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of the

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of the

AMERICAN TURNERS

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FIRST SESSION

Sunday Evening, July 16, 1978

The 57th Convention of the American Turners convened at 8:20 P.M. on Sunday, July 16, 1978, at the Rivermont Holiday Inn in Louisville, Kentucky. The invocation was given by Auxiliary Archbishop Charles Maloney of Louisville. Turner Walter Schrader led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by the National Anthem, played by Turner JoAnn Mueller. Turner Robert Harlow, president of Louisville Turners, welcomed the delegates on behalf of his society. National president Wilfred Racker, his wife, Laura, and National Auxiliary President Jean Lahrman were honored by the city of Louisville, represented by Pat Kennedy, Chief of the Convention Bureau.

President Racker thanked the Louisville Turners for their beautiful opening ceremony. He then called for nominations for a temporary chairman. Turner Ted O'Donnell (N.E.) was nominated by H. Schroeder (NY). Motion was made by K. Schrieber (W.N.Y.) to close the nominations. Motion was seconded and carried, and Turner Racker declared Turner O'Donnell as the new temporary chairman. He assumed the chair.

Turner O'Donnell called for nominations for temporary secretary. Turner Lucille Bothfeld (Ill.) was nominated by Martin (Ill.). Motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations, and Turner Bothfeld assumed the position of temporary secretary.

Turner President Racker then presented his report to the Convention.

(All reports of officers and committee chairmen are presented at the end of the report of the First Session.)

Mrs. Jean Lahrman, President of the National Women's Auxiliary, was presented by the chairman, and she extended the greetings of the Auxiliary for a fine Convention. The ladies were then excused.

The report of the Credentials Committee had been presented to the delegates as they arrived, and they were asked to review them and present any changes to the committee chairman and secretary at the back of the room. While this was being done, Turner O'Donnell called for the reports of First Vice President Walter Schrader and Second Vice President Forrest Steinlage.

Changes in the Credentials Committee report were reported by Turner Crook. Motion was then made by Crook and seconded to accept the corrected report and seat the delegates. Motion was carried.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 P.M. by President Wilfred Racker. The following delegates attended the meeting: Eldon Zahm, Central States; J. Edward Hille, Middle Atlantic; Fred Boeker, New Jersey; Elmer Crook, St. Louis; Erwin Schrader, Illinois; Alex Diamant, New York; Cliff Anderson, Western Pa.; George Jacquin, W.N.Y.; Dorothie Timmerman, Upper Miss.; Ed Barrows, Lake Erie; Frank Astaldi, New England; Ray Hall, Minnesota. Turner Elmer Crook was unanimously elected chairman of this committee. Turner Dorothie Timmerman was unanimously elected to serve as secretary.

George Jacquin made a motion to distribute the Credentials Committee report as delegates enter the hall, with a note advising them to look for additions and corrections and report said corrections to the officers of the Credential Committee, who will be seated in the rear of the hall. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Turner Astaldi, seconded by Turner Jacquin, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

DELEGATES LISTED BY DISTRICTS

CENTRAL STATES - 57 Federal Votes

Charles Cooper	Clarence Lahrman, Jr.	Richard Barnes
Tommy Mayes	Kenneth Traylor	Luella C. Roth
Dona Shaefer	Paul Bullard	George Pearson
James Moore	Dick Wolf	Charles Gamble
Harold Jornod	James Rabe	Bob Swan
Dick Senn	Mary Morgan	William L. Maier
Peter Michels, Jr.	Robert St. Peters, Sr.	Doris Stewart
Mac Ernst	Elinor Risch	Ronald D. Matheny
Edmund Pahl	Richard Pahl	Richard Malone
Robert Schuler	Eldon Zahm	Harry E. Hineman
Frank Fielman	Fred Koverman	William Ridge
Ollie Fiebig	Richard Bade	Robert Harlow
William Grauel	A. Graham Morton	Theodore Strobel
Dorothy Steinlage	Betty Heppner	Harry Stewart
Clyde Gaskins		

ILLINOIS DISTRICT - 15 Federal Votes

Ann Trankle	Erwin Schrader	Lucille Bothfeld
Wm. Meyer	Glen Lose	Chic Martin
Warren E. Dalbke	Bill Burkman	Herman Zweifel
Ed Elste	Fritz Korte	Carl Irps, Jr.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT - 8 Federal Votes

Laura Racker	Frank McIntyre - Alt	Hans Wandscher
Pauline McIntyre	Paul DeSalvo	George Heeschen
Ed Barrow	Bill Severns	Frank Konecki

MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT - 12 Federal Votes

Daisy Pippin	Nancy Sahms	James Reifsnyder
David Lebert	Heinz Schueler	J. Edward Hille

MINNESOTA DISTRICT - 4 Federal Votes

Ray Hall

George Kuettner

Richard Runck - Alt.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - 27 Federal Votes

Ted O'Donnell

Alice Astaldi

Frank Astaldi

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT - 4 Federal Votes

Ursula M. Virgens

Victor E. Virgens

Fred Boeker

NEW YORK DISTRICT - 7 Federal Votes

Emma Gebhardt

George Hirsch

Eugene Keller

Henry W. Schroeder

Alex Diamant

Hertha Herman

Edward Sexton

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - 2 Federal Votes, but no mandates received.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT - 11 Federal Votes

Elmer Serb

Nick Meyer

Eugene Solfronk

Barbara Hoch

Harry Warnken

John Westermeyer

Robert Marx

Helen Garcia

Dennis Zeller

Elmer Crook

Anton Hoch

Pauline Stephens

UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT - 17 Federal Votes

LaVern Harksen

Mel Bowker - Alt.

Glen Dau

David Hollats

Joseph Becker

Roland Niebes

Erwin Behr

Betty Dau

Dorothie Timmerman

Forrest Maxwell

Robert Dau

Lloyd Rose

Frank Timmerman

Ervin L. Andresen

Ray Huth

Harold Jurgens

E. G. Squires

Jack Tatge - Alt.

Carl Heald - Alt.

Ray Homad - Alt.

Herman Beckman - Alt.

WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT - 8 Federal Votes

Earl McGunigale

Fred Angerman

Raymond Beisler

Bernard Harris

Robert S. White, Sr.

H. R. Lingenfelter

Gerald Hogue

Herbert Lauf

Ray Karl

Edward Timm

Lindsay D. Murray

John M. Kovaly

Clifford E. Anderson

Harold Hoenig

Ron Centella

Dee Koch

Robert Volker

Daniel Futato

Dennis Grant

Jack MacDoo

Ed Judy

Ed Casner

WISCONSIN DISTRICT - 4 Federal Votes

Frank Frerman

Gary Miller

Al Udovich

MEMBER AT LARGE - 1 Federal Vote (No name submitted)

TOTAL FEDERAL VOTES AUTHORIZED ABOVE - 215

DELEGATES LISTED BY COMMITTEE

BOWLING COMMITTEE

Nick Meyer, St.L.	Elmer Serb, St.L.	Chas. Cooper, Cent.St.
Clarence Lahrman, Jr., Cent.St.	Richard Barnes, Cent.St.	Tommy Mayes, Cent.St.
Robt. St.Peters, Cent.St.	Laura Racker, Lake Erie	Frank McIntyre, LE (Alt.)
Dick Senn, Cent.St.	Earl McGunigale, W.Pa.	Karl Schreiber, W.N.Y.
LaVern Harksen, Upper Miss.	Mel Bowker, Upper Miss.-A	Ann Trankle, Ill.
Fred Angerman, W.Pa.	Betty Dau, Upper Miss.	Ray Huth, Upper Miss.
Jack MacDoo, W. Pa.		

CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ursula M. Virgens, N.J.	Eugene Solfronk, St.L.	Kenneth Traylor, Cent.St.
Luella C Roth, Cent.St.	Dona Schaefer, Cent.St.	Erwin Schrader, Ill.
Harry Stewart, Cent.St.	Doris Stewart, Cent.St.	Hans Wandscher, LE
Pauline McIntyre, LE	Richard A. Barnes, Cent.St.	Emma Gebhardt, N.Y.
Raymond Beisler, W.Pa.	Bernard Harris, W.Pa.	Lin Batdorf, W.N.Y.
William Grauel, Cent.St.	Glen Dau, Upper Miss.	David Hollats, Upper Miss.
Joseph Becker, Upper Miss.	Ed Judy, W. Pa.	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Victor E. Virgens, N.J.	Nick Meyer, St.L.	Paul Bullard, Cent. St.
George Pearson, Cent.St.	James Moore, Cent. St.	Dick Wolff, Cent.St.
Lucille Bothfeld, Ill.	Paul DeSalvo, L.E.	Richard A. Barnes, Cent.St.-A
A. Graham Morton, Cent.St. -A	George Hirsch, N.Y.	Robert S. White, Sr., W.Pa.
H. R. Lingenfelter, W.Pa.	Roland Niebes, Upper Miss.	Erwin Behr, Upper Miss.
William Meyer, Ill.	Barbara Hoch, St.L.	Elmer Serb, St.L.
Quinn Wright, W.N.Y.	Hugo Noldan, W.N.Y.	

NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

David Lebert, Mid.Atl.	Dennis Zeller, St.L.	Frank Astaldi, N.E.
Richard Malone, Cent.St.	Robert Schuler, Cent.St.	Eldon Zahm, Cent.St.
Harry E. Hineman, Cent.St.	Frank Fielman, Cent.St.	Warren E. Dalbke, Ill.
Bill Burkman, Ill.	Herman Zweifel, Ill.	Gary Miller, Wisc.
Ed Barrow, L.E.	Bill Severns, L.E.	Hertha Herman, N.Y.
Ray Karl, W.Pa.	Lindsay D. Murray, W.Pa.	John M. Kovaly, W.Pa.
Clifford E. Anderson, W.Pa.	Harold Hoenig, W.Pa.	Raymond Hall, Minn.
Edward Sexton, N.Y.	Betty Dau, Upper Miss.	Robert Dau, Upper Miss.
Lloyd Rose, Upper Miss.	Frank Timmerman, Upper Miss.	Erwin L. Andresen, Up.Miss.
Ron Centella, W.Pa.	Elmer Crook, St.L.	Anton Hoch, St.L.
Pauline Stephens, St.L.	Herbert Lauf, W.Pa.	

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Daisy Pippin, Mid.Atl.	Harry Warnken, St.L.	John Westermeyer, St.L.
R. Marx, St.L.	Helen Garcia, St.L.	Ted O'Donnell, N.E.
Alice Astaldi, N.E.	Charles Gamble, Cent.St.	Harold Jornod, Cent. St.
MacErnst, Cent.St.	Elinor Risch, Cent.St.	Ronald D. Matheny, Cent.St.
Edmund Pahl, Cent.St.	Glen Lose, Ill.	Frank Frerman, Wisc.
Dorothy Steinlage, Cent.St.	Peter Michels, Jr., Cent.St.	Betty Heppner, Cent. St.
George Heesch, L.E.	Clyde Gaskins, Cent.St.	Mary A. Morgan, Cent.St.
William L. Maier, Cent.St.	Eugene Keller, N.Y.	Henry W. Schroeder, N.Y.
Alex Diamant, N.Y.	Gerald Hogue, W.Pa.	George Kuettner, Minn.
Quinn Wright, W.N.Y.	George Jacquin, W.N.Y.	Betty Dau, Upper Miss.
Dorothea Timmerman, Upper Miss.	Forrest Maxwell, Upper Miss.	Chic Martin, Ill.
Nancy Sahms, Mid.Atl.	James Reifsnnyder, Mid.Atl.	Dennis Zeller, St.L.
Karl Schreiber, W.N.Y.	Edward Timm, W.Pa.	Hugo Noldan, W.N.Y.
Ed Casner, W.Pa.		

NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

R. Marx, St.L.	Ed Elste, Ill.	Fritz Korte, Ill.
Fred Koverman, Cent.St.	Wm. E. Ridge, Cent.St.	Ollie Fiebig, Cent.St.
Theodore Strobel, Cent.St.	Eugene Keller, N.Y.	Dee Koch, W.Pa.
Lin Batdorf, W.N.Y.	Harold Jurgens, Upper Miss.	George Evans, W.Pa.

PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES

Richard Bade, Cent.St.	James Rabe, Cent.St.	Robert E. Harlow, Cent.St.
Bob Swan, Cent.St.	J. Edward Hille, Mid.Atl.	Fred Boeker, N.J.
A. Hoch, St.L.	Pauline Stephens, St.L.	Carl Irps, Jr., Ill.
Al Udovich, Wisc.	Edmund Pahl, Cent.St. - A	Frank Konecki, L.E.
George Hirsch, N.Y.	George Jacquin, W.N.Y.	George Pearson, Cent.St.
Robert Dau, Upper Miss.	E. G. Squires, Upper Miss.	Jack Tatge, Upper Miss.
Robert Volker, W.Pa.	Harry Warnken, St.L.	John Westermeyer, St.L.
Heinz Schueler, Mid.Atl.	Quinn Wright, W.N.Y.	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dick Wolff, Cent.St.	J. Edward Hille, Mid.Atl.	Victor E. Virgens, N.J.
Elmer Crook, St.L.	Warren E. Dalbke, Ill.	Hans Wandscher, L.E.
Henry W. Schroeder, N.Y.	Edward Timm, W.Pa.	George Jacquin, W.N.Y.
Glen Dau, Upper Miss.		

Respectfully submitted,
Elmer Crook, Chairman
Dorothe Timmerman, Secretary

Election of Permanent Chairman: Turner Robert Harlow, president of Louisville Turners, was nominated by Bade, Cent.St. Turner Ted O'Donnell (NE) was nominated by Schroeder (NY), but he refused the nomination. Motion was made by Diamant (NY) and seconded to close the nominations. Motion was carried, and Turner Harlow assumed the chair as Permanent Chairman.

Election of Vice Chairman: Turner Clifford Anderson (W.Pa.) was nominated by Lauf (W.Pa.), but did not accept. Turner Bob Dau (Upper Miss.) was nominated by Westermeyer (St.L.), but declined. Turner Chic Martin (Ill.) was nominated by Elste (Ill.). Turner George Jacquin (W.N.Y.) was nominated by Wright (W.N.Y.), but refused. Turner Eldon Zahm (Cent.St.) was nominated by Gamble (Cent.St.), and refused. Motion was made by Meyer (Ill.) and seconded to close the nominations. Motion carried, and Turner Chic Martin assumed the position of Vice Chairman.

Election of Permanent Secretary: Turner Lucille Bothfeld (Ill.) was nominated by Westermeyer, St.L. Motion was made by Bob Dau (Upper Miss.) and seconded to close the nominations. Motion was carried, and Turner Bothfeld became Permanent Secretary.

Election of Assistant Secretary: Turner Lin Batdorf (W.N.Y.) was nominated by Wright (W.N.Y.) Motion was made by Warnken (St.L.) and seconded to close the nominations. Motion was carried, and Turner Batdorf assumed the chair of Permanent Assistant Secretary.

Election of Sergeant at Arms: Turner Fred Koverman (Cent.St.) was nominated by Bade (Cent.St.). Turner Alex Diamant (N.Y.) was nominated by F.Astaldi (N.E.), but declined. Motion was made by O'Donnell (N.E.) and seconded to close the nominations. Motion was carried, and Turner Koverman was declared Sergeant at Arms.

Election of Parliamentarian: Turner George Jacquin (W.N.Y.) was nominated by Wright (W.N.Y.) Motion was made by Noldan (W.N.Y.) and seconded to close the nominations. Motion was carried, and Turner Jacquin assumed his place at the table.

Motion was made by Wright (W.N.Y.) to accept the reports of Turners Racker, Schrader and Steinlage and refer them to the proper committees. Motion was seconded and carried.

The report of Gretchen Willer, National Secretary, was read. Motion to accept the report was made by Timm (W.Pa.), seconded and carried, and Turner Willer was given a standing ovation and best wishes in her coming retirement.

Report of National Treasurer William Meyer was read. Motion to receive the report and refer it to the Finance Committee was made by Elste (Ill.), seconded and carried.

Turner William Woehrle, Chairman of Health and Physical Education, presented his report and explained that since he is no longer employed as a Turner instructor he will no longer be eligible to retain his position of National Chairman of that committee.

Reports were read by JoAnn Mueller, National Cultural Education Chairman; Elmer Serb, National Bowling Chairman; and John Westermeyer, Chairman of the Endowment Trust Fund. Motion was made by Malone (Cent.St.) and seconded to accept the reports of the four committee chairmen. Motion was carried.

A letter of greeting was read from Congressman Romano Mazzoli, representative from Louisville, welcoming the delegates to the city and expressing his hopes for a successful Convention.

Turner Boeker (N.J.) announced that a total of 127 Turners and friends would be attending the Turnfest in Hanover, Germany, at the end of July.

Motion was made by Schroeder (N.Y.) that the committee meetings scheduled for Monday, July 17, be convened at 9:00 A.M. Motion was seconded and carried.

Convention chairman Schuler (Cent.St.) announced location of the various committee meetings for Monday, and also announced that a trip to Churchill Downs and a river boat ride would be held for those whose work for the day was completed or who were otherwise free to attend.

Motion was made by O'Donnell (N.E.) and seconded and carried to adjourn the First Session of the 57th Convention of American Turners, with the Second Session to be set for Tuesday, July 18, 1978, at 9:00 A.M.

June 29, 1978

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

To the Delegates of the 57th National Convention of the American Turners:
Delegates to the 30th National Convention of the Women's Auxiliary; visiting
Turners and guests.

Greetings:

In the 4 years I have been in office I have visited many of our member societies. Having mentioned these trips in my articles in Turner Topics, I will dispense with presenting all the names and places again. As I mentioned two years ago, it is impossible to visit all societies. If your society was missed, it was not intentional.

Jahn Fund

The Jahn Fund headquarters has been moved from Chicago, Illinois to New York City, New York. This involved all new Trustee's from the New York area being approved by the Chicago Trustee's. A meeting between the National Executive Committee and Turner Henry Schroeder, Chairman of the Jahn Education Fund, was held in February of 1977, in Chicago, Illinois. In 1977, and so far in 1978, the Trustee's have made the following donation to the American Turners of one of its member societies.

1. A gift of \$500.00 for Turner Scholarships.
2. An increase in the Turner Topics donation from \$1,200.00 a year to \$1,500.00 a year.
3. Donated \$2,000.00 toward the expenses which were incurred in 1972, with the Restoration of the Jahn Memorial, in St. Louis, Missouri.
4. Donated \$500.00 to the Johnstown Turners Flood Recovery Fund.

We thank the Trustee's for their donations and know that they will continue to assist the American Turners in future worthy endeavors.

Endowment Trust Fund

To societies who qualify, loans are available from the Endowment Trust Fund.

A total of \$3,057.00 in grants were granted Turner societies in 1976, 1977, and 1978. No society under present rules can or has received more than one grant or has a grant been for more than \$500.00.

Instructors Fund

The Instructors Fund donated \$1,000.00 each until 1977 toward the Instructors hospitalization and life insurance program, which was started by National Council in 1971. This program had to be discontinued in November, because of prohibitive cost. We did ask societies to pay one-half of cost, but not enough societies showed an interest.

Scholarships

In 1977 Albert Jeffrey, a member of the New York Turnverein was awarded a \$1,000.00 Scholarship. \$600.00 was paid by the Endowment Trust Fund and \$400.00 by the American Turners.

In 1978 Jeanini Terry, a member of the Covington Turners has been awarded a \$600.00 Scholarship. She will attend either the University of Kentucky or Indiana University.

National Office

In September of 1977, Mrs. Gretchen Willer, national secretary informed National Council of her plans to retire in the summer of 1978. Notice of the opening and request for applications for the position of national secretary was placed in Turner Topics. After reviewing all applications, the committee that was appointed to select and work out the details for hiring of a national secretary, chose to move the national office to the Atheneum Turners, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Executive Committee and the National Council concurred with this recommendation and to adhere to the Principles and Statutes, a resolution to move to Indianapolis, Indiana, is being presented to you delegates for your approval.

Mrs. Gretchen Willer has done a splendid job in handling our national office since her appointment in 1970. We regret that she is planning on retiring.

On my last visit to our Rochester national office I noted that within a short time some of our present office equipment will have to be replaced. Some of the equipment is in very poor condition.

National Council

Some problems have been brought to national council's attention, pertaining to the Principles and Statutes, and effecting our national organization. Some of these problems are being presented to you delegates for your deliberation.

With the exception of a few individuals, your National Council has functioned as a well organized unit during these last two years.

Ladies Auxiliary

A continued fine relationship with the Ladies Auxiliary, through their President, Mrs. Jean Lehrman, has been maintained.

Turner Topics

With the death of our Turner Topics Editor, William Huth, we are without an Editor at this time. I have placed a request for applications by any Turner for this position in Turner Topics. It is national council plans to appoint an Editor at the September, 1978 National Council meeting, scheduled for St. Louis, Missouri.

Physical Education

Some problems have presented themselves in societies who are hosting our National Education Events. These societies, it seems, are not being informed of their duties and the procedure to be followed. I have recently received some complaints, and I hope you delegates will make a decision that either the National Physical Education Committee or this convention set up a set of rules or procedural guide for conducting all our National Physical Education Events. I am sure this would correct the problems we are now having.

In 1975, the National Ladies Volleyball Championship traveling trophy was retired by the North St. Louis Turners. For the 1976 and 1977 Championship there was no trophy available for presentation. After contacting various Turners, I have been informed that Turner Pauline Stephens of the North St. Louis, in memory of her husband, Turner Leo Stephen, will donate a traveling trophy to replace the old one that was retired in 1975.

Problems are still occurring in receiving bids for sites for the various National Physical Championships. For this reason, in most cases the events are being awarded two years in advance, as per instructions of the 55th National Convention.

The National Gymnastic Championship scheduled for Long Beach, California, due to lack of the required number of entries, had to be canceled. Due to this cancellation I have received a personal letter from Turner Bud Marquette, stating that the California societies are withdrawing from the American Turners. I am writing Turner Marquette for an official notification and to ask how many societies, and if all societies, are involved in the withdrawal.

The National Festival will be held in Moline, Illinois July 4-8, 1979. The Moline Festival Committee is working hard on all preparations, and the National Physical and Cultural Education Chairmen will meet with the local committee in the near future to work out final details.

I have been assured by Turner Woehrle that the revised National Festival Rules will be mailed by July 1, 1978.

The Festival Fund has of May 31, 1978 a Certificate of Deposit of \$10,660.42 and \$6,348.81 in the savings, for a total of \$17,009.23.

Leaders Course

The 1977 Leaders Course scheduled for Louisville, Kentucky had to be cancelled due to only receiving 7 applications for participation, and it requires at least 10 to hold the course.

With the personal letter of withdrawal by California societies, and this year's leader course being scheduled for Long Beach, I would assume that this year's course will also be cancelled. On my last contact with Turner Woehrle, he could not give me any information regarding this year's course.

Cultural Education

The only National Cultural competition is at the National Festival, and the awards resulting from the monthly reports by societies. I feel more Cultural Competition should be promoted by the National Cultural Committee.

A suggestion is being presented to this convention to establish a suitable and fitting award, for a competition to be named, to be known as the Sara Palmer Memorial award.

Bowling

It is a known fact that any action taken by a National Convention can only be amended or changed by a following convention. In 1962, that convention set the fee to be charged bowlers for the operation and expenses incurred in the operation of the National Bowling Committee. The Principles and Statutes state this fee is to be set by the National Bowling Committee, with approval of National Council. I feel a ruling should be made by the Principles and Statutes Committee of this convention, who sets the fee and for future confiscations that may occur between convention action and the Statutes.

Finances

A request by National Council is being presented to this convention for an increase of \$1.00 per Capita Tax, effective January, 1979.

Due to inflationary cost, which has created a financial loss in our general fund in the last years, and due to the fact that no request or increase has been granted since 1968, it is felt that in order to continue efficient operation of our national office, and to supply the member districts and societies with the services to which they are entitled, this increase must be received.

Some of the added expenses that must also be taken into consideration are:

1. We will have an expense if our national office is moved.
2. Small increase in rental fee of office space if national office is moved.
3. New equipment will be needed, regardless of a decision to move.
4. Increase in mailing cost, both 1st class and for Turner Topics.
5. Increase cost in traveling, lodging and food.
6. Increase cost in wages.

There were, as of May 22, 1978 still a number of small per capita tax payments for 1974, 1976 and 1977, outstanding. The total amount of these were 1977, \$1,065.00; for 1976, \$303.00; and 1974, \$453.00. The total societies involved were 14. I feel most of these outstanding payments are in unused cards.

Societies

The May report from our National Secretary showed the American Turners membership for the year 1977 to be approximately 15,900 honorary, dues paying, and military members.

Former Societies

Efforts are being made to see if former and new societies will join the American Turners. All regional councillors have been sent a list of Gymnastic clubs in their regions and have been asked, at their earliest convenience, to contact these clubs.

Rochester Turners

An agreement between the National organization and Rochester Turners was made whereby Rochester Turners, upon a 30-day notice, can request and will be given the deed to Rochester Turner property. The first mortgage now is the only involvement between the Rochester Turners and the Endowment Trust Fund.

Conclusion

It has been a pleasure to have served the American Turners these past 20 years. National Bowling Chairman for 12 years and 8 years as a National Officer (as second, first, and the last four years as President.) I have enjoyed my work and enjoyed renewing old friendships and making of new friends. I hope you have enjoyed my reports of my activities in each article of Turner Topics. I have received many favorable comments.

A person I would especially like to thank is my wife. For, with her help and moral support, it has made my work much easier. My thanks to the members of National Council, past presidents, all district and society officers, and all members for their assistance during these last four years. My plans are to remain active in the American Turners, and it is my desire to serve the American Turners in one capacity or another for many years to come.

With Turner Greetings,

Wilfred H. Racker, President

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
TO THE 57th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

JULY 16, 1978

First of all, I wish to extend my thanks to those Turners who have helped and provided me with information and material to carry out the duties of my office.

Over the past two years I have participated in National Council meetings held in Fort Wayne and South Bend and Executive Committee meetings in South Bend, Rochester, and Louisville.

In addition, attendance has been made to several meetings and sporting events which include a Central States Leadership Conference and Senior Volleyball Tournament both of which were held at Athenaeum Turners, Indianapolis and a special Jahn Fund meeting conducted at the time the National Gymnastic Tournament was held at the American Turners, Northwest Chicago. Also in the spring of 1977, I had the pleasure of visiting the Monongehela Turners and presenting the Gold Honor Key to Turner Robert Volker.

As I have stated in an article for Turner Topics, it is my fervent hope that more Districts will follow the lead of Central States in conducting Leadership Conferences. At these conferences, all facets of successful Turner programs are freely and openly discussed for the betterment of all societies. The name of the game is effective communication. Let the strong and successful societies counsel those not so fortunate and in doing so, strengthen their own lot by a healthy exchange of ideas.

A project of which I assumed responsibility was the development of an "Informational Brochure" which provides pertinent data on the various features, programs and services that our National Organization has to offer. My sincere thanks to Turner George Jacquin for his help in promptly providing information and for the editing and reproducing of the material compiled for this brochure at no cost to our National Office. I am pleased to state that copies are being distributed at this Convention to representatives of the various Societies and Districts and to all members of the National Council.

In addition, performed the duties as required as Secretary of the Endowment Trust Fund.

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At this time, thanks are also extended to my wife Ann for graciously being my personal secretary and for typing a goodly number of reports and all necessary correspondence. In this regard, I also thank our National Secretary, Gretchen Willer for the efficient and prompt replies to all my inquiries.

With Turner greetings,

Walter H. Schrader

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

TO THE 57th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

JULY 16, 1978

Greetings:

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful 57th National Convention. It is a pleasure to meet with you once again. The past two years have gone swiftly by and we are here once again to plan for our future.

During these two years I have carried out the duties assigned me to the best of my ability. I attended the Council meetings at Ft. Wayne and South Bend and the executive committee meetings at Rochester and Louisville.

During this time I supervised the printing of the Revised Principles and Statutes, the Procedural Guide and the 1976 Directory and Statistical Report.

During both years I attended the Central States Leadership Conferences held at Athenaeum Turners in Indianapolis. These conferences have been restored after some years absence. They have been most successful and are helping to stimulate the activities of the District. I hope that other districts who do not have a similar program take steps to initiate one as it is a very good way to stimulate district interest.

At the request of President Racker, I attended the National Senior Volleyball Championships at Cleveland STV. This was a very good tournament and shows every sign of growing larger in the future.

The two most discouraging things of the past two years were the cancellation of the National Gymnastic Championships to be held at Long Beach Turners this year due to lack of enough teams participating. This is indeed unfortunate for an organization such as the American Turners which is bound by its Principles to be unable to conduct its leaders course or hold its National Championships due to a lack of interest. I am familiar with this since my own society and district went to some lengths to raise the funds to send a team. A western Pennsylvania Society also agreed to send a team but this was all the extent of the entries. It was necessary for Long Beach to cancel the event after having gone to much preparation which even included

housing all the participants in order to lighten their expenses.

Gymnastics means so much to our organization that brought it to this country and has spent its whole existence promoting it. It would be unthinkable to let it fall by the wayside. Next year is our National Turnfest in Moline and I sincerely hope our societies will make an extra effort to be represented with a turnfest team.

It has been a pleasure to serve these past years with the officers, committee chairmen, and councilmen of our organization. I am sorry our National Secretary Gretchen Willer is planning to retire. She has given many years of loyal service. I wish her well.

With Turner Greetings,

Forrest F. Steinlage

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

To the 57th National Convention of the American Turners:

Greetings,

Since everything of National importance is pretty well covered by reports of our National Officers, I hope you will forgive me if I make mine on a personal basis.

First, some statistics from my report for figuring your federal votes: We had 14,994 dues-paying members in 1977 (there should be a few more from those who have not yet paid their dues); 551 40-Year Honorary Members; 470 50-Year Honorary Members; 52 servicemen and 106 members-at-large -- a total of 16,173 members.

I once told an interested party who questioned me about starting a new Turner society that the only successful societies were those fortunate enough to have many dedicated members. By "dedicated" I explained that these people have made Turnerism a major part of their lives. Yes, they seemed to give most of their spare time working and teaching at their societies, attending meetings and conventions, making reports, hosting National, District or Regional tournaments and many other activities of their societies.

As National Secretary, I found myself caught up in this pattern also. Although I am not a volunteer worker, I have given up much of my own time working for the National organization. Even before I became National Secretary I can remember typing stencils during my so-called vacation week. The Bowling Rules for Men and another set for Women plus all the instructions, contract, financial and other forms had to be typed up. Also, a week's work was piling up at the office. So I spent much of my "vacation time" working at home. After that I didn't bother to take any time off, except for two or three days at the most, since catching up would mean putting in extra time anyhow.

I was lucky enough not to have had any serious illness or to need hospitalization all during the 20 years I have been employed at the National Office. There are so many different things to do that it is impossible to teach a part-time worker to take over the responsibility for any length of time.

The year that Dr. Eklund, as National Secretary, became ill and unable to work, I did his work and mine for about the whole year. Of course, this meant putting in a lot of overtime for which I never charged the National.

All this work was done at a very low salary. Even today, if you will notice the auditor's report in your Turner Topics, salaries for one full-time employee and one part-time employee, amount to only \$10,740.00. For the amount of work and responsibility involved, it has been necessary for our Council to hire a new secretary at a higher wage than I am receiving after 20 years' experience and non-stop work at the National.

For the past few years I have received some benefits, but not much will carry over to retirement. So now, with the exception of a small individual retirement

account, I will have to depend largely on just social security income, which will be reduced by 20% as I have not yet reached 65 years of age. But I am desperate for some time for myself, without the responsibility of taking care of business, and no one to turn to for relief from the constant pressure I feel.

I'm not telling you this to boast or to ask for sympathy. I just want you to know why I feel it is necessary that I leave at this time. I still consider the position of National Secretary a very good and interesting job and I appreciate the fact that you chose me for this honor. One of the most important benefits I enjoyed has been your friendship. It has been wonderful knowing all you special people who work so hard to make Turners an organization to be proud of

The National and all those members who reap the benefits of a "sound mind in a sound body" owe you a debt of gratitude. I know you will continue your efforts and that your societies will grow and prosper in the future. I wish you all the very best and promise I will never forget you.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gretchen Willer

Gretchen Willer
National Secretary

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER
TO THE 57th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE
AMERICAN TURNERS
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY - JULY 16-19, 1978

To the Officers of the American Turners; Delegates to the 57th National Convention; Fellow Turners; Friends and Guests - - -

Greetings:

A condensed version of our independent certified auditors 1977 financial reports was published in the July-August, 1978 issue of Turner Topics. A similar report of the 1976 financial results was published a year ago in Turner Topics.

All of the books and supporting records pertaining to the four separate funds under the control of the American Turners were audited for the years of 1976 and 1977 by the C.P.A. firm of Alfred H. Miller Co. of Rochester, N.Y. A certified copy of their complete report for each of these years will be presented to the finance committee of this convention for their review. These reports cover the financial operations of the General Fund, which since 1967 has also included the bowling activities accounting, the Festival Fund, the Endowment Trust Fund and the A.T.R. Corporation. The audit reports do not include the financial results of the Jahn Fund or the Instructors Fund, as these funds are not under the jurisdiction of the American Turners, but, instead are each administered by its own group of self-perpetuating trustees. Each of these two funds is responsible for its own separate accounting records, and arranges for its own independent audit. A copy of the most recent published financial report of both the Jahn Fund and the Instructors Fund will be included with the official minutes of this convention.

Festival Fund

The festival had net income of \$2,013 in 1976 and \$2,817 in 1977, providing a cash balance of \$16,485 as of December 31, 1977, which is more than enough to provide funds for the cost of National Championship Tournaments in 1978 and the budget net cost of the 1979 Moline National Festival.

Endowment Trust Fund

This fund had net income of \$2,700 in 1976 and \$228 in 1977, providing a cash balance of \$23,048 as of December 31, 1977. In addition, the Endowment Trust Fund as of 12/31/77 had short term receivables of \$7,732 and long term (over one year maturity) of \$43,377. A portion of these receivables might not be recoverable and will be reported on by the President of the Endowment Trust Fund.

A.T.R. Corporation

The Rochester Turners continued to make regularly scheduled monthly payments during 1976 and 1977 to the A.T.R. Corp., which, in turn, met its monthly mortgage obligations to the Endowment Trust Fund and paid all taxes, insurance premiums and water bills on schedule. As of December 31, 1977 the A.T.R. Corp. had a cash balance of \$5,199, in addition to owning the property at 1550 Clinton Ave. - North, Rochester, N.Y. Against this they owed \$1,476 in current payables and \$32,642 on the mortgage payable to the Endowment Trust Fund.

General Fund

The general fund suffered losses of \$4,255 and \$1,235 for 1976 and 1977, respectively. This continues a string of loss years for the general fund that now totals 5 consecutive years and amounts to \$11,226 over this five-year period. The National Council has made a sincere effort to hold down operating costs, but are fighting a losing battle with inflation primarily in the areas of postage, travel and labor costs. Therefore, the only remaining solution is to pass on a portion of these cost increases to the member Societies through an increase in the annual per capita tax. A resolution to do this has been submitted to the convention for your consideration. The last time the per capita tax was increased was in 1968, which took effect in 1969. The National organization will not be able to operate much longer without a substantial increase in the annual per capita tax.

Another financial burden that the National is continually faced with is the refusal of a few societies to abide by the Statutes and remit quarterly payments of per capita taxes to the National as the dues are collected from their members. The societies of Beaver Falls, Holyoke, Homestead, Detroit and Lawrence not only did not pay quarterly as required, but paid absolutely nothing on their 1977 per capita taxes during the year 1977. No payments were received for 1977 taxes from these societies until well into 1978. This, of course, creates a hardship on the National Treasurer, as we must pay our bills currently. The National Council was forced to borrow temporary funds from the Endowment Trust Fund in the last quarter of both 1976 and 1977 in order to meet current expenses. These loans were paid back in the 1st quarter of the following year in both instances.

Summary

This convention concludes my fourth year serving as National Treasurer, which has consisted primarily of preparing and distributing monthly financial reports to the National Council members and other interested parties. In addition, I have been requested to prepare several special reports and analyses. There has been absolutely no cost whatsoever to the National Body from the office of the Treasurer during this four-year period for labor, postage, paper, duplicating, telephone or any other expense of any kind.

In addition, this convention will end my twelve-year term as a member of the National Council; two years as a regional councilor; two years as 1st Vice-President; four years as National President, and four years as past National President. Any organization can only thrive and move forward with the input of new blood and new

ideas, which are usually best provided by people under 50 years of age. I feel that twelve years is long enough for anyone to efficiently serve on a governing body. Therefore, I am not a candidate for any position on the National Council at this convention and have concluded my term of service. I have enjoyed serving on the National Council, the Endowment Trust Fund and the A.T.R. Corp., and have met many Turners from across the country during this period who I will always value as life-long friends.

Respectively submitted with
Turner Greetings,

William R. Meyer /s/

William R. Meyer
National Treasurer

INSTRUCTORS' FUND OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Starting January 1, 1977, and ended December 31, 1977

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

Total principal - December 31, 1976	26,437.29
25% of earnings of year 1977 - transferred to principal	<u>518.65</u>
Total principal	<u>26,955.94</u>

EARNINGS AND DISTRIBUTION

Total earnings for 1977	2,074.61
25% of earnings transferred to principal	<u>518.65</u>
Balance available for administration and distribution	1,555.96
Available for administration and distribution at beginning of period	<u>8,415.11</u>
Total available for administration and distribution during 1977	9,971.07
Total disbursed during 1977	<u>1,800.00</u>
Balance available for distribution	<u>8,171.07</u>

TOTAL ASSETS - December 31, 1977 - AT COST

1,000	W. Virginia Turnpike	1989	3 3/4%	1,010.00
16,000	U. S. Treasury Notes	1978	6.0%	14,853.00
6,000	Indiana Toll Road	1994	3 1/2%	5,790.00
6,000	U. S. Treasury Notes	1978	6 1/4%	5,649.88
5,000	U. S. Treasury Notes	1980	7 1/2%	5,129.25
	Cleveland Trust Co.	-Commercial Account		482.06
		-Savings Account		<u>2,212.82</u>
Total value of assets at cost				<u>35,127.01</u>

Total value of assets at face \$36,694.88

TRUSTEES OF THE INSTRUCTORS' FUND OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

Otto Eckl, Secretary	John P. Blaser, Treasurer	A.R. Steinke	Frank Flack
George M. Heeschen	Frank Lapinskas	Jack F. Nickels	

NOTE: Since the inception of the Fund in 1931, through December 31, 1977, a total of \$18,287.50 has been distributed to worthy applicants who were "seriously in need as a result of illness, accident or other misfortune", or paid out for accident and health insurance for the benefit of instructors.

JAHN EDUCATIONAL FUND

Report for the Initial Period Ending March 31, 1978

Cash received beginning 1977 \$53,033.43

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest

Irving	662.00
Prudential	1,105.85
East River	2,155.32

Dividends

American Can	153.75
American Standard	445.00
Anchor Income	2,833.94
General Electric	153.00
Lehman Corp.	348.10
Monsanto Co.	566.22
Wellington Fund	255.48

8,678.66
<u>61,712.09</u>

Disbursements

Turner Topics	2,550.00
Scholarship Fund	500.00
Johnstown Turners	
restoration	500.00
Jahn Memorial	
restoration	2,000.00
Administration exp.	<u>131.70</u>

5,681.70
<u>56,030.39</u>

Balance March 31, 1978

Checking Account

	607.22
Irving	12,162.00
Prudential	16,105.85
East River	<u>27,155.32</u>
	56,030.39

Statement of Investments

	Shares	Price	Value
	<u>March 1978</u>	<u>3-31-78</u>	
American Can	50	37.5	1,875.00
American Standard	200	36.5/8	7,325.00
Anchor Income	4570.86	6.90	31,538.98
General Electric	60	46.5/8	2,797.50
Lehman Corp.	1193	9.25	11,035.25
Monsanto Co.	149	47	7,003.00
Wellington Fund	428.656	8.52	<u>3,652.15</u>
No Sales, no purchases except Mutual Fund reinvestments.			\$ 65,226.83

Submitted by Theobald J. Dengler, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
OF
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All of the National tournaments were not bid upon for the first time in the past six years. Interest and participation seem prevalent as indicated by active participation in district and regional tournaments, but, a National championship cannot be held without a host and sponsor.

The first activity of the past two years - after the 56th National Convention in Moline, Ill. - was the 1976 Leader's Course in South Bend, Ind. Sixteen members participated in the course taught by myself and Tracy Mitchell Woehrlé. Needless to say, we had a week of work and learning mixed with fun from August 15 - 21, 1976.

Within the same weekend, the society of Sheboygan, Wis. held the second annual 16" softball tournament. With six teams playing a double elimination tournament there were many rallies and exciting moments within the two day tournament.

The next activity for 1976 was the National Council Meeting in Fort Wayne, Ind. on October 8, 9, and 10. The following topics were discussed under the Health and Physical Education Committee Meeting;

1. National Calendar of Events.
2. Scholarships.
3. Leader's Course.
4. Festival Rule Book.
5. Appointments to A.A.U., U.S.G.F., and Olympic Committees.

Before entering the 1977 schedule, the American Turners would like to pay tribute to Kolleen Casey of St. Paul Turners for the fine showing in the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games in Women's gymnastics. Nice going, Kolleen !

In the year 1977, South Bend, Ind. hosted the National Basketball Championships on March 12 and 13. Ten teams competed in this two day, double elimination tournament.

The 1977 National Bowling Tournament was held in Moline, Ill. from March 19 through May 22.

The society of Northwest Chicago, Ill. held the National Gymnastic District Championships on March 26 and 27. We had four District teams entered.

The National Senior Volleyball Tournament was held on April 23 and 24 at the Athenaeum Turners in Indianapolis, Ind. Five men's teams entered the tournament and for the second consecutive year, the women's teams did not have enough entries, thus was unable to get off the ground.

On April 30 through May 1, 1977, the National Volleyball Tournament was held and won by the Clinton Turners, with the Providence Turners' women winning the women's division.

Rain, for the third year straight, did not hamper the 12" National Softball Tournament from starting on time at Fort Wayne Turners, Ind. The double elimination tournament saw forty-three games played before the 1977 National Men's and Women's champions were determined.

On July 20 - 22, 1977, the National Golf Tournament was held at Beaver Falls, PA. The tournament featured the largest field of entries (254) and the most societies entered (20) in the history of the National Golf Tournament.

The National Swimming Championships were conducted on July 23 - 24, 1977 at the beautiful swimming pool at Louisville, Ky. There were six teams entered in swimming and diving events. This tournament has increased in participation

in th last year and hopefully will continue to grow bigger and stronger each year.

Again, the weather was rather dreary and damp at the Turner ball game, but the rain could not dampen the spirits of the six teams participating in the National 16" Softball Tournament hosted by Elgin Turners at the Illinois Turner Camp.

The National Leader's Course in Louisville, Ky. had to be cancelled for 1977 due to lack of participation. In order to hold a Leader's Course, we must have ten participants signed up for the course. I sincerely hope the American Turners in the future will support our leadership program and send their students and/or instructors to us.

The 1977 National Council Meeting was held in South Bend, Ind. in October 1977. Topics discussed in the Health and Physical Education Committee meeting were:

1. National Calendar of Events.
2. Instructor's Insurance.
3. National Festival.
4. Scholarships.
5. Leader's Course.
6. Committee Appointments.

In the year 1978, no society bid on the National Basketball Tournament. South Bend, Ind. - after being the host for the past two years - said they would try again, but time and communication was the big problem with such a late start, so the tournament was cancelled. Thanks for trying, though!

Springfield Turners, Mass. hosted the National Bowling Tournament in 1978 from April 8 through May 8.

The South Bend Turners were hosts for the National Volleyball Tournament on April 8 and 9, 1978.

The National Senior Volleyball for 1978 was hosted by Cleveland S.T.V. Turners, OH on April 15 and 16.

The National Gymnastic Championships for 1978 were hosted by Long Beach Turners, CA on June 23 and 24. These unfortunately were cancelled due to lack of participation and entries.

As of this report, we have the following tournaments before the 57th National Convention in Louisville, Ky.:

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| 1. National 12" Softball | Toledo, OH Turners
July 1 - 3, 1978 |
| 2. National Golf Tournament | Indianapolis, IN Turners
July 12 - 14, 1978 |

And, after the Convention:

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| 1. Deutsches Turnfest | Hannover, Germany |
| 2. National Swimming Championships | |
| 3. National 16" Softball | |
| 4. National Council Meeting | |

Your National Health and Physical Education Committee members for the past two years were:

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| Region 1 | Theodore J. Duda |
| Region 2 | Henry Schroeder |
| Region 3 | Betty Heppner |
| Region 4 | Walter T. Guenther |
| Region 5 | Ralph Markus |
| Region 6 | Harry W. Warnken |
| Region 7 | Richard A. Jirus |
| Region 8 | Bud Marquette |

Region 9	Clifford E. Anderson
Golf	James Byrd
Chairman	William G. Woehrle, Jr.

I would like to thank our societies for hosting individual events such as: Bicentennials, Youth Programs, Gym Teams, Old Timer's Meets, Drill Teams, Fairs, Club Picnics, Appreciation Day's, Award's Banquets, Stein Clubs, and Manifest's.

The Districts have kept up the Turner Programs with district tournaments in: Golf, Bowling, Volleyball, Junior Gym Meets, Cultural Competition, Sports-A-Ramas, Leadership Conferences, Bicentennial Parties and Pageants, and Junior Turnfests.

The last two years have shown strengthened regions and participation in Regional apparatus meets and cultural events.

The National Turners have been busy the past two years with: U.S. Olympic Program; Hannover, Germany Turnfest; 14th Annual Picnic, National Junior Bowling Meet; National Gymnastic Hall of Fame; National Historic Site; 15th Annual Picnic; and Russian Gymnastic Team.

In concluding this report, I would like to say that an increasing amount of interest in softball and volleyball has been shown over the past six years. Gymnastics needs to be strengthened and promoted by all societies if progress will permit this in our Turner Program.

Again, all tournaments should be bid on by any society through the Bidding Guide. In this manner, they will be able to stand on their own. Briefly, let me review the bidding guide sequence:

Over the last eight years, a program for bidding for Championships has been in effect. We, the American Turners, wish to support these events financially to insure yearly activities for the National Turners membership. The American Turners will subsidize an event to supplement the normal entry fees to equal the cost of trophies, special facilities, and special officials. Under these terms, a Society can sponsor a Championship without fear of loss of the physical event, and, any social functions which are combined with this event should show them a profit.

As National Chairman of Health and Physical Education for the past six years, I have gained a vast knowledge of the operations and management to the American Turner Societies. My work has been enjoyable. Finally, I would like to wish the American Turners the greatest success in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. G. Woehrle, Jr. /s/

William G. Woehrle, Jr.
Chairman

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL CHAIRMAN TO THE 57TH CONVENTION OF AMERICAN
TURNERS

TURNER GREETINGS;

This report covers a period from September 1976 to June 1978.

Two Individual Cultural Awards have been won; in 1976, Mark Rone-Northwest Chicago Turners for Storytelling and in 1977, Jim and Pat Murphy- Monongahela Turners for Item Made Completely of Recycled Materials. There has been some comment that this event should be discontinued because it never draws very many entries, but in my opinion this would be a step backward. The event was originated in order to give Turner individuals, who might not be able to compete in anyother type of cultural program, a chance to enter and win an award. Quantity was never the main thought behind this event and so I feel that lack of quantity in each years entries should not be the deciding factor in whether to eliminate or continue this event. Convention time is the time to discuss these things and this convention should prove to be very interesting from the Resolutions sent in pertaining to cultural matters.

In the 1976-77 Period, twenty-one societies entered the Society Report Competition: Milwaukee Turners winning in Group I; Moline Turners winner in Group II; American Turners-Toledo winner in Group III. The final results of the 1977-78 competition has not been tabulated yet since the deadline was June 30th. There were only 19 societies competing this time, but I want to take this opportunity to recognize the societies entering. I will not list the chairpeople by name, for fear of leaving someone's name out, but by listing the societies, you Officers and Delegates of participating societies will know of the good job your local cultural chairperson has been doing: McKeesport Turners, Concordia Turners, Akron Turners, Johnstown Turners, Monongahela Turners, Moline Turners, Schiller Turners, Springfield Turners, Clinton Turners, American Turners- Toledo, Carstadt Turners, Long Island Turnverien, Mt. Vernon Turners, Kansas City Turners, Milwaukee /Turners, Northwest Chicago Turners, Cincinnati Central Turners, Fort Wayne Turners and American Turners- Louisville.

I also want to recognize and thank the members of the National Cultural Committee for their continuing efforts and devotion to the cultural program. If I have neglected to contact the committee members it's only due to my present work situation which has consumed so much more of my time making correspondence scarce. Please accept my apology.

The entire Turner National Organization, especially in Cultural matters, lost a true advocate with the death of Sara Plamer. Sara took the spark that was ignited by Dr. Eklund and built it into a Burning torch by her dedication and perseverance. Her main thrust was always to bring and keep the portion of the Turner Motto "Sound Mind " to it's rightful importance. It has been my duty for the past two years, as it's been for ther chairpersons, to keep this effort alive and strong and with true dedication, I hope all future chairpersons will always keep the example that Sara set for us fresh in their minds. At this Convention it will be our privilege to originate a fitting memorial to Sara, but as always, what would have pleased her most I think, would be for those societies presently without a cultural chairperson or program to press hard this year to initiate a program and secure a chairperson. The rewards will be better benefits for yours present members and a help in attracting new members.

PAGE 2 CULTURAL REPORT

The passing of time has a way of eating away of not only matter, but also of traditions and ideas. We can't let this happen in our Turner Societies. Certainly changes are inevitable, but we must strive to maintain enough of the original Turner ways to ensure that Future generations of Turner members can enjoy the events and tradition we know and love and which make us proud to be a "TURNER" .

JO ANN MUELLER

The meeting was held in Chicago, Ill. and was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Chairman Elmer Serb with the following present; R. Barnes, Mel Bowker, A. O'Donnell, W. Elste, J. Hope, P. Merritt, G. Porter, and Pres. W. Raker. Absent were Rose Marie Brecht and Woodard Woods. The Minutes of the 1976 Moline meeting was read and accepted as corrected.

Chairman Serb gave his report and stated that the 1977 Tournament held in Moline had 207 mens teams and 154 womens teams entered. They ran a successful tournament but not without problems that they tried to work out. One problem being some bowlers or teams bowling against open lanes or bowling alone. Their food and entertainment was great, and they showed a net profit of \$8144.51. The 1978 Tournament held in Springfield, Mass. was one of our smaller tournaments. They had 109 mens teams and 65 womens teams entered. They also had their problems which was due to not following our basic rules such as committee chairmans and secretary not getting their jobs done, schedule books late and a large score board not visible. In June 1977 I polled the Bowling Committee on a rule change- "Entries close at Midnight Jan. 15th instead of Jan. 30th. This change gives the host society a extra two weeks time to get schedule books out. Then in Aug. 1977 I polled the Bowling Committee on the use of telescore machines. The vote was 5 to try, 2 to try if duplicate scores are kept and one vote no. It was to be tried at the Springfield Tournament with a final decision made at our Chicago meeting. The 13th and 14th annual Junior Bowling meets were held in 1976 and 1977. In 1976 we had 508 entries from 13 societies. We awarded 42 trophies with Keystone Turners winning the Society Plaque. In 1977 we had 520 bowlers from 14 societies and awarded 43 trophies with So. Bend winning the Society Plaque. In the National Bowling Fund as of December 31, 1977 we had \$825.00.

Chairman Serb then proceeded to review all National Bowling Tournament forms. Any changes made are as follows;

APPLICATION SURVEY FORM

Item 5: Motion Hope, second Elste that 5 cent to General Fund be changed to 10 cents and 15 cents to Bowling Fund be changed to 25 cents. passed
This same change was made in Men and Womens rules.

OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

Item 2: Set tournament dates, publish in Turner topics and prepare program schedule before start of previous tournament and no later than Jan. 15

Item 11: Motion Porter, second Bowker - Host Society display a large suitable, visible score board at bowling lanes and at their own society.

Item 15: Motion Barnes, second Hope to add to paragraph "prize list to be mailed to all participating societies.

MENS RULES

National Committee on Bowling. Motion O'Donnell, second Hope, after the words "respective regions" add - must be replaced if regional chairman or Women at Large misses participation in two consecutive national tournaments. passed

PARTICIPANTS

Motion Porter, second Bowker - That all bowlers entering a tournament must pay regular entry fee which shall be no more than \$35.00 team, 14.00 doubles and 7.00 for singles. passed. The individual cost to be ;

\$2.00 for prizes (to be returned 100 per cent)

1.25 tournament expense, (.10 to General Fund & .25 to Bowling)

Bowling fees

total

PARTICIPANTS CON'T

Motion Barnes, second Porter - that the host society use their bowlers as fill ins in team and doubles events as needed. passed

TOURNAMENT SITE

Add paragraph "a limit of three bowlers per lane in minor events. There was some discussion on changing the Ohio-Indiana zone line because more societies participate and bid for tournaments that are in the Western Zone, this is to be taken up at our next meeting.

ENTRIES

All entry fees must include full fees plus five names for teams and full fees plus two names for double events.

WOMEN RULES

The same shanges as in Men Rules.

BOWLING CONTRACT

Motion Bowler, second Barnes - on dates, add paragraph to include squad times for Sat. and Sunday. Bowling pins to be new ABC approved pins or newly rebuilt approved pins. passed A motion by Bowker, second Hope that the approaches and lanes to be dust swept before each squad. passed

1980 TOURNAMENT

Toledo was the only society to bid on this tournament. Their bid was on time and they met all necessary requirments. Motion Hope, second Barnes to approve Toledo as host of the 1980 tournament. passed

OLD BUSINESS

Motion Barnes, second Porter to go back to our old system of keeping score and to do away with telescore machines until perfected. passed

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Barnes, second O'Donnell to keep handicap rules as we have - 50 pins maximum for men and 60 pins maximum for women. passed

Discussion was held on all events with handicap, and on raising all events prize to \$100.00. Was decided to keep as is, which depends on the amount of entries.

Schematic form presented by R. Barnes for societies awarded a future tournament is to be studied and presented at our next meeting.

Discussion on AURORA's invitational tournaments in 1977 and 1978. Motion Bowker, second Barnes that any District tournaments are okay if held in their own district but invitational tournaments outside their district are to be first sanctioned by our National Council. passed

Motion Hope, second by all members to adjourn at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Elmer Serb National Chairman

Report of the President of the Endowment Trust Fund

TO: The 57th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: President, American Turners Endowment Trust Fund, 1977-1978.

I am pleased to make my biennial report to the 57th Convention, comprising a two year period. We have extended the benefits of the income to a number of societies in these past two years; all of whom were grateful for our assistance.

In the 1976 convention Rochester Turners had only six (6) months more before they could redeem their mortgage; but for some unforeseen problems decided to hold the mortgage in abeyance.

Our loans to Moline Turners, Springfield Turners, and Providence Turners are current. We have extended the Moline Turner bonds for a five year period.

Our loan to Lawrence Turners is status quo. The Charleroi Turners loan is very insecure at the present time; we hope there will be renewed interest soon.

We have given numerous grants for equipment through 1976-1978, together with a Four Hundred Dollar (\$400.00) gift to the Johnstown Turners for the flood disaster in July 1977.

Our donations totaled \$3,000.00, which included a check from the Jahn Fund for \$2,000.00 which is applied to the restoration of the Jahn Memorial in St. Louis, Missouri; and for which the Endowment Trust is very grateful.

In order to make grants and donations, we must improve our capital income from which we realize profits to fulfill your requests. Every society should set up a committee, together with the regional councilor, to find ways and means to give support to the Endowment Fund.

(For your information. A grant for physical or cultural equipment is not returnable. A loan of \$5,000.00 can be procured, only for improvements; and the society must conduct a School of Physical Training. More information can be obtained from your councilman or Endowment Trustees.)

In closing, I would like to thank all who have helped in the perpetuation of a valuable cog in the American Turner Movement.

With Turner Greetings,

John A. Westermeyer
President of Endowment Trust Fund

AMERICAN TURNERS HERITAGE REPORT

My friends. Over the past two years, the American Turner Heritage Project has made progress, but more importantly, we have built a foundation solid enough to hold the accomplishment of one hundred and thirty years.

I will not take the time to review the past accomplishments because anyone interested has read my column in the Topics bimonthly which usually gives a current picture of what's happening. I would however, like to publicly acknowledge and thank all those who have contributed time and effort to this cause. I have a fondness for each of you, only a Turner can understand. Let us press on to the greater accomplishments of the future.

The first topic appears before you at this very convention in the form a resolution presented the Wisconsin District, namely, the establishment of a Turner Heritage Fund. The purpose being to provide funds, i.e, donations, for acquiring materials pertinent to the Turner Heritage. Most notably for acquiring copies of the official Turner newspaper, convention minutes and other miscellaneous documents and articles. We have already acquired a micro film of the Amerikanische Turnzeitung covering the period from 1884 to 1886. We will acquire the rest. For these reasons I strongly recommend the adoption of this resolution.

Furthermore, in the future, the establishment of an American Turner Museum to house the proud relics of our Heritage. Many will probably say it isn't needed and I agree for the present but what happens when the Heritage Fund begins acquiring materials or we regain the many relics gathered years ago and interred in Pittsburgh. These are artifacts and sources which belong to all, historian, Turner, and general public. We must not hide but rather be proud to tell all.

The third and final thrust for the immediate future shall be the awareness and understanding of all Turners. Such effort shall involve several short history essays appearing in the Topics, longer works, i.e., a history of George Seibel's tenure as president, and a short history of the past seventy years to accompany Henry Metzner's fine work, and also the never ending struggle through letters and correspondence. Particularly this final struggle can be very disappointing as letters usually go unanswered. Many societies and some national officers apparently do not feel the ambition or inclination to answer, but oh how satisfying it can be when one comes back answered. We will continue to try and I know each Turner will do his best to help.

One hundred thirty years to be proud of. Each of us is a part of it and we have the responsibility of carrying the spirit of Turnerism into the future. Give a little as Turners

Gut Heil.

Mark Schroeder
Historian

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 57th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order at 9:18 A.M. on Tuesday, July 18, 1978, by Chairman Harlow.

Motion was made by O'Donnell (NE) and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the preceding session. Motion carried.

Chairman Harlow appointed Turners Richard Malone, Ed Timm, Alice Astaldi, and Vern Harksen to extend the greetings of our delegates to the Women's Auxiliary.

Rules for debate were read by the chairman. Delegates will be permitted to speak for not more than three minutes at any one time, and not more than twice on the same subject except by special permission of the Convention. No delegate will be allowed to speak a second time on a given subject until all other speakers have been recognized. Roberts' Rules of Order will govern debate.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by its secretary, Turner Wolff:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elmer Crook of St. Louis District was made permanent chairman. Dick Wolff of Central States District was made permanent secretary.

Those present were Elmer Crook, Dick Wolff, Henry W. Schroeder, Glen Dau, J. Edward Hille, Warren E. Dalbke, Edward Timm, Victor E. Virgens, Hans Wandscher, and George Jacquin.

The following people were nominated for office as follows:

Walter Schrader for President
Robert Schuler for President

Forrest Steinlage for First Vice-President
Warren Dalbke for First Vice-President

Henry W. Schroeder for Second Vice-President

Elmer Serb for Bowling Chairman
Bob St. Peters for Bowling Chairman
Richard Barnes for Bowling Chairman

JoAnn Mueller for Chairman of Cultural Education

Harry Warnken for Chairman of Physical Education

John Westermeyer for Trustee for Endowment Trust Fund for full
term
Richard Malone for Trustee for Endowment Trust Fund for full
term

Respectfully submitted,
Elmer Crook, Chairman
Dick Wolff, Secretary

Rules for the election were read from the statutes by Turner Harlow.

The Nominating Committee had submitted the names of Walter Schrader and Robert Schuler for President of American Turners. Motion was made by Zahm (CS) and seconded to close the nominations. Turner William Meyer (Ill.) made a seconding speech for Turner Schrader, and Turner Eldon Zahm (CS) spoke on behalf of Turner Schuler. The delegates from each district cast their votes and the tellers retired to count them.

In the interval, Turner Harlow called for the names of the Regional Councilors who have been chosen by each region, as follows:

- Region 1 - Frank Astaldi
- 2 - Fred Boeker
- 3 - Bob Schuler
- 4 - Wilfred Racker
- 5 - Erwin Schrader
- 6 - Elmer Crook
- 7 - Robert Dau
- 8 - Not reported
- 9 - Clifford Anderson

The results of the election for president were announced. Turner Robert Schuler was elected president by a vote of 170½ to 44½. He thanked the delegates for their confidence.

Upon a call for nominations for First Vice-President, motion to close the nominations was made by Michels (CS), seconded and carried. The candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee were Forrest Steinlage (CS) and Warren Dalbke (Ill.) Seconding speeches were made for Dalbke by Elste (Ill.) and for Steinlage by Zahm (CS). After the ballots had been cast and counted, the chairman announced that the new First Vice-President would be Turner Steinlage, who won by a vote of 152 to 63.

The Nominating Committee had submitted the name of Henry Schroeder (NY) for Second Vice-President. Turner Warren Dalbke (Ill.) was nominated by Schueler (Mid.Atl.). Turner Robert Dau (Upper Miss.) was nominated by Glen Dau of the same district. Motion was made by Diamant (NY) and seconded to close the nominations. Motion carried. Ballots were cast, and while they were being tallied the chairman called on Turner Westermeyer (St.L.)

Turner Westermeyer spoke on behalf of the Endowment Trust Fund and urged the delegates present to make contributions to this worthy cause.

On the first ballot for Second Vice-President the following results were announced: Schroeder - 59; Dalbke - 66; Dau - 90. Turner Schroeder was dropped from the ballot and another vote was taken. As a result of the second ballot, Turner Dalbke was elected Second Vice-President by a vote of 122 to 93.

The Nominating Committee had submitted the names of Turners Elmer Serb, Robert St. Peters, and Richard Barnes for the position of National Bowling Chairman. Turner Serb declined the nomination. Motion was made by U. Virgens (NJ) to close the nominations and the motion was seconded and carried. Seconding speeches were made on behalf of both candidates and the vote was cast. Turner Harlow announced that Turner Richard Barnes is the new Bowling Chairman by a vote of 156½ to 58½.

At this time a delegation of ladies from the Auxiliary consisting of Hilda Dierks, East Davenport, Caroline Fisher, Concordia, St. Louis, and Betty Murray, Monaco, Pennsylvania, arrived to extend the greetings of their Auxiliary to us for a successful Convention. The chairman led the delegates in the Turner applause for these ladies.

Turner Martin (Ill.) announced the plans for the 1979 National Bowling Tournament.

The Nominating Committee had submitted the name of Turner JoAnn Mueller (CS) for National Cultural Chairman. Motion was made by Solfronk (St.L.) to close the nominations, and his motion was seconded and carried. Motion was made by O'Donnell (NE) and seconded that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Mueller as National Cultural Chairman. Motion carried, and the secretary was so instructed.

The Nominating Committee had submitted the name of Turner Harry Warnken (St.L.) for Chairman of Physical Education. Motion was made by Heeschin (L.E.) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Warnken. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Nominating Committee had submitted the names of Turner John Westermeyer (St.L.) and Turner Richard Malone (CS) for Trustee for Endowment Trust Fund for a full term. Motion was made by Boeker, seconded and carried, to close the nominations. Seconding speeches were made for each candidate by Turners Marx (St.L.) and Gamble (CS) respectively. The votes were cast and tallied, and Turner Westermeyer became the new Trustee by a vote of 120 to 95.

All the successful candidates made acceptance speeches after each election.

At this time the chair was turned over to Vice-Chairman Martin (Ill.), who called for the report of the Finance Committee, which was read by its chairman, Turner V. Virgens (NJ), and which becomes page 38 of these minutes.

Motion was made by Malone (CS) and seconded to accept the report of the Finance Committee. Motion was carried, but upon a request for clarification as to whether the proposals within the report were also accepted by this motion it was decided to discuss each one separately.

The discussion of Resolution #16 regarding the Endowment Trust Fund equipment grants was postponed until the National Affairs report is read, inasmuch as that committee also acted on this resolution. All other items in the Finance Committee report were understood and accepted by the delegates under the original motion.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order by William Meyer. Turner Victor E. Virgens elected chairman and A. Graham Morton, Secretary.

Resolution #16 regarding Endowment Trust Fund (listed in its entirety in report of the National Affairs Committee). This concerns equipment grants.

Motion made by Turner Paul DeSalvo and seconded by Turner Paul Bullard to recommend adoption of resolution as so proposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: The following form be adopted and to be attached in triplicate to each book of new cards. When the book of new cards is issued;

- 1 - copy with per capita tax is to be mailed to National.
- 1 - copy with per capita tax is to be mailed to District.
- 1 - copy to be retained by the local society.

AMERICAN TURNERS PER CAPITA TAX REMITTANCE STATEMENT

Society _____
Cards Issued No. _____ to No. _____ Inclusive _____
National Tax _____ Cards @ \$3.00 each = _____
Check No. _____ Date _____

District _____
Tax _____ Cards @ _____ Each = _____
Check No. _____ Date _____

Remarks: _____

Motion made by Turner Jim Moore and seconded by Turner Paul Bullard to recommend adoption of resolution as so proposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Virgens presented the Financial Report of the National Society for period ending December 31, 1977. Motion made by Turner Jim Moore and seconded by Paul DeSalvo to approve report as submitted by the auditors.

Motion made by Turner Nick Meyer and seconded by Turner Jim Moore recommending the National Society accept the adjusted payment of per capita tax of \$150.00 from the Chattanooga Turners, for 1974.

On the resolution to increase the per capita taxes \$1.00, the Finance Committee estimates the required yearly increase to be approximately \$7,500. This amount was arrived at as follows:

Salaries, etc.	\$3,000
Travel	1,000
Office Rental	1,000
Turner Topics	1,500
Miscellaneous	1,000
	<u>\$7,500</u>

Therefore, at approximately 15,000 membership, the increase required per member is 50¢. The Finance Committee recommends an additional 25¢ to offset the shortfall of this and the previous years to a maximum increase of 75¢.

Vic Virgens, Chairman

A. Graham Morton, Secy.

REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. on July 17, 1978, by Turner Elmer Serb, National Bowling Chairman.

Turner Ann Trankle (Ill.) was elected Permanent Chairman. Turner Richard Barnes (Cent.St.) was elected Permanent Secretary. The following delegates were in attendance: Ann Trankle, Elmer Serb, Richard Barnes, Laura Racker, Robert St.Peters, Betty Dau, Dick Senn, Earl McGunigale, Tommy Mayes, Clarence Lahrmann, Fred Angerman, Charles Cooper, Ray Huth, LaVern Harksen, Karl Schreiber, Jack McAdoo.

RESOLUTION: "That the following words be added after the words "respective regions". Must be replaced, if regional representative or Woman at Large misses participation in two consecutive National Bowling Tournaments."

Discussion regarding National Bowling Committee members participation in National Bowling Tournament. Motion by Robert St.Peters to change word "participation" to "attendance." Motion seconded by Tommy Mayes. Motion carried by committee.

Resolution #9 was read to the committee by the chairman. This was a discussion regarding the lowering of maximum handicaps. Motion was made by Dick Senn to reject resolution. Seconded by Betty Dau. Motion carried by committee.

RESOLUTION: "That all bowlers participating in the American Turners National Bowling Tournaments be given a record of all individual frames bowled in each Tournament, in order that individual bowlers may check their scores for obvious errors."

Discussion regarding all participants be given a record of all individual frames bowled. Motion was made by Ray Huth to accept resolution as read. Seconded by Karl Schreiber. Motion was carried by committee.

National Bowling Chairman Elmer Serb read the changes to the rules made at the June 17, 1978, National Bowling Committee meeting. All changes were accepted as read with the exception of the following:

- A. 1980 Tournament - Referred to National Council on motion made by Earl McGunigale, seconded by Betty Dau. Motion carried by committee.
- B. New Business: Paragraph 3 of National Bowling Committee's report. Motion made by Dick Senn that District Bowling Tournaments are to be confined to their own districts. Seconded by Robert St. Peters. Motion carried by committee.

At 11:20 A.M. Turner Charles Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Earl McGunigale. Motion carried. Chairman Ann Trankle closed the meeting.

Ann Trankle, Chairman
Richard Barnes, Secretary

The above report of the Bowling Committee was read by its chairman, Turner Ann Trankle. Turner Trankle made a motion to accept the report as read. Motion was seconded and carried.

MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 A.M. by Temporary Chairman Ursula Virgens (NJ). In attendance were Ursula Virgens (NJ), Edmund Judy (W.Pa.), Raymond Beisler (W.Pa.), Harry Stewart (Cent.St.), Bernard Harris (W.Pa.), Doris Stewart (Cent.St.), David Hollatz (Upper Miss.), Glen Dau (Upper Miss.), Luella Roth (Cent.St.), Dona Schaefer (Cent.St.), Erwin Schrader (Ill.), Emma Gebhardt (NY), Hans Wandscher (LE), Pauline McIntyre (LE), Eugene Solfronk (St.L.), Joe Becker (Upper Miss.), and JoAnn Mueller (Cent.St.), National Cultural Chairman. Billy Barnes (Cent.St.) and George Wiedemann (Wisc.) sat in as visitors.

Nominated and seconded that Ursula Virgens (NJ) preside over the meeting as chairman. Carried unanimously.

Nominated and seconded Dona Schaefer be secretary. Carried unanimously.

First business of committee was to discuss and pass or reject resolutions.

RESOLUTION: "That the National Cultural Committee establish a suitable and fitting award to be designated the Sara Palmer Memorial Award."

Discussion revolved around three ideas for which this award should be given:
(1) Society history (introductory and previous two years) of its cultural program;
(2) Scholarship Fund; (3) New Cultural Event. Motion made and carried to accept Resolution #7 above. Passed unanimously.

Motion made and carried for a sub-committee made up of Regional Chairmen and any interested delegate to meet at 4:00 P.M. to decide upon a suitable event for which this award can be given. Passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #21: "Resolved the National Turner Princess Contest is hereby created and is to be held in conjunction with future National Conventions starting in 1980.

Motioned and seconded to pass Resolution 21. After much discussion the motion and second were rescinded in favor of a second motion to include the following amendments: 1. Society points will be awarded to the contestants as follows: Winning society - 50 points; Second - 35 points; Third - 25 points. All other contestants will receive 10 points for their society. Passed unanimously.

Resolution #23 - RESOLVED: That Article II of the Rules applying to Cultural Education Competition (Revised 1974) in the last paragraph on Page 5 - (All civic volunteer work by a Turner or Turner group in or for various civic organizations: if it pertains to teaching, learning or beautifying in cultural nature must be done in Turner name is hereby deleted and dropped from the rules.

After much discussion both for and against, a motion was made and seconded to reject this resolution. Passed.

Recommendations from the Committee:

The committee recommended to the General Convention all delegates and visitors be required to wear their name tags for the entire Convention.

Rules Changes: As per Article 16A - Page 6 and 7 of the Principles and Statutes (Revised Aug. 76). Motion made and seconded to change Class 7 - Photography to "Prints must not be smaller than 5x7 inches nor larger than 11x14 and must be mounted with a 1-inch border on all sides." Passed unanimously.

*Article XII - Society points for Festival Competition. Grand Prizes - 1st Best of Show - "Sara Palmer Trophy." This is to be a permanent trophy; the type of trophy will be left up to the decision of the Cultural Committee.

It was motioned and seconded to approve this change. Passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded the committee go on record as recommending the nomination of Joann Mueller as National Cultural Chairman. Passed unanimously.

Motion for adjournment at 12:05. *(See Sub-Committee Report attached)

Respectfully submitted,
Dona Schaefer, Secretary
Ursula Virgens, Chairman

NATIONAL CULTURAL COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Called to order at 4:10 P.M. Attending were Ursula Virgens (NJ), Pauline McIntyre (LE), Eugene Solfronk (St.L.), Dona Schaefer (Cent.St.).

Eugene Solfronk moved the best of show presently receiving a plaque, ribbon or whatever else the committee shall decide upon be designated the "Sara Palmer Memorial Award." That this award be in the form of a quality trophy selected by the National Committee. Seconded by Pauline McIntyre (LE). Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dona Schaefer, Secretary
Ursula Virgens, Chairman

The preceding report of the Cultural Education Committee were read by Turner Ursula Virgens, Chairman.

With reference to Resolution #21 mentioned on the first page of the above minutes, Turner Virgens explained that this resolution also included a provision to exclude the two-minute speech relative to Turnerism and include only impromptu remarks relative to Turnerism. Motion was made by Schrader (Ill.), seconded and carried, to accept Resolution 21 as amended by committee.

Motion was made by Crook (St.L.) and seconded to approve the rule change in Class 7 - Photography - as listed at the bottom of the first page of the report. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stephens (St.L.) to accept the recommendation of the committee regarding establishment of the Sara Palmer Memorial Award, with the clarification that this permanent award will be a new award at each National Festival. Motion was accepted and carried.

Motion was made by Diamant (NY), seconded and carried, to accept the report of the Cultural Education Committee in its entirety.

The report of the National Publicity and Publication Committee was read by its secretary, Turner Lin Batdorf (WNY).

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Meeting convened at 9:10 A.M. Fritz Korte (Ill.) nominated Ed Elste (Ill.) to be chairman of the committee.

Bill Ridge (Cent.St.) nominated Lin Batdorf (W.N.Y.) to be secretary.

In attendance were: George Evans (W.Pa.), Lin Batdorf (W.N.Y.), Ed Elste (Ill.), Bill Ridge (Cent.St.), Harold Jurgens (Upper Miss.), Delores Koch (W.Pa.), and Theodore Strobel (Cent.St.). Absent were R. Marx (St.L.) and Eugene Keller (NY). Also Fred Koverman (CS), Fritz Korte (Ill.) and Olive Fiebig (CS).

RESOLUTION: That hereafter each society be required to furnish Turner Topics the following information: Name of society; date of acceptance into American Turners; the names and card numbers of all NEW members for official publication in the earliest following issue. Until this information is published, the new members are ineligible for District and National Event competition. EXCEPT, Gymnastics class members as stated in ELIGIBILITY Rule IV of National Festival Rules. Also, subject to existing qualification requirements.

Discussion followed. Motion to reject was made by Strobel, seconded and passed.

WE RECOMMEND: In regard to the above resolution we feel that a standardized form be used for all National competitions requiring the suggested information plus proof of identification, i.e., driver's license. This form ^{to be} validated, when properly filled in, by authorized society person in charge of membership.

WE RECOMMEND: That Lin Batdorf (W.N.Y.) be considered for the position of Editor of the National Turner Topics.

WE RECOMMEND: That some improvement be made at the National level to eliminate duplication of mailing and to update mailing lists to cut costs.

WE RECOMMEND: That the National Publication and Publicity Committee of this Convention be on continuing National level and that the name be changed to the National Public Relations Committee.

WE RECOMMEND: That a National Public Relations Director be appointed and each society and district appoint a public relations director to work together for the betterment and continuation of the American Turners, educating the public and the members about Turners and about National Turner Heritage.

WE RECOMMEND: That the Turner Topics be used as an instrument to educate all societies about other societies via periodic profiles on each society or via a special edition.

WE RECOMMEND: That each society send their monthly newsletter to the Topics editor to inform all societies of upcoming events and provide the editor with material for publication.

Motion for adjournment was made by Harold Jurgens at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Elste, Chairman
Lin Batdorf, Secretary

Motion was made by Batdorf (WNY), seconded and ~~carried~~, to accept this report.

At this point in the Convention a motion was made by Crook (St.L.) to adjourn for lunch and to reconvene in one hour. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Convention re-convened at 1:15 P.M., and the report of the National Affairs Committee was read by its secretary, Turner Pat Stephens (St.L.).

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Committee on National Affairs was called to order at 9:10 A.M. on Monday, July 17, 1978, by Turner Warren E. Dalbke.

Turner Dalbke, Illinois District, was elected chairman and Turner Pat Stephens, St. Louis District, was elected secretary.

Roll call showed the following delegates present: David Lebert, Mid.Atl.; Frank Astaldi, N.E.; Eldon Zahm, Cent.St.; Warren Dalbke, Ill.; Gary Miller, Wisc.; Lindsay D. Murray, W.Pa.; Harold Hoenig, W.Pa.; Betty Dau, Upper Miss.; Frank Timmerman, Upper Miss.; Elmer Crook, St.L.; Richard Malone, Cent. St.; Harry E. Hineman, Cent.St.; Bill Burkman, Ill.; Ed Barrow, L.E.; Hertha Hermann, N.Y.; John M. Kovaly, W.Pa.; Raymond Hall, Minn.; Robert Dau, Upper Miss.; Erwin L. Andresen, Upper Miss.; Herbert Lauf, W. Pa.; Robert Schuler, Cent.St.; Frank Fielman, Cent.St.; Herman Zweifel, Ill.; Bill Severns, L.E.; Ray Karl, W.Pa.; Clifford E. Anderson, W.Pa.; Edward Sexton, N.Y.; Lloyd Rose, Upper Miss; Ron Centella, W Pa.; Pauline Stephens, St.L; Hugo Noldan, W N.Y.

Action on resolutions submitted:

RESOLUTION: "To the 57th National Convention of the American Turners, we propose that the National Headquarters be moved from the Rochester Turners, Rochester, New York, to the Athenaeum Turners, Indianapolis, Indiana "

Resolution was made by Turner Lauf (W Pa), seconded by Turner Zahm (Cent St) to accept the above resolution Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION: "The following resolution to the National Convention is being submitted upon advice from our Auditor in order to retain our tax exempt status

"Whereas the Government requires that all tax-exempt schools in regard to students, include a statement in their by-laws or in a resolution of their governing body, that they have a racially non-discriminatory policy, be it hereby

"RESOLVED that the American Turners include in the minutes of the 57th National Convention that we operate under a racially non-discriminatory policy in regard to students in our School of Physical Education program."

Motion by Turner Crook, St L , seconded by Turner Zweifel, Ill., to recommend adoption of resolution Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION: "That the American Turner Heritage Fund be established to promote and protect the American Turner Heritage with funding provided through the generosity of Turners everywhere "

Motion by Turner Malone, Cent St , seconded by Turner Robert Dau, Upper Miss., to recommend adoption of resolution Motion made by Turner Zahm, Cent St , seconded by Turner Crook, St L , to amend resolution by adding: "Funds to be controlled by the National Council " Amendment carried Original motion as amended carried unanimously

RESOLUTION: "The National Executive Committee shall appoint a representative, or more when necessary, from the National Council to attend National Championships. The representative's expenses resulting from travel, room and meals will be reimbursed by the National Office. Should the host society or district invite the representative's spouse, or additional National Council members, these expenses will be shared equally by the host society or district and the National Office. The above is not to conflict with visitations by Regional Councilors as defined in the Procedural Guide."

Motion by Turner Crook (St.L.), seconded by Turner Astaldi (N.E.) to recommend adoption of resolution. Carried unanimously.

Resolution #15: This resolution was discussed but no action taken since it referred to Principles and Statutes.

RESOLUTION: "That the Convention recommend to the Trustees of the Endowment Trust Fund the following guidelines concerning equipment grants.

- a. Outright equipment grants to be discontinued.
- b. Future purchases of equipment with Endowment Trust Funds be on a "Matching Funds" basis.
- c. Before purchase, the applying qualified society should submit in writing to the Fund Trustees, an itemized list of equipment to be purchased, where they intend to purchase, and the cost.
- d. Applying societies must be certified in writing, to be in good standing by their District and National Office.
- e. Future allocations to be made annually with available funds, as of a fixed awarding date.
- f. Letters with "up to" dollar commitment to be issued to applying and qualifying societies.
- g. Purchases to be made through Endowment Trust Fund, with approved applying societies forwarding their one-half of purchase price to Fund Trustees for equipment purchases.
- h. A maximum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to be allowed to any society in any five year period of time."

Motion by Turner Zahm (CS), seconded by Turner Sexton (NY) to recommend resolution to the Trustees of the Endowment Trust Fund. Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: (Consideration of this resolution was prefaced by suggesting the actual proposed procedure attached to the resolution be referred to Council for consideration and approval.) " WHEREAS, The American Turners' Honor Key is the highest coveted award given by the American Turners, and WHEREAS, this award to a Turner Member is in recognition of unselfish donation of time, effort and energy for the propagation of Turnerism; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That a standard Ceremonial Presentation Program be established for the American Turners Honor Key."

Motion by Turner Robert Dau, Upper Miss., seconded by Turner Astaldi, N.E., to recommend adoption of resolution as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Letter from Turner Fred Zitta, Turnverein Eiche, concerning deplorable conditions at Camp Jahn at Hampton Ponds which is run and controlled by Holyoke Turnverein. Turner Astaldi informed this committee that the camp has been closed by the authorities, and he requested a copy of the letter and volunteered to convey our feelings in the matter to Holyoke Turnverein.

Motion was made by Turner Lebert, Mid.Atl., seconded by Turner Severns, to recommend that the National Council work with each district to promote leadership management programs. Motion carried unanimously. Turner Bill Severns advised he was available to serve with such a leadership management program.

Motion was made by Turner Astaldi, N.E., and seconded by Turner Anderson, W.Pa., to recommend that the next convention (1980) be held the second week in August. Carried unanimously.

Discussion was had concerning the California situation mentioned during the opening ceremonies, and a motion was made by Turner Hall, Minn., seconded by Turner Timmerman, Upper Miss., that the Convention suggest that one National representative and the physical education director visit Southern California district to try to resolve problem encountered by cancellation of National Gymnastic competition. Motion carried unanimously. (Note: Probable participants would have been two teams from Pennsylvania, one team Central States, one team Minnesota, two participants Illinois, and probable two teams Middle Atlantic.)

It was suggested that an appropriate letter be written to the President of the United States concerning 200th anniversary of Father Jahn. Central States District volunteered.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. Dalbke, Chairman
Pauline Stephens, Secretary

Regarding the report of the National Affairs Committee, motion was made by Diamant (NY) to accept the recommendation to move National headquarters to Indianapolis. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion was made by Strobel (CS), seconded and carried, to approve the recommendation of the committee that we include in the minutes of this convention a statement that we operate under a racially non-discriminatory policy in regard to students in our School of Physical Education program.

Motion was made by Diamant (NY) and seconded to approve the third resolution in the report, regarding establishment of an American Turner Heritage Fund. Motion was seconded and carried, and it was explained that this would be a fund provided through the generosity of Turners everywhere and would be established probably within thirty days.

Motion was made by Westermeyer (St.L.) and seconded to approve recommendation of the committee regarding Endowment Trust Fund equipment grants. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dalbke (Ill.), seconded and carried to accept recommendation providing for a standard Ceremonial Presentation Program for the American Turners Honor Key.

Motion was made by Pat Stephens (St.L.) to accept the report in its entirety. Motion was seconded and carried.

The report of the Health and Physical Education Committee was read by its secretary, Turner Daisy Pippin (Mid.Atl.)

REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Temporary chairman Daisy Pippin called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.

Ted O'Donnell was elected as permanent chairman, and Daisy Pippin was elected as permanent secretary. Delegates present:

Daisy Pippin	Robert Marx	Mac Ernst	Alice Astaldi
Ted O'Donnell	Edmund Pahl	Dot Steinlage	George Heeschen
William Maier	Alex Diamant	Dorothie Timmerman	Nancy Sahms
Hugo Noldan	Ed Kasner	Harry Warnken	Helen Garcia
Charles Gamble	Elinor Risch	Glen Lose	Peter Michels
James Reifsnnyder	Gene Keller	George Jacquin	Forrest Maxwell
Henry Schroeder	Edward Timm	John Westernmeyer	Harold Jornod
Frank Frerman	Betty Heppner	Mary Morgan	George Kuettner
Chic Martin	Dennis Zeller		

Discussion of Resolution #18 resulted in a vote of 13 Yea and 16 Nay for recommendation to convention floor. A minority report will be filed.

A motion was made and seconded to reject resolution #19.

RESOLUTION: That Rule #4 of the National 12" and 16" Softball Tournament Rules be changed as of January 1st, 1979, to read as follows:- Minimum men's age for Tournament will be 16 years of age on date of tournament. No minimum age for women.

The above Recommendation #22 was approved by this committee for convention action.

Resolution #24 was rejected by this committee.

A resolution received from the floor by the St. Louis District in corrected form as follows:

RESOLUTION: That the metric system shall be used wherever possible in all national competitive events of The American Turners involving measurements in distance and weight.

Events approved by The American Turners in the various age and sex classifications shall utilize the distances and weights currently recognized in international competition.

This resolution shall become effective on January 1, 1983.

was approved by this committee for convention approval.

OLD BUSINESS: Turner Westernmeyer, St. Louis District, spoke of the huge success of the Senior Golf Tournament in Indianapolis.

A lengthy discussion was held on separating certain sports from the committee on Health and Physical Education (during convention only).

A motion made by G. Jacquin (WNY) that we establish a new committee for future conventions to be known as "Games Committee". Covering: Volleyball, Softball, Golf, Basketball and Tennis. In addition to this motion, we may add any other game that is established on our National level.

It was further discussed that this is not a National Committee but only a separate committee that meets during convention to ease the load on the Physical Education Committee, and the report of this committee will be included with the Physical Education Committee.

This motion was seconded and approved for Convention.

Turner Westermeyer read a letter from the Vice President of Schiller Turners and asked that this committee approve the contents of this letter, for reproduction and distribution to all delegates, as food for thought. The committee approved this request.

Recessed for lunch at 12 noon. Reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

This committee recommends to the Nominating Committee the name of Turner Harry Warnken as National Chairman of Physical Education.

A change was requested for Page 36, No. 4, Item C of the new National Festival Rule Book. A motion was made and seconded to change it to read as follows: Both feet shall be positioned at the take-off point. Take-off should be made balanced on one foot with a free swing allowed. (No step backward).

OLD BUSINESS: It was requested and discussed at length that more time be given to work on Festival routines. It was decided that it is too late to change the rules. The majority felt that six months is ample time.

At this time Turner Chic Martin displayed a trophy won by his society in the Women's National Volleyball Tournament. This trophy appeared in bad condition and was a disgrace to present for this achievement. Turner Woehrle mentioned that it would be a good idea if a National standardized award be used in all future championships with the emblem on it displayed properly.

A letter to President Racker concerning this matter was read at this time resulting in the following motion.

A motion made by Chic Martin (Ill.) that all future National championships present new trophies that should be approved by a National representative. This motion was seconded and approved for convention.

Wilmington delegate Reifsnnyder (Mid.Atl.) suggested to this committee that Volleyball teams be placed in at least 2 divisions. Discussion at length proposed that it is not feasible and that it could lead to many problems. A National Tournament is just that and is not a divisional championship. Turner O'Donnell explained that a ceding of teams would be the best alternative.

A discussion followed on the California situation and the sadness of that would be a large loss to the American turners. At this time we were advised by a guest delegate to this committee that steps are already being taken by the National Affairs Committee.

Turner George Jacquin, our representative from the American Turners to the U.S. Olympic Committee, announced that we are no longer a member of this committee. After reading this to the delegates a discussion followed with the following results: A motion was made by Dot Steinlage and seconded by Betty Heppner that the American Turners write a letter to Tennely Albright, Chairman of the U.S. Olympic Committee, to re-apply for membership under Group B on the Committee.

We were dropped because the American Turners did not supply a sufficient amount of competitors in a prescribed time.

Golf Committee Report: (Read by Betty Heppner)

"The National Golf Committee meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., at the Athenaeum Turners on July 11, 1978, voted to recommend that:

1. The 1979 National Golf Tournament be held in Toledo, Ohio -
Host: Toledo Turners.
2. Jim Camp, Beaver Falls, Pa., be the newly elected chairman of
the National Golf Committee replacing Jim Byrd, Cincinnati.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Swan, Secy. Pro Tem
National Golf Committee

This report was accepted for incorporation into these minutes, with all in favor.

Chairman O'Donnell entertained a motion for adjournment at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daisy M. Pippin, Secretary
Ted O'Donnell, Chairman

As noted in the above report, the Committee voted to reject Resolution #12, which is the resolution listed in the report of the National Publicity and Publication Committee regarding furnishing proof of membership for competition. Motion was properly made, seconded and carried to accept a minority report on this, as follows:

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The following persons disagree with the report of the majority on rules pertaining to volleyball tournaments. We feel that every player should have to be a member of the American Turners for six months and should be required to show his membership card.

We respectfully request the consideration of the Convention to this matter.

(Sgd)	Eugene Keller	Henry W. Schroeder	Ted O'Donnell
	Jim Reifsnyder	Harry Warnken	Ed Kasner
	Dennis Zeller	Dot Steinlage	Alex Diamant
	Elinor Risch	Mary Arthur Morgan	H. Jornod

Motion was made by Diamant (NY), seconded and carried, to accept the recommendation of the committee regarding the minimum age for the 12" and 16" National Softball Tournament.

Motion was made by Hille (Mid.Atl.), seconded and carried to accept the recommendation of the committee regarding use of the metric system wherever possible in all national competitive events effective January 1, 1983.

Motion was made by Crook (St.L.), seconded and carried to adopt the recommendation of the committee regarding establishment of a new "Games Committee" for future conventions.

Motion was made by Dalbke and seconded to approve recommendation of the committee that new trophies be provided for all future National championships and be approved by a National representative. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Pippin (Mid.Atl.) and seconded to accept the report of the Health and Physical Education Committee in its entirety. Motion was carried.

Turner Malone (CS) asked for clarification of a rule regarding championships at a National level during a festival year. He was advised that as our rules now stand, only a National bowling tournament or National golf tournament may be held during a festival year. Any exceptions (in Turner Malone's case he was inquiring specifically about basketball and softball) would have to be petitioned to the National Council.

The report of the Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee was read by Turner Robert Swan, the committee chairman.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by temporary chairman Richard Bade (Cent.St.) at 9:00 A.M. Present were Hille (Mid.Atl.), Boeker (NJ), Wright (WNY), Heinz Schueler (Mid.Atl.), Hirsch (NY), Jacquin (WNY), Volker (W.Pa.), Harlow (Cent.St.), Rabe (Cent.St.), Squires (Upper Miss.), Tatge (Upper Miss.), Udovich (Wisc.), Irps (Ill.), Swan (Cent.St.), Konecki (L.E.), and Bade (Cent.St.) Six members were absent.

Jim Rabe nominated Robert Swan to the office of permanent chairman, and he was elected unanimously. Richard Bade was elected unanimously to the office of secretary.

Five resolutions which were referred to the committee were acted upon as follows:

RESOLUTION: That paragraph 109 of the Principles and Statutes be amended to read "Each society shall pay to the American Turners an annual per capita tax of \$4.00 for each of its members."

George Jacquin moved to adopt. Carl Irps seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: That Article #97 of the Principles and Statutes be deleted in its entirety. That portions of Article #95 which pertain to the citizenship requirements be deleted. That any other section of the Principles and Statutes which mention citizenship requirements be deleted.

Quinn Wright moved to adopt, Jack Tatge seconded. Motion carried 9 to 5, with one abstention.

James Rabe moved that local societies be advised that they may include the provisions presently set forth in Articles 95 and 97 of the National Statutes pertaining to citizenship in their local by-laws at their option. Seconded by Al Udovich. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: The National Executive Committee shall appoint a representative, or more when necessary, from the National Council to attend National Championships. The representative's expenses resulting from travel, room and meals will be reimbursed by the National Office. Should the host society or district invite the representative's spouse, or additional National Council members, these expenses will be shared equally by the host society or district and the National Office. The above is not to conflict with visitations by Regional Councilors as defined in the Procedural Guide.

Quinn Wright moved to adopt; Carl Irps seconded. Motion carried 14 to 1.

RESOLUTION: That the Principles and Statutes be amended as follows:

PRINCIPLES

Page 4 - 2nd last paragraph - delete "except United States or Canadian citizenship."

STATUTES

Paragraph 95 - delete "who have declared their intention to become citizens as soon as legally possible."

Paragraph 97 - delete entire paragraph.

This resolution is identical in purpose to Resolution #3 considered above. Quinn Wright moved that the resolution be attached to Resolution #3 and that they be considered simultaneously as one resolution by the Convention. Seconded by Jim Rabe. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: A proposed revision of Article 178a submitted by the National Council.

District Council having jurisdiction be changed to District Convention having jurisdiction.

Also, a provision in the revised article for an appeal to the National Council should the amendment be rejected by the District Convention.

The Article would read as follows: A proposed amendment to the Principles or Statutes can originate with any individual member of the American Turners; a District; Society, or any organized group of American Turner members. However, before any proposed amendment may be recognized by a National Convention, it must be submitted in resolution form to the National Office after being approved by a District Convention having jurisdiction over the Turner(s) who initiated the proposed amendment. If the District Convention rejects the proposed amendment, the Turner(s) who initially proposed such amendment may appeal to the National Council. The National Council is also authorized to initiate proposed amendments to the Principles and Statutes if approved by a majority of the members of such body at a regular meeting or by a mail poll of the National Council members.

Fred Boeker moved that the resolution be adopted; Al Udovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Swan said that he must return to Indianapolis and he authorized Turner Jim Rabe to certify this report in his absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bade, Secy.

Robert Swan, Chairman

The first resolution of this committee, regarding increasing the per capita tax to \$4.00 per year, is a statutes change. Motion was made by Zweifel (Ill.) and seconded to adopt this resolution. Motion was carried unanimously, so no roll call vote was necessary.

It was suggested by Turner Swan that the delegates defer action on the second resolution in this report until the resolution at the bottom of the first page of the report was read, and his suggestion was followed.

The third resolution considered by this committee also involved a Statutes change under Article 46a of the Statutes. Motion was made by Lose (Ill.) to adopt this resolution and was seconded. The motion was passed unanimously, making a roll call vote unnecessary.

After the resolution at the bottom of the first page (regarding citizenship) was read, motion was made by Meyer (Ill.) and seconded to reject this resolution. A lengthy discussion followed. Motion was passed, thus defeating the resolution in the report.

The last resolution of this report, regarding a change in wording from "District Council" to "District Convention" in Article 178a, together with a provision for appeal to the National Council, was also a Statute change. Motion to accept this resolution was made by Zahm (CS) and seconded. Motion was carried unanimously, so no Federal vote was necessary.

Motion was made by Swan to accept the report of the Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee. Motion was seconded and carried.

Turner Timm (W.Pa.) asked for a ruling on the length of term of office of the members of the Golf Committee. It was decided to take this up under New Business.

Motion was made by Malone (CS) to adjourn the Second Session of the Convention at 3:00 P.M. and reconvene on Wednesday, July 19, 1978, at 9:00 A.M. Motion was seconded and carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

THIRD SESSION

The Third Session of the 57th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order at 9:15 A.M. by Chairman Harlow.

A moment of silence was observed in tribute to the members of American Turners throughout the country who have died during the past two years.

Turner Racker (LE) made a motion that this convention send a communication to Mrs. William Huth, widow of our former Region 4 Councilor and the editor of Turner Topics. Motion was seconded and carried.

A letter from Mrs. Huth to the Convention was read by Assistant Secretary Lin Batdorf.

Turner Racker announced that a National Council meeting will be held in the same room immediately after the Convention adjourns.

Motion was made by Jacquin (WNY), seconded and carried that this Convention send its greetings to our 85-year member in Chicago, Turner Rudolf Schrader.

There was no unfinished business.

Under New Business, the chairman called for bids for the 1980 National Convention. After deliberation among the different districts, Turner Robert Marx (St.L.) extended the invitation of the Concordia Turners for the National Convention in 1980. Motion to hold the Convention there in 1980 was made by Jacquin (W.N.Y.), seconded and carried.

Turner Betty Dau (Upper Miss.) announced details regarding the National Festival to be held in Moline, Illinois, on July 5-8, 1979. She urged maximum attendance, and her invitation was later repeated by Turner Warnken, new National Physical Education Chairman.

Turner Racker thanked the members of the National Council who had worked so well with him during his term of office.

On behalf of Central States District and all delegates, Turner Zahm thanked everyone for a fine Convention, and the Turner applause was extended to all involved. Turner Schuler called for the Turner applause for the outgoing officers of American Turners. Turner Zahm invited any interested Turners to the Central States Leadership, Cultural, and Princess Contest the first week in October at Indianapolis.

Turner Schuler extended his thanks and those of the Convention to the elected officers of the Convention.

Turner Jacquin invited Turners to the annual Turner picnic held in April in Florida.

Turner JoAnn Mueller reminded the delegates present of the individual cultural competition for this year, which is to compose and write a new Turner song, which she hopes could then be introduced at next year's National Festival.

Recommendation was made by Timm (W.Pa.) that the National Bowling Committee include representation from the ladies from both the eastern and western zones. Turner Jacquin explained that this would involve a Statutes change and it would be necessary to have the suggestion prepared in resolution form for the next Convention.

Turner Pippin (Mid.Atl.) announced that the Endowment Trust Fund will be \$675.40 richer as a result of this Convention.

Turner Boeker reminded the delegates present that August 11 will be the 200th anniversary of Vater Jahn and will be observed in Hanover, Germany.

Turner Schuler announced that the signs at each table for this Convention had been donated to them by Moline Turners two years ago, and that they, in turn, will now turn them over to St. Louis.

Turner Harlow declared the 1978 57th National Convention of American Turners to be adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille B. Bothfeld
Lucille B. Bothfeld, Convention Secretary

Robert E. Harlow
Robert Harlow, Convention Chairman

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROCEDURE IN COMMITTEES

The Committee is to be called to order by the delegate whose name is at the top of the list, and the Committee will then organize by electing its Chairman and Secretary.

The attendance at the meetings of the Committee is to be limited to registered Turners or Guests, and only those Turners listed as delegates by the Credentials Committee are entitled to vote in Committee sessions.

Officers of the National Council may participate in the deliberations of any of the Committees ex-officio (without vote).

The first duty of each Committee is to inspect the resolutions submitted to it and return to the officers of the convention any resolution which, in its best judgement, does not come under its jurisdiction.

Committees must consider all resolutions properly submitted to them. Rejected resolutions are to be reported to the Secretary of the Convention.

The Committee reports ordinarily should not state the source from which resolutions were obtained and should not recite the parliamentary procedure by which their conclusions were reached. The report should only indicate the conclusions of the Committee in numbered paragraphs as in the proceedings of the previous Conventions.

All reports must be made in triplicate, two copies to be delivered to the Chairman and Secretary of the Convention, and one copy to be held by that member of the Committee reading the report.

Committee reports must list the names of all Turners who attend the meetings of the Committee.

Committee reports must be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee.

Proposed amendments to the Principles and proposed amendments to the Statutes are not to be included in the main report of the Committee, but each is to be submitted in a separate report on a separate sheet.

No proposed amendment to Principles and Statutes shall be considered unless it has been submitted to the Districts 60 days prior to this Convention (see Article 175 of Statutes).

Minority Reports, if any, must be signed by those members of the Committee sponsoring the minority report.

The Committee reports will be called for in such order as the Chairman of the Convention may determine.

NOTE: In the event the committee votes against one of the resolutions, but a committee member wants it to be considered by the convention in spite of the unfavorable vote, a written minority report must be submitted.