in need of the following—modernization, more members, more activities, and more money. All of these are closely allied and interdependent; they can be obtained if the desire and proper spirit is instilled in your members.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of many of us to dismiss any progressive ideas or suggestions with the well-known saying — "it can't be done." It has been my experience that members will respond favorably to any proposal for improvement, providing it is well planned in advance and fully explained to them.

Quite a few societies have become aware of this need for improvement and are planning on either new buildings, additions or remodeling. Their main obstacle seems to be financial, and it is unfortunate that our endowment funds have not reached the point where they can be of real assistance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Several directives from previous conventions have not been carried out, although your Council has attempted to do so, and can report some progress.

The 46th Convention directed that steps be taken to clarify or terminate the agreement known as the Instructors Fund of the American Turners, but attempts to meet with the trustees to discuss the matter have been unsuccessful. In this connection, it is unfortunate that we have three separate endowment funds, each governed by a separate group of trustees, and each apparently created for a different purpose. In my opinion, the interests of the American Turners would be better served if the three funds (with total assets approximating \$150,000.00) were combined into one, with a major portion of the net income being used to benefit our needy societies.

The 47th Convention directed that an effort be made to obtain exemption from federal tax on dues under \$25.00. An attempt was made to accomplish this thru U. S. Senator Keating, an honorary member of Rochester, N. Y. Turners. We were assured that our request would receive consideration, but since this involves Congressional action to amend excise tax laws, it is doubtful whether we can expect relief so long as there is so much emphasis placed on increased defense appropriations.

The 47th Convention also directed the appointment of a committee to investigate physical education scholarships to determine if we are receiving any value from them. This is a very complex problem, and while such a committee was appointed, they have as yet been unable to reach any conclusions. In this report I have tried to present an honest overall picture of our organization, and to point out our weaknesses. We must strengthen these weak spots and increase our efforts if we are to regain our position as leaders in the development of strong minds in strong bodies. All indications point to a nationwide revival of interest in gymnastics as a basic part of physical fitness. Shall we take advantage of the opportunity and meet the challenge?

It can be done—it must be done!

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Groth, National President

Nominations for permanent Chairman of the Convention were next called for by the temporary Chairman, Turner Groth.

Turner Otto K. Nell, Los Angeles Turners, nominated Turner Andrew J. Doyle of American Turners, Northwest Chicago. The nomination was seconded by Turner Louis Aichele of American Turners S.T.V. of Cleveland. A motion that nominations be closed and that the temporary Secretary, Turner Eklund, cast one ballot for Turner Doyle was made, seconded and carried.

Turner Doyle took the chair and thanked the delegates for the honor. Nominations for Vice-Chairman were then called for and Turner Joseph L. Beck of McKeesport Turners was nominated by Turner Lingenfelter of the Johnstown Turners. Nomination was seconded and a motion was made by Turner Huth and seconded by Turner Clifford Anderson that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one ballot for Turner Beck. Motion carried and Turner Beck was duly elected.

The Chairman then called for nominations for the office of Convention Secretary. Turner Szilagyí nominated Turner William O. Huth of the Buffalo

Turners with a second by Turner Stoll. Since there were no further nominations, a motion was made by Turner Schenz and seconded to close nominations and elect Turner Huth as Convention Secretary. Motion carried.

On call for nominations for Assistant Secretary of the Convention, the name of Turner Carolyn McGrath of the Louisville Turners was offered by Turner Lubbers and seconded. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close nominations and the Chair declared Turner McGrath unanimously elected.

Chairman Doyle then called for the report of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education, which was given by Chairman Harry W. Warnken.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the 48th Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

In 1959, our efforts were naturally directed toward preparations for the 40th National Festival of the American Turners, which was held in Louisville, Kentucky, June 28 to July 1st. The list of entries showed 215 men, 214 women, 215 senior men, and 245 senior women, a total of 889 participants in Physical Education competition. From our experience in the Louisville Festival, it is apparent that the organization of a National Festival and some of its events are in need of overhauling. Complaints of spreading competition over too many days in Milwaukee with too much emphasis on social activities resulted in a condensation of events by the local committee to the point where insufficient time was allotted, and the under manned auditing committee was unprepared to publish the final results in time for the scheduled prize-awarding ceremony. We were further handicapped by the illness provoked absence of our National and Committee Secretary. A suggested plan of re-organization has been presented, which should receive careful consideration by the convention and by the newly-elected N. H. & P. E. C. A revision of Festival Rules would naturally follow.

A case in point, as to events, is the Pentathlon for Men and Women. In Louisville, 88 men and 82 women entered this event, but only 3 men and 9 (approximately) women managed to meet all the minimum requirements in order to qualify for society points. It is very obvious that either the event should be eliminated, or the minimum requirements **MUST** be revised.

Contrary to the opinion of a few influential old-timers, the American Turners may well find themselves without above-average apparatus workers in a few years unless a revision of competitive apparatus events to conform with the modern group of events fostered by the A.A.U. and Olympic Committees is endorsed and placed into use. Our gymnasts should not be compelled to compete in an antiquated group of events once every four years for the sake of Turner tradition, and then compete in an additional group of "special" events that are used—and have been used for 20 years—in present day international competition. Let's get up-to-date, Turners!

Our National Championship events were discontinued during the festival year, although it was originally planned to conduct a National Volleyball Championship in conjunction with the 1959 National Festival. The cancellation proved to be a wise move, as it turned out. Players were too exhausted

after the pressured Turnfest competition to compete adequately in such a tournament. It is recommended, however, that in view of their tremendous appeal, the National Volleyball Championships be conducted annually, and that they be held at a separate time from the Turnfest in a National Festival year.

In 1960, a very successful Volleyball Championship Tournament was conducted at American Turners-Northwest Chicago on April 9-10. Twenty-six teams—a record entry—competed. On July 2nd, American Turners—Louisville was host to the National Turner Swimming Championships. Although only two teams actually competed, a close and exciting meet developed. There was no bid for the National Gymnastic Championships, and the meet was not encouraged by the chairman because of conflict with preparation for the Olympic Games. No bids were received for Badminton or Basketball Tournaments.

Ever increasing interest in the Volleyball Championships is evident in the fact that two bids for the 1961 tournament have recently been received in response to the appeal for bids in Turner Topics.

A recommendation to conduct an Instructor's Refresher Course with possible major financial assistance from the National Women's Auxiliary—pending action at this convention—resulted in a questionnaire poll of National Committee members as to time, place, subject matter, possible instructors, participation by societies, etc. It is hoped definite plans can be laid for this worthy undertaking at this convention.

One meeting of the N. H. & P. E. C. was approved by National Council and held Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 1959 in Louisville, along with society instructors, for the purpose of demonstration, correction and clarification of National Festival drills and exercises.

An insufficient number of Activity Reports have been received to provide a satisfactory picture of physical education classes and activities in the societies of the various districts and regions. Several individual societies have sent reports directly to the National Secretary, but only one District Supervisor forwarded a composite report, as recommended by the last convention. It is my recommendation that District Physical Leaders be made responsible to obtain such information and forward it on a revised form to the National Chairman and National Secretary as a district report on a bi-monthly basis.

In response to Turner President Groth's recommendation that more emphasis be placed on Regional and Invitational Turnfests between National Festivals, at least three such events were held in 1960. One was conducted by the Lake Erie District in Akron, Ohio, an Invitational Turnfest that included Regions IV and IX. Another was held in Madison, Wis. for Region V. A third was held in Providence, Rhode Island, by the New England District, which, in itself is Region I. It is possible that other district or regional turnfests were held, such as by the New York District, but no report was received. The Minnesota District is planning one in 1961 to include its own Region VII, adjoining Region V, and possibly more.

I thank the members of my committee for the cooperation each has given me during the past two years.

In closing, it is my personal opinion—perhaps shared by others—that there is a great need for re-organization of the National Health and Physical Education Committee. The great distances separating the various members of the committee make the expense of meeting quite prohibitive under the present

financial structure of our national organization. A smaller committee, with members in closer proximity to each other could meet more frequently, and conduct more efficiently, the business before the committee. Therefore, I recommend that the National Convention give deep consideration to the re-organization of the National Health and Physical Education Committee.

Respectfully submitted

With Turner Greetings,

HARRY W. WARNKEN, Chairman

National Health and Physical Education Committee

Turner Sara G. Palmer, Chairman of the National Cultural Education Committee then gave the following report:

THE CULTURAL REPORT TO THE 48TH CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

This is my third appearance before a National Convention to give you a comprehensive report of the overall cultural program. The two years since the 1958 Convention at Kansas City have passed quickly and I believe some improvement has been made in the cultural program.

A convention cost money, the delegates' time spent at them is time consuming and this should be put to a good use. You have heard our President, Mr. Groth give his report and I concur fully with him. The indifferent attitude of so many who are given a responsibility is hurting us as an organization. All of us realize the time we give is voluntary, regardless of this fact, there should be an attempt to at least try and accomplish something. Titles are impressive to some individuals but a title means nothing if you lack the good common sense of at least trying to do a good job.

There seems to be a tendency in our organization to cling to the old, old system of conducting our societies. If any one comes up with a new idea, in many cases it will be voted down. Take the general meetings held by our societies, time after time just the same faithful few show up. But just let any new idea be injected, and the sit-at-homers show up in droves and vote any new idea down. We do not encourage our young people. Are these not the future leaders of the Turners?

The statement "IT CAN'T BE DONE" is becoming very overworked. I cannot agree with this because it has been proven false. If a society takes this attitude I am inclined to believe the person in charge has little interest. We all agree there are many places to follow our hobbies in our various cities. New York City has its cultural centers where the average citizen may go, so does Chicago, Detroit, and the other cities where we have societies. No city is superior in its cultural centers as I have visited all of them in my travels. If I were to be asked which city I felt offered the most, I would state Chicago. Let's take a look at our cultural program.

REGION 1 — THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Springfield and Fitchburgh with their choruses. The Ladies Chorus celebrated their 30th anniversary in May of this year. Fitchburg has a stamp club,

Providence with their Turner Band which has been in existence for more than 50 years. Each year this district have their annual cultural exhibit.

REGION 2 — NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICTS

The New York Turnverein have their language and dancing classes for children. They have educational films such as the world renowned documentary film, "The River" and "Williamsburg Restored." These and other films may be secured thru the public libraries. Mt. Vernon has their Ladies Chorus and in this District there is the annual Cultural Exhibit which was held at New York Turnverein this past year. Wilmington has a class in ceramics and china painting.

REGION 3 — CENTRAL STATES

Louisville have their arts and crafts classes, Home makers, Ladies Morning Class, Dramatic group, Ballet for the Maryhurst school for girls, Recovery Inc. Teenagers arts and crafts, Baton Twirling, Children's ballet and the Ladies Auxiliary who have excellent speakers or educational films plus doing work for the Red Cross and Cancer centers also newspaper, radio and T.V. publicity. Covington is getting started again in their cultural program and I am sure there will be an improvement there. Fort Wayne has their chorus and are a prominent group in this society. They have regular rehearsals, during the holiday season they go out and sing to the shut-ins and the sick and there is also a group that gives many hours of their time to work at a Mental Hospital. In an institution of that type you are working under circumstances so different that people who do this should be commended highly.

REGION 4 — LAKE ERIE DISTRICT AND WESTERN NEW YORK

The Lake District is truly the leader in the cultural program. We boast of our cultural program and feel we have every right to do so. At S. T. V. in Cleveland they have the mixed chorus, the men's chorus, the ladies chorus, The STV Players Little Theater group, language classes, ballet for adults and children and the women's Auxiliary. I would say the STV players are really professional as they are the outstanding Little Theater group in Ohio. Not only do they have one grand time rehearsing and putting on their shows, they bring money into their society by staging these productions. They have never failed to participate in District and National events, lugging their equipment, the choruses always compete in the district and National Festivals, the woman's auxiliary is the outstanding one in Turners, hours and hours of work devoted to charity, they have prominent speakers, the various groups at STV put on annual shows to entertain the entire membership. Toledo has their men's chorus which is a delight to hear and they participate in the cultural festivals, they have a dramatic group and the woman's auxiliary who do sewing for charitable organizations. Toledo was host to the Lake Erie District Cultural days this past May. The two day cultural event is looked forward to each year, of course there is a lot of work involved but the satisfaction and fun you have takes away all the feeling it is work. Akron is getting back into the swing of the cultural program. Here is an example that it can be revived when an interested person takes charge. They started out with having exhibits in what they call their "Hobby Cabinet," they had an exhibit of articles loaned to them by the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Co., the auxiliary held a party at the Akron YWCA

and used the proceeds to help purchase equipment for the Health and Education Department of the YWCA, they also sewed puppets for the Children's hospital and are going to continue the work this fall. Cleveland East has their auxiliary that do sewing for the Red Cross. This society was host to the District convention and a group put on a variety show that was wonderful entertainment for the delegates. Detroit has outstanding classes for children in drawing, painting and ceramics, adult copper enameling and ceramic classes, two groups of square dancers, beginners and adults, both of these self supporting and also give half of their proceeds to the society, ball room dancing classes that were filled to capacity and was self supporting. The Stein Club either has a noted speaker or educational movies, children's ballet classes taught by the outstanding ballet instructress in Detroit who has been with the Detroit Turners for nearly 14 years. The Bears, Actives, Intermediate Ladies, the Business Men's Class all put on annual shows for the society at which time they draw a large dinner and dancing crowd. The woman's auxiliary does sewing for the Children's hospital and add many improvements to the society. So many auxiliaries are merely card playing groups, this is fine for the entertainment of the group but is of little value to the society. In April of next year Akron will be hosts to the cultural festival and we are all looking forward to this. You can see that the children are not forgotten.

REGION 5 — ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN DISTRICTS

In the Illinois District each year an annual variety show is staged and the proceeds from this goes to the operation of the Turner Camp. All societies join in this and it is an excellent show. By some of the societies joining to make one society, the cultural program in this District was under a handicap but they are trying to get Little Theater and choral groups started. At the Turner Camp they have handicraft classes during the summer and the closing event of the summer is the Founder's Day. All societies participate in this. This is outstanding. The children are being encouraged. I have nothing to report from the Wisconsin District.

REGION 6 — ST. LOUIS, CONCORDIA AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICTS

The North St. Louis Turners have been outstanding in their cultural efforts. For years they have won the highest award in cultural education. They have their millinery classes, dancing classes, painting, library, choral groups. At this society they have classes for all ages. The choral group puts on an annual show and this takes hours and hours of rehearsals. Alveria Horst has been the spark plug here, not only as the chairman but instructing classes as well. Kansas City won the top trophy this year in cultural education. They have the men's chorus, dancing classes, both modern and square, the ballet group and a Ladies chorus have recently been started. All of you who attended the Kansas City Convention, I am sure you will remember the program put on by the Tiny Tots under the direction of Mrs. Marion Warr and Judy Warr. Having these two instructing certainly was wonderful for the society. I have heard they are giving this up and if this is so, I regret it very much. Concordia, in this region, I like to do a little bragging about this society. I am so proud of them. Here is a society that had no cultural program for so long, then Edgar Schmidt started the ball rolling and from there on Eugene Solfrank took over. I cannot give Mr. and Mrs. Solfrank enough credit for what they have done. They have

ceramics, leathercraft, mosaics, dancing, model making, and the woman's auxiliary with their sewing. Each year the choral group, made up from the actives and other groups, stage a Minstrel show. I feel when a society who had no cultural for so long, can get a start like this, the old saying, "IT CAN'T BE DONE" should be tossed right out the window. Concordia holds an annual exhibit too.

REGION 7 — UPPER MISSISSIPPI AND MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Moline has their choruses and this society has never failed to participate in the National Festivals. They have an annual cultural exhibit. Northwest Davenport have their sewing group and some of the members belong to the Sweet Adelines, a branch of the woman's barbershoppers. No report from Minnesota.

REGION 8 — LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO

Los Angeles Turners have their chorus which rehearse every week and they have their annual concerts. From San Diego I hear nothing.

REGION 9 — WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

McKeesport woman's auxiliary are the only active cultural group that I have any reports on. They put on shows and go out to visit the sick with their shows. There is an annual exhibit in this district and most societies participate.

As all of you know, we held the National Festival in Louisville last year. I am happy to say it was an excellent show, thanks to all who participated. It was the largest ever held, having 329 individual entries plus the choruses from Moline, Cleveland, the Little Theater group and soloists from various societies throughout the country. It has been said, perhaps it was a little too large but it would be very difficult to limit this to participants who have won ribbons at local, district and regional events. This would be unfair because so many districts and societies do not hold events. Louisville were excellent hosts and surely did their part to make this a success. Mrs. Evelyn Rice was the sparkplug and is doing a lot as the District Chairman. I want to thank all who participated.

In closing I believe our cultural program is doing better than the physical education to a certain degree, even if we did start the promotion of this on a National basis much later than physical education. Let's keep plugging away and make American Turners truly a place for a "SOUND MIND IN A SOUND BODY."

Sara G. Palmer
Chairman

The report of the National Bowling Committee was given by Chairman Wilfred H. Racker.

REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

To the 48th National Convention of the American Turners:
Greetings:

Since the 47th National Convention at Kansas City, the National Bowling Committee has held two meetings and successful tournaments were held in Detroit, Michigan and Rochester, New York.

Two new members had to be appointed to the National Bowling Committee. This was due to the death of Raymond Bauer, Fort Wayne, Indiana,

Representative of Region No. III and Arthur Marthaler, American Turners "Northwest" Chicago, Representative of Region No. V. Robert St. Peters, Fort Wayne, Indiana has been appointed and was approved by National Council to fill the vacancy in Region No. III. Warren Elste, American Turners "Northwest" Chicago has been appointed, but needs the approval of National Council to fill the vacancy in Region No. V.

The Committee meetings were held in Rochester, New York and in South Bend, Indiana. Various changes and additions were made to the rules, which the committee hopes is for the betterment of our future tournaments. At Rochester, New York the 1961 National Bowling tournament was awarded by the Committee to South Bend, Indiana. This award was then approved by a poll of the members of National Council. South Bend is working on the details for the coming tournament next Spring and they hope it will be one of the largest and best tournaments yet held. At South Bend on July 30, 1960 the committee awarded the 1962 National Turners Bowling tournament to American Turners "Northwest" Chicago. This award to date has not been approved by National Council. With six societies bidding namely: Syracuse, New York; Aurora, Illinois; American Turners "Northwest" Chicago, Illinois; Akron, Ohio; Cleveland, S.T.V. Ohio and Fort Wayne, Indiana the votes of the committee were divided.

In connection with the two tournaments which were held in 1959 in Detroit and in 1960 in Rochester, New York a few complaints were received, but it is hoped that the steps that have been taken will assure us that these same complaints will not arise in the future. Detroit had the largest number of entries to date of any of the past tournaments. There were 257 Men's teams and 124 Women's teams entered, with the total amount received from entries being \$26,626.80. This gave Detroit a profit from programs and bowling of \$3,404.12. The 1960 Tournament in Rochester, New York was smaller than either the 1958 Toledo or the 1959 Detroit Tournaments. This was due to a great extent to the traveling distance between the participating societies and Rochester, New York. Rochester had 173 Men's teams and 83 Women's teams entered, with the total received from entries amounting to \$18,159.80. Total profit realized by the Rochester Turners was \$4,376.91.

I made numerous visits to various societies, some visits in regards to bids for future national bowling tournaments and others on a social basis, but on all occasions I received a warm welcome from those societies visited.

From the 1959 and 1960 tournaments the National Bowling Fund and the American Turners General Fund each received (Detroit \$550.80 and Rochester \$375.30) a total of \$926.10. The National Bowling Fund had a balance as of July 31, 1960 of \$948.44.

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

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

Upon question of Turner Orchard as to the availability of the reports of national committees to delegates, Turner Eklund announced that mimeographed copies would be available at the next general session on Tuesday Morning.

Chairman Doyle announced that reports of national committees were now completed and called for the report of the Credentials Committee, which was given by the Secretary, Turner Steinlage.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

<i>District</i>	<i>Federal Votes</i>
Central States	15
Illinois	11
Lake Erie	20
Middle Atlantic	5
Minnesota	2
Missouri	3
New England	19
New Jersey	1
New York	8
North Pacific	0
Rocky Mountain	2
Saint Louis	4
South Bend	5
Southern California	2
Upper Mississippi	17
Western New York	6
Western Pennsylvania	31
Wisconsin	4
Members-at-Large	1
Total Federal Votes	156

SECRETARY'S NOTE: Several questions were raised on the Federal Vote allocation, but all were satisfactorily resolved. On motion by Turner Pitzele, second by Turner Modrow, the total of 156 Federal Votes was accepted.

Motion was made by Turner Anderson, seconded by Turner Zimmerman, that the following Turners be accepted to the Credentials Committee although the National Office had not received confirmation of their appointments. Motion passed.

Fred D. Stoll — Western New York District
 Otto K. Nell — Southern California District
 Walter Kopp — Wisconsin District
 Alex Nordstrom — New England District
 Forest Steinlage — Central States District

Motion was made by Turner Doyle and seconded by Turner Nell that the committee go on record that the Minnesota District, North Pacific District, Rocky Mountain District and South Bend District were not represented in the Credentials Committee. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Turner Anderson and seconded by Turner Doyle that the Middle Atlantic District be given credit for 22 extra members which would give them a total of 5 Federal votes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Turner Steinlage and seconded by Turner Crook

that the committee recommend to the Convention that Turner Walter Kopp be allowed to represent the Wisconsin District since no delegates from that district are present at the Convention. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Turner Doyle and seconded by Turner Andre that the committee recommend that the Convention seat Turner Frank Baumann of the Central States District. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Turner Doyle and seconded by Turner Steinlage that Turner Otto Nell be seated as delegate representing Southern California District. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Turner Anderson, seconded by Turner Doyle that the committee recommend to the Convention that Turners Willi Franck and John R. Casad, of Upper Mississippi District, be seated as delegates. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Turner Doyle and seconded by Turner Zimmermann that the next order of business be to review each district mandate and assign delegates to committees as requested by the districts wherever possible. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The foregoing committee resolutions were approved, in turn, by the Convention.

The following committee appointments were made:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Aaron Orchard	Harold G. Arvesen	William F. Kiess
William Modrow	Paul Bullard	Joseph Lucas
Edward Witzgall	Irma Tabor	Fred Campbell
A. H. Heyn	Herbert Heider	Joseph Tabor
	J. Edward Schenz	

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

August Andre	A. H. Heyn	Louis Baker
Stephen Reskovitz	Forrest Steinlage	John Westermeyer
Elmer Crook	Robert Schuler	Axel F. Nordstrom
James Szilagyi	Alfred F. Kierschner	Otto Wagner
Louis Aichele	Carl Tullner	Roy J. Davidson
Joseph Zimmermann	Russell Dreher	Clifford Anderson
Harold Schoene	Andrew Doyle	Roger Catlin
Edward Witzgall	Christ Bleidestel	John Stocker
Harold G. Arvesen	Orville Cavanagh	William Spiegelberg

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Walter Kopp	Walter Heckelmann	Bob Stahl
Howard Bidinger	Otto Nerl	A. Herman Niehaus
Roy Boethelt	Eugenie Witzgall	Fred Campbell
Charles Calhoun	Harold G. Arvesen	John R. Casad
James Szilagyi Jr.	A. H. Heyn	Charles Miller
Arthur Boettcher	Carolyn McGrath	Walter Schnurr

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL EDUCATION:

Roy Boethelt	Harold G. Arvesen	Benjamin Kohn
Anastasia Loehr	Ida Barrow	William Spiegelberg
Paul Apostolos	A. H. Heyn	Elmer Rautens
Eugenie Witzgall	Evelyn Rice	Richard Bade
	Anna K. Weisz	

COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES

George Kraft	Raymond Morrow	August Kruwell
Aaron Orchard	Nat Pitzele	Joseph L. Beck
Elmer Crook	John Westermeyer	Otto K. Nell
Grace Dreher	Otto Nerl	Willi Franck
A. J. Schmid	Harold Arvesen	Dr. Elmer Shedd
Alfred F. Kierschner	A. H. Heyn	William O. Huth
Alfred J. Harjes	Joseph Lubbers	Emilie Kolb

NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Nick Meyer	Joseph Bastek	Frank Baumann
Harold G. Arvesen	Emilie Kolb	Fred Stoll
A. H. Heyn	Clifford Kinsey	Joan Trame

BOWLING COMMITTEE:

Nick Meyer	Erwin Schrader	Thomas Trame
John Kovats	Harold G. Arvesen	Edward W. Timm
James Kilbane	A. H. Heyn	Harold Lingerfelder

ALTERNATES:

Rollo Hoffmeier	Fred C. Mann Jr.	Ernest Prietz
George Casey	Anthony Neidenbach	Lawrence Conger
Margery Stocker	M. H. Burlingame	

Respectfully submitted with Turner greetings,

JOHN WESTERMAYER, Chairman

FORREST F. STEINLAGE, Secretary

JOSEPH J. ZIMMERMANN, Lake Erie

CLIFFORD ANDERSON, Western Pennsylvania

ANDREW J. DOYLE, Illinois

E. R. CROOK, Missouri

OTTO K. NELL, Southern California

AUGUST ANDRE, Middle Atlantic

WALTER KOPP, Wisconsin

OTTO WAGNER, New Jersey

AXEL NORDSTROM, New England

ALFRED F. KIERSCHNER, New York

FRED STOLL, Western New York

JOHN R. CASAD, Upper Mississippi

A motion made by Turner Kierschner to accept the report as given and to have the Credentials Committee reconvene to augment the report with a list of delegates present from each district was seconded by Turner Orchard. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

The following was later added to the committee report:

DELEGATES PRESENT BY DISTRICTS

CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT:

Thomas Trame	Forrest Steinlage	August Kruwell
Joan Trame	Paul Bullard	A. J. Schmid
Evelyn Rice	Robert Schuler	Richard Bade
Carolyn McGrath	Joseph Bastek	Clifford Kinsey
Walter Schnurr	Joseph Lubbers	Frank Baumann

ILLINOIS DISTRICT:

Erwin Schrader
Paul Apostolos
William Modrow

Christ Bleidestel
Orville Cavanagh
Nat Pitzele

Louis Baker
Andrew J. Doyle
Walter Heckelmann

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT:

Louis Aichele
Charles Calhoun
John Kovats
James Szilagyi Sr.
James Szilagyi Jr.

J. Edward Schenz
Joseph J. Zimmermann
Harry Schoene
Ida Barrow
Wilfred Racker

Grace Dreher
Russell Dreher
Sara G. Palmer
Harry Warnken

MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT:

August Andre

Stephen Reskovitz

MISSOURI DISTRICT:

Elmer Crook

Nick Meyer

Aaron Orchard

ALTERNATE:

Roy Boethelt

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT:

Axel Nordstrom
Charles Miller

Joseph Tabor
William Bunnell

Irma Tabor

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT:

Otto Wagner

NEW YORK DISTRICT:

Anna K. Weisz
Herbert Heider

Bob Stahl
Alfred F. Kierschner

Alfred J. Harjes
Carl Tullner

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT:

Otto C. Nerl

John Westermeyer

SOUTH BEND DISTRICT:

A. H. Heyn

Harold G. Arvesen

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT:

Otto K. Nell

UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT:

John R. Casad

Willi Franck

WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT:

Dr. Elmer Shedd
Elmer Rautens

Fred Stoll
John Stocker

Roger Catlin
William O. Huth

ALTERNATES:

Rollo Hoffmeier
George Casey
Margery Stocker

Fred C. Mann Jr.
Anthony Neidenbach
M. H. Burlingame

Ernest Prietz
Lawrence Conger

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT:

Edward W. Timm
Harold Lingenfelter
Benjamin Kohn
William Spiegelberg

William H. Kiess
Joseph Lucas
Fred Campbell
A. Herman Niehaus
Milton L. Kirschner

Roy J. Davidson
Clifford E. Anderson
Raymond Morrow
Joseph L. Beck

WISCONSIN DISTRICT:

Walter Kopp

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

Anastasia Loehr

<i>District</i>	<i>Delegates Present</i>
Central States	15
Illinois	9
Lake Erie	14
Middle Atlantic	2
Minnesota	0
Missouri	3
New England	5
New Jersey	1
New York	6
North Pacific	0
Rocky Mountain	0
Saint Louis	2
South Bend	2
Southern California	1
Upper Mississippi	2
Western New York	6
Western Pennsylvania	13
Wisconsin	1
Members-at-Large	1
Total	83

The following National Officers were present:

Edward Groth — President

George J. Jacquin — First Vice President

Stephen H. Reskovitz — Second Vice President

Dr. E. A. Eklund — Secretary

Edward P. Loeser — Treasurer

Harry W. Warnken — Chairman, Health and Physical

Education Committee

Sara G. Palmer — Chairman, Cultural Education Committee

Wilfred H. Racker — Chairman, Bowling Committee

Chairman Doyle reminded the delegates that leaving the meeting before adjournment was discourteous to the Convention Officers and asked for full attendance, full time.

Turner Kovats suggested that a parliamentarian be appointed for the Convention. President Groth announced that the Council had asked Turner Charles K. Baecher, Chairman of the National Legal Committee, to act in this capacity.

The Chairman then announced that the Convention Committee would meet at the Powers Hotel on Monday. Places of meeting will be posted on the hotel bulletin board. Meetings will begin at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 P.M., to reconvene in the Rochester Turners' Gymnasium on Tuesday, August 30 at 9:00 A.M. on motion by Turner Orchard, second by Turner Kopp. Motion carried.

SECOND SESSION

Tuesday Morning, August 30, 1960

The second session of the 48th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order at 9:50 A.M. in the gymnasium of the Rochester Turners by Chairman Andrew J. Doyle.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Doyle, after which a committee from the Women's Auxiliary, composed of Erma J. Taylor of the Rochester Turners, Louella Roth of Covington Turners and Sadie Williams of American Turners S.T.V., Cleveland extended greetings and best wishes for a successful convention.

Chairman Doyle thanked the Women's Auxiliary and announced that a committee composed of the President and Vice Presidents, Turners Groth, Jacquin and Rekovitz, had presented greetings from the Convention to the Women's Auxiliary Convention.

The Chairman next called for nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms. The name of James Szilagyi Jr. was placed in nomination by Turner Miller and seconded by Turner Kovats. The nominations were closed and the Secretary ordered to cast one ballot for Turner Szilagyi on motion by Turner Kopp, second by Turner Nell. Motion carried.

The following telegrams were read by the Secretary:

Sorry that due to adverse physical condition, I am unable to attend this National Convention as a delegate from Illinois District. In the last 67 years, since becoming a member of the American Turners, I have missed very few National Conventions. My best wishes to you for a most successful meeting and Turner Greetings to all of my Turner friends.

L. O. Greiner

Greetings from Olympic Games at Rome.

Theobald Dengler

May I take this opportunity to wish the American Turners an enjoyable meeting in Rochester. It is a personal pleasure to invite the American Turners to consider New York City as the site for your 1962 convention. I sincerely hope that this invitation will be given serious consideration. Regards to all.

Robert F. Wagner

Mayor of the City of New York

Sincere best wishes for a successful meeting in Rochester. The City of New York would delight in welcoming the National Convention to New York in 1962 and I sincerely hope that our city will be given serious consideration. Rest assured of our complete cooperation and continued interest. Please wire me decision collect.

Joanne R. Ledoux

N. Y. Convention and Visitors Bureau

A motion to incorporate the telegrams in the minutes was made by Turner Calhoun and seconded by Turner Lubbers. Motion carried.

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

Turner Stahl then spoke on the invitation of the City of New York to

hold our 1962 Convention there and read a telegram which he had sent with the permission of Turner Groth.

Hon. Robert F. Wagner, Mayor

The City of New York

City Hall

New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The delegates of the Turn Verein Societies, assembled at the 48th National Convention of the American Turners, have asked me to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, your very kind invitation to hold our 1962 Biennial Convention in New York City, and to tell you, Sir, that every consideration will be given to your pleasant request.

With Turner greetings,

Edward Groth

National President

Turner Pitzele suggested that the telegrams be answered. Chairman Doyle directed that this be done where proper and possible.

The Chair then asked all delegates to stand in a moment of silence in memory of the Turners who have passed away in the past two years.

Chairman Doyle then asked for a resolution on the limitation of debate. Turner Kierschner moved to allow the Chair to control the debate and to rely on the discretion of the delegates. The motion was seconded and put to vote. Motion defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to limit a speaker to three minutes at any one time. The motion was amended to allow a delegate to speak not more than twice on the same subject, unless permission is given by the Convention. The amendment was seconded and passed. Amended motion carried.

The Chairman then asked each District to submit the name of one of their delegates to serve on the Nominating Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was then called for by the Chair. The report was read by Turner Schenz of the Lake Erie District and a copy was furnished to each delegate.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the 48th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Finance Committee of the Convention met with the following Turners present: Paul Bullard of Fort Wayne Turners, Herbert Heider of Schenectady Turnverein, William F. Kiess of Beaver Falls Turners, William Modrow of Turnverein Eiche, Raymond Morrow of Beaver Falls Turners, Aaron Orchard of Concordia Turners, J. Edward Schenz of Akron Turners, Irma Tabor of Adams Turners, and Joseph Tabor of Adams Turners.

Also present were National President Edward Groth, National Secretary Dr. E. A. Eklund, National Treasurer Edward P. Loeser, Turner Charles K. Baecher, President of A. T. R. Corporation, and Donald J. Statt of the Alfrde H. Miller Company, the auditor of the national organization. The committee selected Turner Orchard as Chairman, and Turner Schenz as Secretary.

The auditor presented the budgets for the years 1961 and 1962 projected

from the 1959 Financial Report, and, after some minor corrections, they were accepted and approved.

Turner Baecher presented the 1960 budget for the A. T. R. Corporation and spoke optimistically of the Rochester situation, and the budget was accepted and approved without the footnotes.

The Financial Reports for the year ending December 31, 1958 as prepared by Donald Margolis, C.P.A., and for the year ending December 31, 1959 as prepared by the Alfred H. Miller Company, were perused by the committee, and accepted and approved.

Turner Orchard reported that the fourth recommendation of the Report of the Finance Committee of the 47th National Convention providing an increase of 25c in the national per capita tax to be used exclusively for the payment of all essential bills incurred at the National Festivals had been adopted and was working out satisfactorily.

The committee then adopted a recommendation that the national officers prepare budgets for the years ending December 31, 1963 and December 31, 1964, so that the Finance Committees could make recommendations and the 49th convention could appropriate funds to cover these budgets.

The committee further recommended that the mailing list on Turner Topics be checked annually for the purpose of saving on publication and mailing costs, chiefly to avoid the expense of furnishing copies thereof to persons whose membership had been terminated.

Respectfully submitted,
Aaron Orchard, Chairman
J. Edward Schenz, Secretary

On motion by Turner Schenz, second by Turner Orchard, the report was adopted.

Turner Eklund reported that the mailing list for Turner Topics was out of date. The mailing list for each society will be sent to the Society Secretary for correction. This correction may cut from 3000 to 4000 names from the present list.

The Chairman next called upon the Convention Committee on Cultural Education to submit the report to the Convention. The report was read by Turner Anna K. Weisz of the New York District after copies had been distributed to all the delegates.

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following Delegates were present:

Sara Palmer	Anna K. Weisz	Ida Barrow
Anastasia Loehr	William Spiegelberg	Benjamin Kohn
Paul Apostolos	Elmer Rautens	Roy Boethelt
Evelyn Rice	Richard Bade	

The meeting was called to order by the National Cultural Chairman, Sara Palmer.

Evelyn Rice was nominated, seconded and unanimously voted chairman of the meeting.

Anna K. Weisz was nominated, seconded and unanimously voted as Secretary of the meetings.

The following recommendations were presented and acted upon accordingly:

1. RECOMMENDATION FROM NEW YORK DISTRICT:

The New York District recommends that the rules be strictly enforced, and that Diplomas be awarded at future National Festivals.

Motion on the floor to coordinate Group S to read asme as music compe- tion adding words "diplomas or such other awards" to refer to Rules Committee.

Recommended, seconded, voted unanimously.

2. Article 11, Group G—changed to antiques (recommendation from Lake Erie District—to refer to Rules Committee.

Motion made by Ida Barrow, seconded by B. Kohn, voted unanimously.

3. Recommendation from Lake Erie that publication entries be changed as follows:

1. Contents interest including:

General Society News

District and National News

Pictorial Interest

Editorials 40 %

2. Typographical layout 20 %

3. Proportion of advertisement 05 %

4. Junior Activity News 35 %

Motion made to refer to Rules Committee, seconded by Rautens, voted unanimously with recommendation of changing.

Advertising 05 %

Junior Activities 35 %

4. Recommendation from Lake Erie—Publications from societies with membership of:

150 and under — Group 1

151 to 400 — Group 2

above 400 — Group 3

Motion made by Paul Apostolos to refer to Rules Committee with sug- gession that consideration be given Article 10, Group F, paras. A & B to eliminate them—voted unanimously.

5. Recommendation from Lake Erie, Item 4, Article 17, Group M changed to read:

A Gross Point

B Petit Point

Motion made to refer to Rules Committee, seconded, voted unanimously.

6. Recommendation from Lake Erie in connection with district festival movies be entered under photography.

Motion made to refer to Rules Comm.

Motion that we recommend to National Con. to Rules Comm. that in connection with our District Cultural Festival movies be shown under Group S, Demonstrations, subject to approval of local chairman and shown at National Cultural Festivals.

Movies should be sent to host society 30 days before festival.

Motion approved, seconded, voted unanimously.

7. Missouri District:

Districts to hold a cultural festival and the winners of each group to be sent to the regional festival for competition and judging then the winning entries be sent to the National Festival for grand awards.

Motion made to be defeated, seconded, voted unanimously

8. or—Each year hold a festival for each group, to be held by any region that would be willing to sponsor it, and the winners would then be on display with the award attached, at the National Apparatus and Field Festival. In that way all winners could be seen by contestants and visitors. Would also be good material for advance advertising purposes. This could also be set up in advance of the festival.

Motion made to be defeated, seconded, voted unanimously

9. After conducting Cultural Festivals on a district level, we would like to recommend to the Cultural Committee for consideration and action, the following changes in the individual competition at Festivals.

ARTICLE 15—Handicraft-Group K

1. Metalcraft.

This class to be sub-divided into two sections:

a. Art Metalcraft

b. Industrial Metalcraft

The reason for this is that entirely different techniques are required for producing bowls, trays and jewelry than for vises, parallel clamps and similar items.

Motion made to refer to Rules Committee, seconded voted unanimously

10. Hats (Millinery) — This class should be changed from Handicraft, Group K to Needlecraft, Group M. We have noted in past competitions that the judges of the Handicraft group may know all about Metalcraft, Woodcraft, etc., but not know a thing about Millinery. This should rightly be judged by the Needlecraft experts.

Motion made to refer to Rules Committee, seconded, voted unanimously

11. With the growing popularity of *Plastics*, this could well be included. While it could be put under Class 6—Miscellaneous, this is such a tremendous field that it could well stand a class of its own.

Motion to recommend to Rules Committee that Plastics be entered as a complete separate group.

Motion made, seconded and voted—1 opposed

12. Include *Mosaic* work under Handicraft. This art is becoming more and more popular. It might even be entered under Ceramics, Group H, especially if the entrant made the tiles completely and then made the mosaic.

Motion made that this recommendation be referred to Rules Committee as is.

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously

13. Article 18—Painting—Group N — Add Number Painting to this list to encourage more participation. Many a person has tried his hand at Number Painting and found out that he liked it well enough to go into more creative work: as such, it should be encouraged.

Motion made to refer to Rules Committee as being defeated

Motion approved, seconded, voted unanimously

14. Lake Erie: Juniors under 17 years of age may participate in any category of cultural competition and gain points for societies.

Motion made to adopt with addition that wording 17 years of age be changed to 14 to 17 years of age.

Motion approved, seconded, voted

15. Motion made that Nat. Cultural Chairman be given authority to select 5 people to serve as a committee. Motion read by Elmer Rautens, seconded by Ida Barrow, voted unanimously.

We recommend that the National Cultural Committee Chairman be granted the authority to select a committee of 5 members to expedite and expand the efficiency of the National Cultural Committee embracing all 9 regions. This measure primarily for economic reasons and greater efficiency in carrying on the Cultural Education Program.

16. Recommendation by Paul Apostoles p. 16, music competition, vocal Group B to F

p. 7, scratch out "G" Group B to F

H to R

2 separate categories be made

1 for individual competition

1 for group competition

that prizes be awarded to top society of Group Competition

that prizes be awarded to top society of Individual Competition

Trophy for each level

Motion seconded, voted unanimously

17. Recommendation from Lake Erie: Sara Palmer be re-elected for office of National Cultural Chairman. Motion approved, seconded, voted unanimously.

18. Re Cultural Meetings: Anastasia Loehr suggested that "once a year" be added to paragraph 15 of this report.

Seconded, voted unanimously carried.

Motion made to adjourn meeting, seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN RICE, Chairman

ANNA K. WEISZ, Secretary

A motion was made by Turner Apostolos and seconded by Turner Shedd to accept the entire report as read. This motion was ruled out of order by the Chair. Because Paragraph 15 of the report concerns a statutory change, the report will have to be acted upon paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph 1 was approved on motion by Turner Kierschner, seconded by Turner Nerl.

Tuner Crook moved the approval of Paragraph 2. Motion seconded by Turner Shedd. Motion carried.

Paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 were ruled approved by the Chair.

Paragraphs 7 and 8 were defeated in committee.

There being no objection, the Chair ruled the approval of Paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Paragraph 13 was defeated in committee.

There being a similar resolution in the Health and Physical Education Committee report, Paragraph 14 was tabled on motion by Turner Nell, seconded by Turner Kopp.

Turner Kierschner stated that if the proposal in Paragraph 15 was meant to replace the existing National Committee on Cultural Education, it was a statutory change.

Turner Palmer stated that the intent of the resolutions was to replace the existing committee with a smaller group to enable the committee to hold meetings. During the six years she has been National Cultural Chairman, no committee meetings have been held due to the expense involved.

The Chair ruled the resolution out of order and suggested that it be properly presented at the next convention.

A motion by Turner Apostolos, seconded by Turner Rautens, not to concur with the ruling of the Chair was defeated.

Paragraph 16 was ruled approved by the Chair.

Paragraph 17 was referred to the Nominating Committee on motion by Turner Kierschner, seconded by Turner Pitzele.

Paragraph 18, being an addendum to Paragraph 15, automatically comes under the ruling for that paragraph.

The report of the Convention Committee on Publicity and Publications was next called for by Chairman Doyle. The report was submitted by Turner Emilie Kolb in mimeographed form with each delegate being furnished a copy of the report which read as follows:

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

To the 48th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The National Publication and Publicity Committee opened its meeting with the following delegates present: Turners Joseph Bastek, Joan Trame, Frank Baumann, Clifford Kinsey, Fred Stoll, and Emilie Kolb.

The committee elected Turner Joseph Bastek as chairman and Turner Emilie Kolb as Secretary.

The following recommendations were adopted:

We recommend that each District prior to the next District Convention have prepared to submit to its Convention their recommendations, and (or samples) of circulars, placards, posters, streamers, brief history, and other materials suitable for publication as part of an educational kit which would be available from the National Society at a nominal fee.

A. To achieve the above recommendations we offer the following solution.

That each District be responsible to present a copy of their ideas to be used in the advertising medium—copies to be sent to the chairman of the respective Board—then forward the copy to the National organization for ratification at the next Convention.

B. A committee from the Central States District be established on a voluntary

basis to accept responsibility to further explore this project.

Motion made to accept as read

2. Motion has been made and accepted that an honest effort be made by each Society to increase the membership of the younger classes (the future Turners) and to promote Turners as a Family Society, as submitted by the Lake Erie District and that this be accomplished by co-operation with Charitable organizations at a local level where practicable.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,
JOSEPH BASTEK, Chairman
EMILIE A. KOLB, Secretary

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the report was adopted.

A motion was made by Turner Kierschner, seconded by Turner Apostolos to adjourn and reconvene at 2:00 P.M. This motion was amended by Turner Westermeyer, seconded by Turner Lubbers, to reconvene at 1:00 P.M. Amendment and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

THIRD SESSION

Tuesday Afternoon, August 30, 1960

The third session of the 48th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order in the gymnasium of the Rochester Turners at 1:20 P.M. by Chairman Doyle.

The report of the Convention Committee on Bowling was called for by the Chairman. The report was read by Turner Schrader, after each delegate had been furnished with a mimeographed copy.

REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

To the 48th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Bowling Committee convened with the following members present: Nick Meyer, Edward W. Timm, Anthony Neidenbach, Harold Arvesen, John Kovats, Thomas Trame and Erwin R. Schrader. Turner Wilfred Racker was in attendance in advisory capacity.

Turner Edward Timm was elected Chairman and Turner Erwin Schrader was elected Secretary.

The minutes of the National Bowling Committee meeting of July 30, 1960 were read and approved with necessary corrections.

Recommended that the following resolutions be adopted:

1. That in all future tournaments, the National Bowling Chairman be empowered to inspect and approve the selection of all trophies, prior to the opening of the tournament.

2. That host society having not less than eight (8) alleys be permitted to use same for women's team event only, with approval of governing bodies.

3. Whereas a second system of prize distribution for all events only has been brought to the attention of the National Bowling Committee and, whereas the National Bowling Committee has not been able to submit a positive recommendation to date, we recommend that the National Bowling Committee,

after further study, present not later than 1961, a positive program for the 1962 season.

4. Recommend to the Nominating Committee the name of Turner Wilfred Racker of Toledo, Ohio as National Bowling Chairman. Referred to Nominating Committee.

5. We recommend that all Turner Societies seek full participation in the 1961 American Turners National Bowling Tournament to be held at the American Turners—South Bend, South Bend, Indiana.

The following resolution submitted to the committee was rejected in committee:

Because of the great distances and considerable expense involved, regardless of where the National Bowling Tournament is held, a great many Turners are unable to attend.

Therefore, be it resolved, that instead of one National Tournament each year, several tournaments be held on a regional basis, with the first prize at each region going to the winning team in each such tournament and said prize being an all-expense trip to a play-off tournament to decide the National Champion. Other prizes could be in cash.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner Greetings,

EDWARD W. TIMM, Chairman

ERWIN SCHRADER, Secretary

On proper motion, seconded and carried, the report was adopted as read.

The Chairman then called for the report of the Convention Committee on Health and Physical Education. This report was read by Turner Carolyn McGrath after copies were distributed to the delegates.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To the 48th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Committee on Health and Physical Education convened with the following Turners present: Walter Kopp, Roy Boethelt, Charles Calhoun, James Szilagyi Jr., Walter Heckelmann, Otto Nerl, Carolyn McGrath, Bob Stahl, A. Herman Niehaus, Fred Campbell, John R. Casad, Charles Miller and Walter Schnurr. Also present was Harry W. Warnken, Chairman of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education.

The Committee elected Walter Kopp as Chairman and Carolyn McGrath as Secretary.

Letters from E. Jan Roberts and Paul Fina were read and ordered filed.

The following recommendations were favorably acted upon by the committee:

1. That the Normal College Manual and the 1947 Leader's Course outline, available on memorandum receipt from the National Office, be used as a uniform guide for all American Turner physical education programs.

2. That (a) in American Turners National Festivals, the age limit of participants in Active Men and Active Ladies groups be lowered and (b) we further recommend that the age limit be set at 15 years of age.

3. That an entry fee of \$10.00 for team events and an entry fee of \$1.00 for individual events be charged for participation in National Championship events.

4. That a competent advisor, to be appointed by the National Council, establish residence in the Turnfest city not less than 14 days prior to the opening date of the Festival.

5. That Rules and Regulations governing the next Festival be compiled and be printed in a booklet.

6. That the method of classifying the Societies at National Festivals be determined as per the number of points a Society can earn. (as was done in Milwaukee in 1955)

7. That participants in field events be given three trials in each event, as provided in the National Turner, Collegiate and A.A.U. Rules.

8. That the National Physical Education Committee be empowered to conduct a National Junior Championship Meet in gymnastics and track and field events.

9. That there be five (5) judges for competitive model drills and that no Turner society instructor can act as judge or supervisor.

10. That in National Turnfest competition the scoring system be modified so that the individual contestants points earned remain as such when counted as society points, with an additional bonus for grade of apparatus work in which the participant has competed.

11. That the minimum requirement for the Men and Women's Pentathlon be lowered to five (5) points.

12. That in the Decathlon, Septathlon and in the Senior Men and Women's Quadrathlon in the National Turnfest, a participant may enter in either apparatus or track and field events or both.

13. That in all team events in the National Turnfest competition, we eliminate classification of societies.

14. That the National Health and Physical Education Committee conduct a Turner leadership refresher course in 1961, if enough participation warrants same.

The following resolutions were rejected by the committee:

1. Recommend that the American Turners have entire basic physical education structure changed to meet our current times; i.e. new types of apparatus, new age groupings and more incentive programs to conform with what other national groups are doing.

For example:

Many of our boys and girls don't know a thing about a Balance Beam or Uneven Parallel Bars.

2. Recommend that the National Convention set up a more permanent Auditing Committee for our National Turnfests.

3. Inasmuch as four years will have elapsed by the next Turnfest, if it is according to schedule, and a fund for its operation will be intact to guarantee its financing, and

Since the Festival in Louisville was again ample proof that activities cannot begin nor can continuity be maintained without necessary and qualified

judges for adequate administration,

BE IT RESOLVED

That judges be adequately reimbursed for their services and enough judges be on hand to insure prompt and proper operations.

4. We recommend that a National Festival be held every two years. It is felt that four years between festivals permits the interest to lag and the younger participants are eager to take part more often.

5. We recommend that the entry fee of \$1.00 be set for all participants in national events.

Bids for the National Volleyball Tournament were received and Fort Wayne Turners was selected by the committee to hold this event.

The committee wishes to submit the names of Turners Henry Schiget and Henry Schroeder to the Convention as nominees for Chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee. The committee also wishes to go on record as having nominated Turner Harry Warnken. However, nomination was declined by Turner Warnken.

Respectfully submitted, with Turner greetings,

WALTER KOPP, Chairman

CAROLYN McGRATH, Secretary

On motion by Turner Shedd, second by Turner Szilagyi, it was decided to take separate action on each paragraph of the committees recommendations.

With no objection, the Chair ruled approval of Paragraph 1.

After considerable debate, a show of hands was called for on Paragraph 2. Part (a) was approved by a vote of 42 to 24. Part (b) was also approved by a vote of 43 to 27.

Paragraph 3 passed by voice vote after regular motion and second.

Paragraph 4 was defeated by a vote of 30 to 23.

Paragraph 5 was defeated by voice vote after proper motion and second.

Paragraphs 6 through 14 were adopted in succession, by voice vote, after regular motion and second.

A motion was made by Turner Shedd and seconded by Turner Modrow to accept the committee report as a whole. Motion carried.

On motion by Turner Cavanagh, seconded by Turner Modrow, all the previous committee reports were accepted as a whole.

A motion was made by Turner Apostolos, seconded by Turner Shedd to take Paragraph 14 of the Cultural Committee report from the table. Motion carried.

Turner Palmer made a motion to amend the resolution by changing "14 to 17 years of age" to "15 to 17 years of age." Motion seconded by Turner Bade. Amendment adopted.

Paragraph 14 of the Cultural Committee report was then adopted after regular motion and second.

On proper motion and second, the Cultural Committee report was accepted as a whole.

At this point, a motion was made by Turner Crook and seconded by Turner Meyer to adjourn this session at 4:30 P.M. to enable all delegates to

prepare for the banquet in the evening. The Convention to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday. Motion carried.

Chairman Doyle then called for the report of the Convention Committee on National Affairs, which was read by Turner Szilagyi after each delegate had received a copy.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

To the 48th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Committee on National Affairs convened with the following members present: August Andre, Stephen Reskovitz, Elmer Crook, James Szilagyi, Louis Aichele, Joseph Zimmermann, Russell Dreher, Andrew Doyle, Chris Bleidestel, Orville Cavanagh, Louis Baker, John Westermeyer, Axel Nordstrom, A. H. Heyn, Forrest Steinlage, Robert Schuler, Alfred F. Kierschner, Roy J. Davidson, Clifford Anderson, Roger Catlin, John Stocker, Lawrence Conger, Otto Wagner and Harry Schoene. Edward Groth and George Jacquin of the National Council also attended the meeting.

Turner Stephen Reskovitz was elected as Chairman and Turner James Szilagyi was elected Secretary.

Recommend that the following resolutions be adopted:

1. Whereas the American Turners Instructors Fund, which was created in 1931 to provide financial relief for Turner Gymnasium Instructors in case of dire circumstances, and

Whereas no official request for aid from said Fund has been requested during the past six (6) years, and

Whereas there has been Social Security since 1939, and

Whereas said Fund has grown to the sum of \$21,000.00, and

Whereas there appears to be no further apparent justification for the perpetuation of said Fund, and

Whereas there is urgent need for Funds in other departments of the American Turners.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Legal Committee of the American Turners look into the possibility and/or the probability of reassigning the moneys of the American Turner Instructors' Fund.

2. We recommend that Societies who are not operating under the principles and statutes of the American Turners be warned that they must comply and that if in a period of two (2) years have neglected to do so, we then recommend that they be removed from the Roll of the American Turners.

3. We recommend that the Council of the American Turners request the Jahn Fund to subsidize scholarships to the extent of three, at \$250.00 each per year.

4. We recommend that the Women's Auxiliary be thanked for assuming a percentage of the cost of the Leaders Course for both men and women.

5. We recommend that since the Sahalie Ski Club, a member society, has been inactive in their relations to the American Turners and since no membership report has been submitted for many years, nor any information is

received in response to letters, that the 48th National Convention, convening in Rochester, New York, remove this Society from the membership roll of the American Turners.

6. We recommend that all societies exempt members in the military service from payment of society dues.

7. We recommend that all beer advertising be removed from the exterior of all Turner Buildings.

NOTE: This may help to eradicate the statements that Turner Halls are just beer drinking clubs. It is doubtful in any case, whether the signs increase the sales.

8. We recommend that paragraph 109 of the Statutes of the American Turners captioned "per capita tax" be strictly enforced by the National Council and any society failing to comply with its provision be reported to the next convention for disciplinary action or explanation.

NOTE: This matter was discussed at the last National Convention — see paragraphs 4 and 5 on page 42 of the minutes of the 47th convention.

9. We recommend that the American Turners, Toledo, would like to put in a bid for the 1962 National Convention to be held in Toledo.

10. We recommend that the delegates at the 48th Convention at Rochester give Concordia of the Missouri District Turners the permission to pilot the program until the next regular convention in 1962 — which would be the 49th National Convention, which is as follows:

The National Secretary send only to Concordia Turners the seals in bulk, only Concordia of the Missouri District Turners to pay the mailing charges to their own members and friends and Concordia Turners to receive 33 1/3% of the total receipts of the sale of seals.

11. We also recommend that other societies requesting the same privilege as the Concordia regarding Turner stamps can do so by requesting the National Office for a supply of Turner stamps for their Society.

12. We recommend that the American Turners make an all-out effort to unfold to our members the secret of who, what and why our reason for being. It could be in the form of some pertinent NOTICE for the society bulletin board and paper. If it does nothing more, it should make for closer relations with the National Council. Turner Topics could have an editorial pertinent to the matter every issue.

13. We recommend that a special committee be appointed by the National Council to be known as the Study and Planning Committee of the American Turners.

Its purpose will be to survey and analyze and appraise the condition of the American Turners, nationally, as districts and as individual societies. Also to submit to the National Council and future conventions, a plan of procedure designed to strengthen and re-develop our entire Turner structure organization and operation.

Be it further resolved that the Trustees of the Jahn Fund be asked to assist this project by furnishing financial aid to properly conduct said survey, analysis and appraisal.

14. We recommend that the Southwest Turners of St. Louis be dropped

from the American Turners for non-payment of per capita tax for the years of 1958 - 1959.

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

1. We recommend that National Turner Week be observed during the last week in September or the first week in October, in order to coincide with the opening of fall activities.

2. Inasmuch as our National Turnfests are sorely in need of greater publicity and we feel our festival definitely merits it as well as the Turner Movement as a whole, it behooves us to do something about it.

Since it merited about an hour's discussion at the convention at Louisville and died for want of a feasible vehicle to carry it to a successful conclusion, and

Since we fail so miserably for want of effort or prestige, and

Since we ourselves are really sold on the idea that our festival is a big thing, then why not use it as a vehicle toward that end, and

Since it is financed and underwritten by the American Turners,

Be it resolved, again, for consideration

That the National Council be empowered to seek promotion of the next festival through some worthy charity.

Respectfully submitted, with Turners greetings,
STEPHEN RESKOVITZ, Chairman

JAMES SZILAGYI, Secretary

On motion by Turner Apostolos, seconded by Turner Catlin, it was decided to act on each recommendation of the committee separately.

Recommendations 1 through 8 were approved in succession by voice vote after proper motion and second.

Recommendation 9 was tabled until new business on motion by Turner Nerl, seconded by Turner Modrow.

Recommendation 10 through 14 were approved by voice vote, in succession, after proper motion and second.

Moved by Turner Meyer, seconded by Turner Kopp to accept the report of the committee as a whole. Motion carried.

Turner Steinlage then presented the revised report of the Credentials Committee as ordered by the First Session of the Convention.

The revised report was accepted on motion by Turner Kierschner, seconded by Turner Stocker.

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

The revised report of the Credentials Committee is given in the minutes of the First Session.

The Convention adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 1960.

FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday Morning, August 31, 1960

The fourth session of the 48th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order in the gymnasium of the Rochester Turners at 9:35 A.M. by Chairman Doyle.

Copies of the report of the Convention Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances were distributed to all delegates. Turner Grace Dreher, Secretary of the committee, read the report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES

To the 48th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The Principles, Statutes and Grievance Committee convened with the following Turners present: Nat Pitzele, A. H. Heyn, Joseph Lubbers, August Kruwell, A. J. Schmid, Alfred Kierschner, Alfred J. Harjes, Joseph L. Beck, Otto K. Nell, Willi Franck, Dr. Elmer Shedd, William Huth, Grace Dreher.

The committee elected Otto Nell chairman and Grace Dreher as secretary.

The following resolutions were favorably acted upon.

1. In order to provide for a closer association between the American Turners and the American Turner National Women's Auxiliary, the National Council recommends to the 48th Convention meeting in Rochester, New York, that the membership of the Council be expanded in numbers, providing for a seat with voice and vote, of the National President of the American Turner National Auxiliary on this Council, with the expenses to be borne by the Treasury of the Women's Auxiliary.

This solution was approved on motion by Turner Huth, seconded by Turner Shedd.

2. The Council of the American Turners recommends an amendment to the Statutes (paragraph 41, page 9) which would permit the elected officers and members of Council to assume their offices thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the convention.

A motion was made by Turner Shedd, seconded by Turner Lubber to approve this recommendation. To change paragraph 41 of the Principles and statutes to read, "the term of Office of the National Council shall begin 30 days after its election and shall continue until its successors assume office. Motion carried.

3. Since women are active bowlers in the American Turner National Handicap Bowling Tournaments, having participated in eleven (11) tournaments and: Since Women Bowling is controlled by the Women's International Bowling Congress, the National Bowling Committee convening in Rochester, New York, July 25, 1959 respectfully recommend Women members of the American Turners be represented on the National Bowling Committee as a Member-At-Large.

This recommendation was approved on motion by Turner Shedd, seconded by Turner Schmid.

4. Inasmuch as the National Committees on Physical Educaion, Cultural Education and Bowling have been seriously handicapped in their operation due to the fact that the committees are so decentralized that it is economically impossible for them to meet as often as they should to permit efficient operation; BE IT RESOLVED that the National Council be encouraged to make a study of the situation with a view toward reorganization so that these committees could operate more efficiently and more economically. We further recommend to the National Council that it investigate the feasibility of using the multiple telephone system for meetings. This is to reduce the cost of National Council and Committee meetings.

A motion was made to present this resolution to the convention without recommendation. (motion carried.)

5. RECOMMEND that the National Council have the student granted a scholarship to the "Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union of Indiana University" sign document, stating that the student will teach for two (2) years at a society of the American Turners, at the time applicant accepts scholarship; that this be in duplicate, with a copy forwarded to the sponsoring society.

A motion was made by Turner Huth, seconded by Turner Shedd that this recommendation also be presented to the open convention. (motion carried.)

6. We recommend to the National Convention that Bowlers be allowed to participate in the National Tournament if they have been members of a Turner Society for three months prior to the opening of the tournament.

Upon a motion from Turner Shedd, seconded by Turner Schmid, this is presented to the convention.

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

1. We recommend that a Nominating Committee be formed six (6) months prior to the National Convention for the purpose of submitting the list of candidates for the various National Offices and this list be submitted in time for the various District Convention proceedings.

2. In as much as all Turner societies do not recognize women as members, we recommend that any woman who is a member in good standing of any Turner Auxiliary be eligible to serve as Chairman of the National Cultural Committee.

NOTE:

Council, at it's meeting in Chicago, February 21, 1960, ruled that under the Statutes of the American Turners, only members can be elected to Council. Any woman is eligible to membership. She may be a Member-at-Large if societies do not accept women.

3. We recommend that the per capita tax of the American Turners be raised to \$3.00 per year, effective January 1, 1961, to be allocated as follows:

General Fund	\$1.25
Turner Topics75
Publicity Fund25
Turnfest Fund50
Physical Educational and Cultural25

\$3.00

In connection with the above resolution, and as an explanation for the allocation of \$.25 per capita tax for publicity, the following resolution is submitted:

We recommend that the \$.25 of the per capita tax set aside for publicity be governed by the National Council and these funds be used to subsidize the publicity program of those districts and societies that have an adequate program of physical education.

Note: The \$.25 increase in Turnfest fund is to allow for National Festivals every two years, in the event that resolution is also passed.

4. We recommend that the National Governing Body be located in one region or in one society with all the officers and members living in one region in close proximity to one another.

A motion was made by Turner Heyn, seconded by Turner Shedd that this committee requests a report as to action taken in regards to Society Membership Initiation Procedures as directed by the 46th National Convention.

Respectfully submitted, with Turners greetings,

OTTO K. NELL, Chairman

GRACE DREHER, Secretary

Because of statutory changes involved, the Chair ruled that each resolution of this report would have to be considered separately.

Resolution 1 was passed by Roll Call vote: 146 for; 6 against; 4 not present.

DISTRICT	FEDERAL VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT PRESENT
Central States	15	15	0	—
Illinois	11	11	0	—
Lake Erie	20	20	0	—
Middle Atlantic	5	5	0	—
Minnesota	2	—	—	2
Missouri	3	3	0	—
New England	19	19	0	—
New Jersey	1	1	0	—
New York	8	7	1	—
North Pacific	—	—	—	—
Rocky Moutain	2	—	—	2
Saint Louis	4	4	0	—
South Bend	5	0	5 (By Instruction)	—
Southern California	2	2	0	—
Upper Mississippi	17	17	0	—
Western New York	6	6	0	—
Western Pennsylvania	31	31	0	—
Wisconsin	4	4	0	—
Members-at-Large	1	1	0	—
Total	156	146	6	4

Resolution 2 was passed by Roll Call vote: 150 for — 2 against; 4 not present.

DISTRICT	FEDERAL VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT PRESENT
Central States	15	15	0	—
Illinois	11	9	2	—
Lake Erie	20	20	0	—
Middle Atlantic	5	5	0	—
Minnesota	2	—	—	2
Missouri	3	3	0	—
New England	19	19	0	—
New Jersey	1	1	0	—
New York	8	8	0	—
North Pacific	—	—	—	—
Rocky Mountain	2	—	—	2
Saint Louis	4	4	0	—
South Bend	5	5	0	—
Southern California	2	2	0	—
Upper Mississippi	17	17	0	—
Western New York	6	6	0	—
Western Pennsylvania	31	31	0	—
Wisconsin	4	4	0	—
Members-at-Large	1	1	0	—
Total	156	150	2	4

Resolution 3 was adopted by Roll Call Vote: 123 for—6 against! 4 not present; 22 not voting and 1 voting present.

	<i>Federal</i> Votes	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Not</i> <i>Voting</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Not</i> <i>Present</i>
Central States	15	15	0	—	—	—
Illinois	11	9	2	—	—	—
Lake Erie	20	20	0	—	—	—
Middle Atlantic	5	5	0	—	—	—
Minnesota	2	—	—	—	—	2
Missouri	3	3	0	—	—	—
New England	19	—	—	19	—	—
New Jersey	1	1	0	—	—	—
New York	8	4	0	3	1	—
North Pacific	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rocky Mountain	2	—	—	—	—	2
Saint Louis	4	4	0	—	—	—
South Bend	5	5	0	—	—	—
Southern California	2	2	0	—	—	—
Upper Mississippi	17	17	0	—	—	—
Western New York	6	6	0	—	—	—
Western Pennsylvania	31	31	0	—	—	—
Wisconsin	4	0	4	—	—	—
Members-at-Large	1	1	0	—	—	—
Total	156	123	6	22	1	4

Turner Timm raised the question of the method of appointment of the woman member of the Bowling Committee. This was referred to the Convention Bowling Committee for presentation under new business.

After considerable debate, Resolution 4 was passed by Roll Call vote; 92½ for — 59½ against; 4 not present.

DISTRICT	FEDERAL VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT PRESENT
Central States	15	13	2	—
Illinois	11	9	2	—
Lake Erie	20	20	0	—
Middle Atlantic	5	0	5	—
Minnesota	2	—	—	2
Missouri	3	3	0	—
New England	19	15	4	—
New Jersey	1	1	0	—
New York	8	1	7	—
North Pacific	—	—	—	—
Rocky Mountain	2	—	—	2
Saint Louis	4	2	2	—
South Bend	5	2½	2½	—
Southern California	2	2	0	—
Upper Mississippi	17	17	0	—
Western New York	6	6	0	—
Western Pennsylvania	31	0	31	—
Wisconsin	4	0	4	—
Members-at-Large	1	1	0	—
Total	156	92½	59½	4

A motion was made by Turner Jacquin, seconded by Turner Modrow to amend Resolution 5 to have the last line read "that this be in triplicate, with copies being forwarded to the sponsoring district and society. Amendment carried.

Turner Modrow made a motion to approve Resolution 5 as amended. This motion was seconded by Turner Lubbers. Motion carried.

Resolution 6 was approved on proper motion and second.

On the question of initiation procedure, it was reported by Turners Groth and Eklund that nothing had been done by the National Council. Several of the societies now have initiation ceremonies and it was suggested that these be forwarded to Council for study.

On motion by Turner Lubbers, second by Turner Modrow the committee report was accepted in full.

The next order of business being the election of officers, the Chair called for the report of the Nominating Committee. This report was read by Turner Heyn.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the 48th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

The committee met with the following members present:

John Westermeyer — St. Louis District
Elmer Crook — Missouri
Walter W. Kopp — Wisconsin
Carl Tullner — New York
Axel Nordstrom — New England
Fred D. Stoll — Western New York
Clifford Anderson — Western Pennsylvania
Otto Wagner — New Jersey
August Andre — Middle Atlantic
Otto K. Nell — S. California
John R. Casad — Upper Mississippi
Louis Baker — Illinois
Forrest F. Steinlage — Central States
Al Heyn — South Bend
Lou Aichele — Lake Erie

The committee elected Lou Aichele as chairman and Al Heyn as secretary.

Recommended for the Office of

President:

George J. Jacquin, Buffalo, New York.
Carl Anderson, Moline, Illinois.

First Vice-President:

Stephen H. Reskovitz, Wilmington, Delaware.
Bruno Pietuchoff

Second Vice-President:

Andrew Doyle, Illinois District
James Szilagyi, Lake Erie.
John Westermeyer, St. Louis District.

Chairman of National Health and Physical Education Committee:

Henry Schroeder, New York District.
Henry Shiget, Illinois District.

Chairman of National Cultural Education Committee:

Sara G. Palmer, Detroit, Michigan.

Chairman of National Bowling Committee:

Wilfred Racker, Toledo, Ohio.

Trustee of the American Turner Endowment Trust:

Stephen Reskovitz, Wilmington, Delaware.

Regional Councilors:

Region I — No recommendation

Region II — Robert Stahl

Region III — Joseph Volpenheim
 Region IV — William O. Huth
 Region V — Walter Kopp
 Region VI — Al. E. Warr
 Region VII — Willi Franck
 Region VIII — Otto Nell
 Region IX — Clifford Anderson

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings,
 LOUIS, G. AICHELE, Chairman
 AL HEYN, Secretary

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

Chairman Doyle then appointed Turners Heyn, Schuler and Shedd as tellers for the election of officers.

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

No objection being raised from the floor, the Chair ordered this procedure to be followed.

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

The Chair then called for additional nominations for the office of President. There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Turner Nell, seconded by Turner Shedd to close nominations. Motion carried.

The vote for President resulted as follows:

Carl Anderson — 110 1/6

George Jacquin — 41 5/6

Chairman Doyle declared Turner Carl Anderson elected President of the American Turners. In the absence of Turner Anderson, it was decided that the Convention Secretary send a telegram informing him of his election.

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

The following telegram was sent to Turner Anderson:

Carl Anderson
 522 24th St.
 Moline Illinois

You have been elected President of the American Turners.

WILLIAM O. HUTH,
 Convention Secretary

Chairman Doyle next called for additional nominations for the office of First Vice President. Turner George Jacquin was nominated by Turner Groth. The nomination was seconded by Turner Pitzele. There being no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was made by Turner Shedd and seconded by Turner Meyer. Motion carried.

The ballots were collected and the tellers reported the following vote:

George Jacquin	67
Stephen Reskovitz	66
Bruno Pietuchoff	19

As no candidate had a majority of the votes cast, the name of the candidate with the least amount of votes was dropped, according to the Statutes, and a second ballot was taken on the remaining candidates.

The results of this ballot was as follows:

George Jacquin	85
Stephen Reskovitz	67

The Chair declared Turner George Jacquin re-elected First Vice President of the American Turners. Turner Jacquin expressed his thanks to the delegates for their confidence in him and for the honor bestowed upon him.

The time during the counting of ballots was used for announcements.

Turner Palmer reported on the Songfest at the American Turners—Toledo which was directed by the 47th National Convention. All societies were contacted, but the only answers received were from Cleveland S.T.V., Toledo, Moline, and Springfield. She asked for greater cooperation in affairs of this type.

Turner Baker extended an invitation to all delegates to attend the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Lincoln Turners of Chicago on November 13, 1960.

Chairman Doyle asked for bids for the 49th National Convention of the American Turners in 1962. Bids to be presented under new business.

Turner Groth explained that the separate registration fee and banquet ticket at this Convention was an attempt to stay away from the "package plan," which had been the object of much adverse criticism.

Turner Pitzele made a motion, seconded by Turner Apostolos, to send a telegram to Turner Rudy Komm of Chicago wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner Groth, seconded by Turner Baker to send a similar telegram to Turner Louis Greiner of Chicago. Turner Steinlage moved, seconded by Turner Schnurr to also send such a telegram to Turner Joseph Weissmueller of Louisville. Both motions carried.

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

The following telegram was sent to all three aforementioned Turners:

The American Turner 48th National Convention wishes you speedy recovery and early return to Turner activities.

ANDREW DOYLE, Chairman
WILLIAM O. HUTH, Secretary

The Convention recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

FIFTH SESSION

Wednesday Afternoon, August 31, 1960

The fifth session of the 48th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order in the gymnasium of the Rochester Turners at 1:45 P.M. by Chairman Doyle.

The Chairman called for the election of a Second Vice President of the American Turners.

In the absence of Vice-Chairman Beck, Turner Doyle turned the Chair over to Secretary Huth to withdraw his name from nomination for the office of Second Vice President.

Turner Doyle then resumed the Chair and called for further nominations for Second Vice President. Turner Kierschner nominated Turner Reskovitz. The nomination was seconded by Turner Shedd.

There being no further nominations from the floor, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to close nominations.

The vote was taken and the tellers reported as follows:

Stephen H. Reskovitz	88 5/9
John Westermeyer	34
James Szilagyi	29 4/9

There being a majority of votes cast for Turner Reskovitz, he was declared duly elected and he in turn thanked the delegates and promised to do his best for the American Turners.

The Chair announced that next in order was the election of a Chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee.

Nominations being open to the floor, Turner Dreher nominated Turner Charles Calhoun. The nomination was seconded by Turner Kovats.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Turner Kopp, seconded by Turner Aichele to close nominations. Motion carried.

The result of the vote was as follows:

Henry Schroeder	89 5/9
Charles Calhoun	37
Henry Shiget	25 4/9

Turner Schroeder, having received a majority of votes, was declared elected to the office of the Chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee.

The Chairman called for the election of a Chairman of the National Cultural Education Committee, for which office Turner Sara G. Palmer was nominated. There being no further nomination from the floor, a motion was made by Turner Aichele, seconded by Turner Apostolos and passed to close nominations. The Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the unanimous election of Turner Palmer, who was then declared elected.

Turner Palmer expressed her thanks for the confidence placed in her and asked for the cooperation of all Turners in the Cultural Education Program.

The next order of business was the election of a Chairman of the National Bowling Committee, for which Turner Wilfred Racker had been nominated.

There being no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Turner Anderson and seconded by Turner Timm to close nominations. Motion carried. Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Racker, who was declared duly elected.

Turner Racker thanked the delegates and promised to continue his work for the American Turners.

Chairman Doyle declared the Convention ready to proceed with the election of the Regional Councilors for the nine Regions of the American Turners and asked in succession for additional nominations from each Region. Turner Bruno Pietuchoff was nominated from Region I and Turner Huth withdrew his name from nomination for Region IV, placing the name of James Szilagyi Sr. in nomination. This nomination was seconded by Turner Aichele.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Turner Aichele and seconded by Turner Shedd to close nominations. Motion carried.

As there was only one nominee for each position, a motion was made by Turner Arvesen and seconded by Turner Shedd that the Secretary cast one ballot for the unanimous election of the nine Regional Councilors. Motion carried.

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

Region No. 1 — Bruno Pietuchoff

Region No. 2 — Robert Stahl

Region No. 3 — Joseph Volpenheim

Region No. 4 — James Szilagyi Sr.

Region No. 5 — Walter W. Kopp

Region No. 6 — Al Warr

Region No. 7 — Willi Franck

Region No. 8 — Otto Nell Sr.

Region No. 9 — Clifford E. Anderson

The next order of business was the election of Trustees of the American Turner Endowment Trust. As Turner Carl Anderson had been elected President of the American Turners, he could not serve as an elected Trustee and would have to be replaced. Turner Reskovitz, who had completed a term as an elected Trustee, could not be re-elected because of his election as Second Vice President of the American Turners. This left two positions to be filled. The Chairman called for nominations for the office of Trustee.

The name of John Westermeyer was placed in nomination by Turner Andre and seconded by Turner Catlin.

Turner Edward Groth was nominated by Turner Kierschner. The nomination was seconded by Turner Szilagyi.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close nominations.

Chairman Doyle explained to the delegates that there were two openings for Trustees, one for a six (6) year term and one for a four (4) year term. Therefore the delegates should vote for only one candidate and the candidate with the highest number of votes would be elected for the six year term with the other candidate being elected for a four year term. This being acceptable

by the Convention, the ballot was cast and resulted as follows:

John Westermeyer	98
Edward Groth	47

Turner Westermeyer was declared elected for the six year term and Turner Groth for the four year term.

During the balloting, Turner Heyn asked for the cooperation of all Turner Societies in the 1961 National Bowling Tournament to be held in South Bend, Indiana. He also announced that the South Bend Turners would be celebrating their 100th Anniversary during the time of the tournament and expressed the wish that a number of visiting Turners would be on hand to help them celebrate this milestone.

The Nominating Committee was dismissed with thanks by the Chair.

The Convention then opened under new business. The first order of business was the selection of a site for the 49th Convention in 1962. Bids were received from American Turners — Toledo, Akron Turners and Fort Wayne Turners.

Turner Racker spoke for Toledo, Turner Bullard for Fort Wayne and Turner Kovats spoke for the Akron Turners.

A vote was taken by ballot with the following result:

Toledo	78 $\frac{3}{8}$
Fort Wayne	57 $\frac{3}{8}$
Akron	9

Toledo, Ohio was declared the site of the next Convention. Turner Wilfred Racker, speaking for the Toledo Turners, assured the delegates of a successful Convention in 1962.

The tellers were then discharged with thanks for a job well done.

Turner Kierschner entered a tentative bid for the 50th Convention in 1964 for New York Turnverein. A tentative bid from the Syracuse Turners was also received for the 1964 Convention.

Turner Timm then proposed the following method of selecting a woman Member-at-Large for the National Bowling Committee:

1. Each Regional member of the National Bowling Committee to procure nominations from his Region.

2. Committee chairman will make no nominations.

3. Election will be by vote of members of the Bowling Committee. Chairman will vote only in case of a tie.

4. Term of office will be for one year.

5. Election to be held each year, about September 1st.

6. Election to be subject to approval by the National Council.

7. The woman elected must be an active bowler, bowling in any National Turner Bowling Tournament and must be a member of an American Turner society or the wife of a member of an American Turner society or a member of a recognized active section of an American Turner society.

A motion was made by Turner Kovats to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Turner Niehaus. Motion carried.

The following resolution was then presented by Turner Apostolos to

replace Paragraph 15 of the report of the Convention Committee on Cultural Education, which was ruled out of order due to a statutory change involved:

We recommend that the National Cultural Chairman be granted the authority to name an advisory committee from the National Cultural Committee of not more than five (5) members to expedite the efficiency of the National Cultural Committee. This meeting to take place once a year at the expense of the "Physical-Cultural Fund."

A motion was made, seconded and carried that this resolution be adopted.

A motion by Turner Groth, seconded by Turner Schnurr, that rules and procedures for National Conventions be drawn up and presented to Convention was defeated and replaced by a motion by Turner Stahl, seconded by Turner Reskovitz, that the National Council be instructed to draw up rules and procedures for the conduct of National Conventions and to submit them to the Districts for approval before the next National Convention. Motion carried.

Turner Stahl then proposed sending the following radiogram to the United States Olympic Committee at Rome, Italy:

Greetings:

The delegates of the American Turners, assembled at the 48th National Convention of the American Turners in Rochester, N. Y., extend sincere best wishes for every success to the team of men and women representing the United States at the XVII Olympiad in Rome, Italy.

With Turner greetings,
The American Turners

With no objections, the Chair granted permission and the radiogram was sent by the Secretary after adjournment of the meeting.

The following resolution was read by the Assistant Secretary, Turner Carolyn McGrath:

To the 48th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings:

Be it resolved that this Convention of the American Turners in session at Rochester, New York on August 31, 1960 expresses its deepest gratitude and commendation to the officers, directors, the Convention Committee, members and staff of the American Turners, Rochester, and to the officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Turners, Rochester, for their outstanding hospitality and for the excellent and efficient manner in which the necessary facilities and accommodations were arranged and provided for the business, pleasure and convenience of the delegates to the Convention, and

Be it further resolved that this Convention commend and express its appreciation and thanks to Mayor Peter Barry, his official family and staff, the Chamber of Commerce, the Press, the citizens of Rochester and to the Management and Staff of the Powers Hotel, Rochester, for their part in making the visit of the delegates to this Convention such a delightful and pleasant experience, and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Convention and a properly inscribed copy be forwarded by the National

Secretary to the American Turners, Rochester, Mayor Peter Barry, the Chamber of Commerce, the Press and the Manager of the Powers Hotel.

The resolution was adopted on motion by Turner Kierschner, seconded by Turner Bade.

Turner Niehaus moved that in future Conventions, no resolutions be acted upon which have not been submitted to the National Office the required period of time before the date of the Convention, as required by the Statutes. Motion seconded by Turner Harjes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner Groth and seconded by Turner Shedd to thank the Convention Officers and to commend them for a fine job. Motion carried.

Turner Kierschner suggested that a telegram be sent to Turner Schroeder and other new National Officers and members of Council who were not present at the Convention.

The Secretary was ordered to comply and the following telegrams were sent after the meeting:

Henry W. Schroeder
1450 Parkchester Rd.
New York 62, N. Y.

The 48th National Convention of the American Turners has elected you Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee.

WILLIAM O. HUTH,
Convention Secretary

Joseph A. Volpenheim
529 West Elm St.
Ludlow, Kentucky

The 48th National Convention of the American Turners has elected you as member of the National Council for Region III.

WILLIAM O. HUTH,
Convention Secretary

Turner Racker announced that the National Council had awarded the 1962 Bowling Tournament to American Turners "Northwest," Chicago.

Turner Nell urged all societies and members to write their Congressmen and Senators asking for exemption or reduction of excise tax for the American Turners, a non-profit organization. He also asked that this appeal be published in Turner Topics. Turner Nell put this into a motion which was seconded by Turner Lubbers. Motion carried.

Turner Catlin thanked the American Turners and the National Council for the award of the 1960 Bowling Tournament and this Convention to the Rochester Turners. It has been a great financial help in their struggle to rebuild their society.

There being no further business, Chairman Doyle declared the 48th National Convention to the American Turners adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

ANDREW J. DOYLE, Chairman
JOSEPH L. BECK, Vice-Chairman
WILLIAM O. HUTH, Secretary
CAROLYN McGRATH, Assistant Secretary

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

The following telegram was received after adjournment:

American Turners National Convention

Rochester Turners

1550 Clinton Ave., North

Rochester, N. Y.

Attn. Mr. Huth, Convention Secretary

I accept the Presidency of the American Turners with humility and hope.

I wish to thank the delegates for the vote of confidence.

Carl R. Anderson,

Moline, Illinois