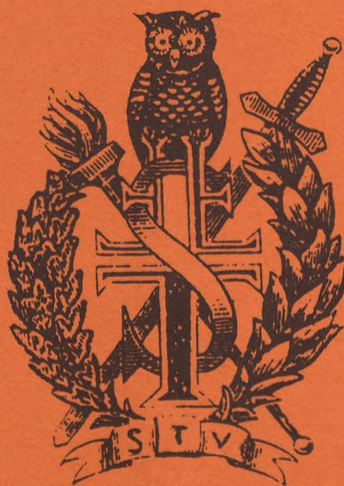


2004 AMERICAN TURNERS
70TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
43RD LADIES AUXILIARY
CONVENTION
AUGUST 5TH, 6TH & 7TH



SYRACUSE, NY
CELEBRATING OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

MAY 15, 1854



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PART A

**AGENDA FOR THE
70TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS
AT THE SYRACUSE TURNERS - SYRACUSE, NEW YORK
AUGUST 5, 6, 7 2004**

Call to order at 7:00 P.M. by National President Daisy Leidy.

Presentation of the United States, The American Turners, The Syracuse Turners, The City of Syracuse, and the State of New York colors, followed by Society and District colors.

Pledge of Allegiance (please remain standing).

National Anthem (please remain standing.)

Moment of silence in memory of Turners who have passed away.

Words of welcome from Syracuse Turners President, Don Schmidt.

Introduction of Syracuse Convention Committee.

Introduction of distinguished guests (non-Turner guests).

Syracuse cultural entertainment.

Introduction of National Officers and Chairpersons:

National President	Daisy Leidy
National First Vice President	Richard Wolff
National Second Vice President	Marion Oppelt
National Health & Phys. Ed. Comm. Chairperson	Dorothy Steinlage
National Cultural Committee Chairperson	Barbara Riley
National Bowling Committee Chairperson	Thomas O'Hara
President of Endowment Trust Fund	Edwin Colton
President of National Auxiliary	Rose Marie Barber
National Secretary	Shirley Luckhardt

National President appoints:

- Temporary Convention Chairman
- Temporary Convention Co-Chairman
- Temporary Convention Co-Secretaries
- Temporary Convention Parliamentarian

Temporary Chairman assumes chair.

Announcements of importance to the delegates and convention.

Announce that corrections in spelling shall be given to the Convention secretary at the end of this session.

Announce that anyone making nominations, motions, seconds or addressing the Convention, to please stand, give their name and the District they represent.

Temporary Chairman announces that this National Convention will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. In the event there is a discrepancy between our Statutes of the American Turners and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, the statutes shall then govern. (New Article 16a.)

Announcement of rules to govern the convention proceedings and the rules of debate (for a more clear-cut procedure), located on page 5 & 6 of this agenda.

Temporary chairman calls for **REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE** and the distribution of that report to the delegates. Chairman announces that errors in spelling should be given in writing with proper spelling, to the permanent convention secretary before 9:30 a.m. on the following morning.

Temporary chairman then asks for any changes to the Credential Committee Report other than spelling.

Temporary chairman calls for a motion to accept the report or corrected report of the Credentials Committee, to establish the total federal votes for the convention and to seat the delegates.

Temporary chairman announces that the National Convention is now ready to form a permanent organization and asks for the nominations and election of these convention officers:

- Permanent Convention Chairman
- Permanent Convention Vice Chairman
- Permanent Convention Secretary
- Permanent Convention Co-Secretary
- Permanent Convention Parliamentarian
- Permanent Convention Sgt. at Arms and two (2) Assistants

At the conclusion of these elections, the permanent officers for the National Convention assume seats at the head table and the chairman assumes the chair.

At this time the chairman excuses the National Auxiliary President and members of the auxiliary if they so desire.

Chairman calls for the reading of reports from the National Officers and Committee Chairpersons in the following order. Chairman calls for motion to accept each report after being read:

- National President
- National First Vice President
- National Second Vice President
- National Secretary/Treasurer
- National Health & Physical Education Committee Chairperson
- National Cultural Education Committee Chairperson
- National Bowling Committee Chairperson
- President of National Auxiliary
- National Historian
- Turner Topics Editor
- President of Endowment Trust Fund
- Any other reports of importance to this Convention

Immediately following this first session, the following committees will meet to nominate their choice for the:

- National Health & Physical Education Committee Chairperson
- National Cultural Education Committee Chairperson
- National Bowling Committee Chairperson

Chairman will announce that the second session will meet on Friday morning @ 9:00 a.m.

Chairman entertains a motion to adjourn the first session of the convention

SECOND SESSION - FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2004

Chairman calls the second session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman entertains a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous session of this convention.

Chairman calls for **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Procedure for Elections: Chairman announces rules for the election. Election shall be by a majority of the federal votes cast. If a majority is not achieved, the nominee with the least votes shall be dropped and another vote taken until a majority is reached.

Chairman calls upon the Sgt. of Arms and two assistants, none of whom shall be from the same district or a nominee for any office. Tellers pass out and collect all official ballots for each election unless any nominee be unopposed and is elected by acclamation.

Chair instructs the Convention Secretary to record the vote(s) by district and then repeats them to assure accuracy. All original tally sheets shall be signed by the district chairman, tellers and convention chairman and are filed with the National Secretary along with the original copy of the National Convention minutes until the meeting of the National Council votes permission to destroy such documentation.

A seconding speech is in order for all elected offices. Seconding speeches shall last no longer than 2 minutes.

Chairman starts the election process by opening further nominations from the convention floor prior to voting for each of the following offices for two (2) year terms in this order:

- National President
- National First Vice President
- National Second Vice President
- Trustee for the Endowment Trust Fund (6 year term)

At the conclusion of this election (4 offices), the chairman will announce that the election of national chairpersons as recommended by the bowling, cultural, and health & physical education committees will now be held.

Seconding speeches are limited to 2 minutes each.

Chairman starts the election process.

- National Bowling Committee Chairperson
- National Cultural Education Chairperson
- National Health & Physical Education Committee Chairperson

Upon completion of elections chairman entertains a motion to adjourn second session.

Chairman announces any items of interest to the delegates.

Delegates will refer to the committee schedule found in the registration packet, with assigned locations.

Chairman will ask convention secretary to give instructions as to the preparation of minutes.

SECOND SESSION - FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2004 (continued)

Temporary committee chairpersons are responsible for picking up their folders and for starting the committee meetings to elect a permanent chairman and secretary.

Only seated delegates may chair or record committee meetings.

All minutes from committee meetings shall be submitted to convention secretaries immediately following the meetings. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

FINAL SESSION - SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2004

Chairman calls this session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman entertains a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous session of this convention.

National officers will meet and extend greetings to National Auxiliary Convention on behalf of the American Turners.

Chairman calls for reports of the standing committees in this order:

- Finance
- Publications and Publicity
- National and District Affairs
- Bowling
- Cultural
- Health & Physical Education
- Principles, Statutes and Grievances

NOTE: Minutes of each committee shall be read in their entirety.

Any recommendation or resolution shall be referred to new business.

A motion to receive the report is in order.

Chairman calls for any old and unfinished business.

Chairman calls for New Business. Resolutions shall be discussed as numbered. Resolutions dealing with the Statutes of the American Turners shall be voted upon by each district represented and federal votes in the affirmative and in the negative shall be recorded by the secretary showing a two-thirds (2/3) majority to pass. Other resolutions and recommendations may be by voice vote and a majority is needed to pass.

If the National Auxiliary has rejoined the convention floor by this time the chairman should ask if the president would like to report on any major items of business from their auxiliary convention.

Chairman presents bid received by National Office from Eiche Turners to host the 2006 National Convention.

Chairman asks societies to consider placing a bid to host the next national festival.

FINAL SESSION - SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2004 (continued)

Chairman announces location and date of the fall National Council Meeting (Clinton, MA October 8-9, 2004)

Chairman calls for donations to the Endowment Trust Fund.

Chairman calls for anything for the Good and Welfare of the organization.

Chairman calls for a vote of "thanks" to all national officers and council members for their efforts and services.

Chairman asks for a vote of appreciation to the host society.

Chairman calls for convention body to stand for a moment of respectful silence in the memory of all Turners who have passed away since the last National Convention.

Final announcements on banquet information, i.e.: attitude adjustment, dinner, times, etc.

Chairman calls for final adjournment of this National Convention in 2004.

RULES TO GOVERN THE CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS AND RULES OF DEBATE

1. Roberts Rules of Order will govern the Convention proceedings according to Article 16a of the Statutes.
2. Delegates will be permitted to speak for not more than three minutes at any one time, and no delegate will be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the Convention. These regulations shall not apply to delegates submitting reports, who may speak as often as occasion requires.
3. Time and consideration is to be given the Convention Secretary in obtaining the exact wording of all motions, the name and District of the proposer and the delegate who seconded the motion.
4. All orally presented resolutions or amendments are to be submitted to the Convention Secretary in writing before a vote is taken.
5. Committee Reports: (A resolution cannot be "killed" in committee.)
 - (a) consists only of a recommendation that the referred resolution or motion be adopted, or rejected; or
 - (b) the committee can recommend a substitute resolution, that the referred resolution be postponed definitely or indefinitely, or be amended by the change of only a few words.
 - (c) a report is best organized according to the following topics:
 - 1) a description of the way the committee undertook its charge;
 - 2) the facts uncovered or information obtained;
 - 3) the finding or conclusions derived from the facts/information;
 - 4) all reports should list the resolutions and motions, with recommendations and suggestions at the end of the report.

RULES TO GOVERN THE CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS AND RULES OF DEBATE (continued)

NOTE: Since more than one committee may take action on any resolution, for timesaving and to eliminate duplication of effort and debate:

6. All committee resolutions and motions, with recommendations and/or suggestions are to be automatically referred to New Business; where they are to be considered and voted upon in the chronological order of the numbers assigned by the Convention Secretary to the resolution and approved motions.
7. The reporting member of the committee is to make the following motion that, "Under New Business, this convention should implement the recommendations on all resolutions and motions as reported." No second is required since the motion is made on behalf of the committee.
8. Committee reports without corrections, recommendations, resolutions, or motions can be accepted as read, without a second.
9. Committee minority's rights with respect to reports. "Minority report" is a privilege the assembly may accord, not a matter of right--since the appointment of the committee implies the assembly is primarily interested in the finding of the majority of the committee's members. When the minority of a committee wishes to make a formal presentation of its views, it is customary unless the assembly refuses permission, to receive its report immediately after the report of the committee. When the minority report is presented, it is for information and it cannot be acted upon except by a motion to substitute it for the report of the committee. Whether the views of the minority are formally presented or not, however, any member can move that resolutions proposed by the committee be amended, or that they be postponed indefinitely, or that some other appropriate action be taken.

EQUIVALENCE OF TERMS; INCORRECT MOTIONS.

Motion to adopt an entire report. In rare instances after an assembly has received a report, it may have occasion to adopt the (entire) report; an affirmative vote on such a motion has the effect of the assembly's endorsing every word of the report--including the indicated facts and the reasoning--as its own statement. Unlike motions to take the action recommended in a report, a motion "to adopt the report" should be made by someone other than the reporting member and requires a second. Adoption of an entire report is seldom wise except when it is to be issued or published in the name of the whole organization.

The expressions **adopt**, **accept**, and **agree to** are all equivalent--that is, the text adopted becomes in effect the act or statement of the assembly.

A common error is to move that a report "be received" after it has been read--apparently on the supposition that such a motion is necessary for the report to be taken under consideration or to be recorded as having been made. In fact, this motion is meaningless, since the report has already been received. A motion to receive it is unnecessary if the time for its reception is established by the order of business.

Another error--less common, but dangerous--is to move, after the report has been read (or even before the reading), that it "be accepted," when the actual intent is that of the mistaken motion to receive, as just explained. If a motion "to accept" made under any of these circumstances is adopted and is given its proper interpretation, it implies that the assembly has endorsed the complete report.