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FIRST SESSION

Sunday Evening, August 8, 1976

The Convention was called to order by Turner President Wilfred Racker at 8:11 P.M. in the gymnasium of Moline Turners. Turner Racker introduced Turner Betty Dau, National Cultural Chairman and Chairman of the Convention Committee, who welcomed the delegates on behalf of Moline Turners. The invocation was given by Turner Joann Mueller. National Anthem was sung by Turner Erwin Behr, after presentation of the flag by Cub Scouts of Moline Turners. Pledge of Allegiance and oath to the flag were by Turner Al Dengler.

Moline Turner President Frank Sundeen extended his greetings and introduced the speaker, Representative Thomas Railsbach. Representative Railsbach presented Bill McArthur of the Moline Teen Club with a flag which has been flown over our nation's capitol.

President Racker read a telegram of greetings to the Convention from the German Turnerbund, and then called for nominations for temporary chairman. Turner Robert Dau (Up. Miss.) was nominated by Guenther (LE). Turner Chris Wuest (NY) was nominated by Diamant (NY), but declined. Motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and carried, and Turner Dau assumed the chair.

Turner Lucille Bothfeld was nominated for temporary secretary by Westermeyer (STL). Motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and carried, and Turner Bothfeld assumed her station.

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

The report of the Credentials Committee was presented by Turner Crook (STL) and is presented with corrections on the following pages. Motion was made by Huth (West.NY) and seconded that this Convention accept and seat the additional delegates from the Wisconsin District who were not originally certified by their District. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jacquin (West.NY) and seconded that any other names brought forth during the corrections to the Credential Committee report be accepted and seated. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wright (West.NY) and seconded to accept the report of the Credentials Committee as corrected and to seat the delegates, with a total of 221 Federal votes. There will be no member-at-large delegate, as no name was submitted. Motion was carried.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Meeting was called to order at 3:20 P.M. by President Wilfred Racker. Turner Walter Guenther was unanimously elected chairman of this committee. Turner Elmer Crook was unanimously elected to serve as secretary..

Permission was requested from the Minnesota District to allow the Upper Mississippi District to cast their four votes at the Convention. Turner Erwin Behr made a motion to grant permission of this committee. Motion was seconded by Turner Max Spanier and passed.

President Racker read a letter from the Southern California District, signed by Turners Otto Nell and William Linnes, requesting that Turner C. Bud Marquette be allowed to represent the Southern California District as a delegate. The request was granted.

A motion by Turner Behr, seconded by Turner Schrader, was made to accept the report of the Credentials Committee as corrected.

Motion was made by Turner Spanier, seconded by Turner Crook, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

DELEGATES LISTED BY DISTRICTS

CENTRAL STATES - 51 Federal Votes

Dick Senn	Clarence Lahrman, Jr.	Luella C. Roth
JoAnne Mueller	Dona Schaefer	Peter Michels, Jr.
Richard S. Malone	Betty Heppner	Robert Swan
Dick Wolff	Elinor Risch	Dorothy M. Steinlage
Paul Bullard	Frank Fielman	Joseph B. Lubbers
James Moore	Robert J. Schuler	Mary Adele Schuler
Richard Bade	Fred Koverman	James Heppner (Alt.)
J. R. Winchell (Alt.)	Clyde Gaskins (Alt.)	Chevette Fye (Alt.)
Gene Toggweiler (Alt.)	Harold Priddy (Alt.)	Virginia Korkhouse
Arthur Hagman	George Korkhouse	Joseph Koutnik
Edmund Pahl	Stanford Tallman	

ILLINOIS - 17 Federal Votes

Ann Trankle	Al Graf	Harry Pieniger
Lucille Bothfeld	Carl Irps, Jr.	William Meyer
Ralph Markus	Chic Martin	Ed Colton
Warren Dalbke	Herman Zweifel	Robert Buttala
Tom (Bucky) Cazel	Erwin Schrader	Ed Elste
John Riedeman		

LAKE ERIE - 12 Federal Votes

Ted Garfield	Paul DeSalvo	Walter Guenther
Kay Kitson	Pauline McIntyre	Harry Schroeder
Frank McIntyre	Laura Racker	Bill Severns
Ed Barrow	Louis Kraft	

MIDDLE ATLANTIC - 12 Federal Votes

Daisy M. Pippin	Adrain DeJong	J. Edward Hille
Nancy Sahms		

MINNESOTA DISTRICT - 4 Federal Votes

NEW ENGLAND - 28 Federal Votes

Max Spanier	A. J. O'Donnell	William Moran
Larry Goggia	Russell Jewett	Walter O'Malley
Frank Astaldi	Joseph Young	Robert Murray

NEW JERSEY - 2 Federal Votes

Victor Virgens	Fred Boeker	Ursula Virgens (Alt.)
Marion Slattery (Alt.)		

NEW YORK - 8 Federal Votes

Hertha Hermann	Chris Wuest	Henry W. Schroeder
Alex Diamant	William Kesper	Rita M. Wuest
George Hirsch	William Thane	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - 1 Federal Vote

C. Bud Marquette

ST. LOUIS - 15 Federal Votes

Elmer Serb	Nicholas Meyer	Eugene Solfronk
Frank Mirth	Harry W. Warnken	Elmer Crook
Robert A. Marx	John Westermeyer	Arnold Trummer
Anton Hoch	Larry Woolworth	

UPPER MISSISSIPPI - 17 Federal Votes

Roger Burke	Harlan Hamann	Jack Tatze
Glen Dau	Willie Caloud	Richard Neihaus
Carl Anderson	Harry Schab	Jim Hasson
Ron Niebes	Frank Sundeen	Erwin Behr
Ray Hamad	Roy Stoker	Robert Dau
E. Andresen	Don Andrews	Joe Becker (Alt.)
Charles Hinman (Alt.)	Art Eppley (Alt.)	Ken Schriefer (Alt.)
Janis Thomas (Alt.)	Catherine Neihaus (Alt.)	Carl Heald (Alt.)
Lee Osborne (Alt.)	Janice Eppley (Alt.)	Helen Schriefer (Alt.)
Charles Thomas (Alt.)	Helen Becker (Alt.)	

WESTERN NEW YORK - 8 Federal Votes

Hugo Noldan
C. Quinn Wright

Karl Schreiber
Lin Batdorf

George J. Jacquin
William O. Huth

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA - 42 Federal Votes

Anthony Ragno
Bernard Harris
Russell Cochran
Ray Beisler
Gerald Yingling
Clifford Anderson
Fred Angerman
Margaret Judy (Alt.)
Ed Balint (Alt.)

John Smocer
Charles Lynn
Ronald Cintella
Jerry Hogue
John Kovaly
Robert White
Ed Kasner (Alt.)
Walter Lis (Alt.)

Earl Hull
Edmund Judy
Ray Karl
Edward Timm
Robert Volker
Frank Lunch
Al Loeffler (Alt.)
Chuck Schaum (Alt.)

WISCONSIN DISTRICT - 4 Federal Votes

Robert St. Pierre
Irving Koth

Roxanne St. Pierre
Evelyn Latemann (Alt.)

Wayne Pevler

DELEGATES LISTED BY COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elmer R. Crook
Alex Diamant
Dick Wolff
Richard Neihaus
Hugo Noldan

St. Louis
New York
Central States
Upper Miss.
West. New York

Fred Doeker
Robert Buttala
Walter Guenther
Ed Timm
J. Edw. Hille

New Jersey
Illinois
Lake Erie
Western Penna.
Middle Atlantic

BOWLING COMMITTEE

Ann Trankle
Nicholas Meyer
Clarence Lahrman, Jr.
Arthur Hagman
Ed Balint
Laura Racker
Harlan Hamann
Jerry Hoth

Illinois
St. Louis
Central States
Central States
West. Penna.
Lake Erie
Upper Miss.
West. Penna.

Elmer Serb
Dick Senn
Virginia Korkhouse
Karl Schreiber
Louis Kraft
Roger Durke
Jack Tatge
Anthony Ragno

St. Louis
Central States
Central States
West. New York
Lake Erie
Upper Miss.
Upper Miss.
Western Penna.

CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Hertha Hermann
Carl Irps, Jr.
Luella C. Roth
Dona Schaefer
Stanford C. Tallman
Al Graf
Lin Batdorf
Pauline McIntyre
Willie Caloud
Robert St. Pierre

New York
Elgin
Central States
Central States
Central States
Illinois
West. N.Y.
Lake Erie
Upper Miss.
Wisconsin

Ursula Virgens-A
Eugene Solfronk
JoAnne Mueller
George Korkhouse
Bernard Harris
Harry Pieniger
Ed Kasner
Glen Dau
Joe Becker

New Jersey
St. Louis
Central States
Central States
Western Penna.
Illinois
West. Penna.
Upper Miss.
Upper Miss.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chris Wuest	New York	Lucille Bothfeld	Illinois
Gill Meyer	Illinois	Nicholas Meyer	St. Louis
Frank Mirth	St. Louis	Walter J. Howland	St. Louis
Peter Michels, Jr.	Central States	Edmond Pahl	Central States
Virginia Korkhouse	Central States	Emil Pfund	Western Penna.
Edmund Judy	Western Penna.	Russell Cochran	Western Penna.
James Murphy	Western Penna.	George Porter	Western Penna.
Max Spanier	New England	Hugo Noldan	Western N. Y.
Paul DeSalvo	Lake Erie	Eldon Zahm	Central States
Ron Niebes	Upper Miss.	Frank Sundeen	Upper Miss.
Erwin Behr	Upper Miss.		

NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Edmund Pahl	Central States	Eugene Solfronk	St. Louis
Dick Wolff	Central States	Tom Cazel	Illinois
Erwin Schrader	Illinois	George Hirsch	New York
William O. Huth	Western N. Y.	Al Loeffler	Western Penna.
James Heppner	Central States	Harry Shab	Upper Miss.
Irving Koth	Wisconsin		

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Henry W. Schroeder	New York	Alex Diamant	New York
Richard S. Malone	Central States	Victor Virgens	New Jersey
Ralph Markus	Illinois	Chic Martin	Illinois
Ed Colton	Illinois	Detty Heppner	Central States
Elinor Risch	Central States	Dorothy Steinlage	Central States
Peter Michels, Jr.	Central States	Paul Bullard	Central States
Harry W. Warnken	St. Louis	Frank Mirth	St. Louis
Robert A. Marx	St. Louis	John Westermeyer	St. Louis
Arnold Trummer	St. Louis	Arthur Hagman	Central States
George Korkhouse	Western Penna.	Ray Karl	Western Penna.
Ray Beisler	Western Penna.	Jerry Hogue	Western Penna.
A. J. O'Donnell	New England	William Moran	New England
Larry Goggia	New England	Walter Guenther	Lake Erie
Frank McIntyre	Lake Erie	Karl Schreiber	Western N. Y.
Daisy M. Pippin	Middle Atlantic	Adrain DeJong	Middle Atlantic
Nancy Sahms	Middle Atlantic	Ed Timm	Western Penna.
Bud Marquette	So.. Calif.	Earl Hull	Western Penna.
Ray Hamad	Upper Miss.	Roy Stoker	Upper Miss.
Margaret Judy-A	Western Penna.	Kay Kitson	Lake Erie
C. Quinn Wright	Western N. Y.	Roxanne St. Pierre	Wisconsin
Anton Hoch	St. Louis		

PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

Joseph Koutnik	Central States	Robert A. Marx	St. Louis
John Westermeyer	St. Louis	Richard Lade	Central States
Ed Elste	Illinois	John Riedeman	Illinois
Fred Doeker	New Jersey	William Thane	New York
George Hirsch	New York	Frank Lynch	Western Penna.
Fred Angerman	Western Penna.		

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PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE (Cont.)

Joseph Young	New England	Robert Murray	New England
Chuck Schaum-A	Western Penna.	George J. Jacquin	Western N. Y.
Ed Barrow	Lake Erie	J. Edw. Hille	Middle Atlantic
Robert White	Western Penna.	Robert Swan	Central States
Fred Koverman	Central States	Don Andrews	Upper Miss.
Jim Hassen	Upper Miss.	Wayne Pevler	Wisconsin

NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Wm. Kesper	New York	Rita M. Wuest	New York
Marion Slattery	New Jersey	Warren Dalbke	Illinois
Herman Zweifel	Illinois	Robert Duttala	Illinois
Frank Fielman	Central States	Jos. B. Lubbers	Central States
Robert J. Schuler	Central States	Mary Adele Schuler	Central States
Anton Hoch	St. Louis	John Westermeyer	St. Louis
Joseph Koutnik	Central States	Stanford Tallman	Central States
Edward Timm	Western Penna.	Edw. Wellman	Western Penna.
Gerald Yingling	Western Pa.	John Kovaly	Western Penna.
Robert Volker	Western Penna.	Clifford Anderson	Western Penna.
Walter Lis-A.	Western Penna.	Russell Jewett	New England
Walter O'Malley	New England	Frank Astaldi	New England
Harry Schroeder	Lake Erie	Bill Severns	Lake Erie
Hugo Noldan	Western N.Y.	C. Quinn Wright	Western N.Y.
Eud Marquette	Southern Calif.	Eldon Zahm	Central States
Robert E. Dau	Upper Miss.	Richard Neihaus	Upper Miss.
Carl Anderson	Upper Miss.	E. Andresen	Upper Miss.
Ronald Cintella	Western Pa.	Evelyn Latemann-A	Wisconsin
Larry Woolworth	St. Louis		

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Doeker	Arthur Hagman
Elmer R. Crook	Eldon Zahm
Erwin Schrader	Alex Diamant
Max Spanier	Walter T. Guenther
Robert White	William Huth
Erwin Dehr	Daisy Pippin

Election of Permanent Chairman: Turner Robert Dau was nominated by Diamant (NY). He declined the nomination. Turner A.J. O'Donnell was nominated by G. Dau (Upper Miss.). Motion by Jacquin (West.N.Y.) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Turner O'Donnell as Permanent Chairman. Motion carried, and Turner O'Donnell assumed the chair.

Nominations for Vice Chairman: Turner Frank Sundeen (Upper Miss.) was nominated by Niehaus (Upper Miss.). Motion that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast was made by Martin (Ill.) and seconded and carried.

Turner Lucille Bothfeld was nominated for Permanent Secretary by Martin (Ill.). Motion was made by Diamant (NY) that nominations be closed and that a unanimous vote be cast for Turner Bothfeld. Seconded and carried.

Turner Lin Batdorf (W.N.Y.) was nominated for assistant secretary by Jacquin (W.N.Y.). Robert Marx was nominated by R. Dau (Up.Miss.), but declined the nomination. Motion by Wuest (NY) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Batdorf for assistant secretary. Motion was seconded and carried.

Turner George Hirsch (NY) was nominated for sergeant at arms by Schroeder (NY), but declined the nomination. Turner Ralph Markus (Ill.) was nominated by Dalbke (Ill.). Turner Fred Koverman (CS) was nominated by Bade (CS), but declined. Motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Turner Markus as sergeant at arms.

Turner George Jacquin was nominated as parliamentarian by Schroeder (NY). Motion was made by Diamant (NY) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Jacquin as parliamentarian. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion was made by J. Heppner (CS), seconded and carried to accept the report of President Racker.

Chairman O'Donnell then called for the reports of the officers in turn. These reports appear at the end of the first session of this Convention.

Motion was made by Boeker (NJ), seconded and carried to accept the report of First Vice President Walter Schrader, and refer to proper committees.

Motion was made by Lubbers (CS), seconded and carried to accept the report of Second Vice President Forest Steinlage, and refer to proper committees.

Motion was made by Kesper (NY), seconded and carried to accept the report of National Secretary Gretchen Willer, and refer to proper committees.

Motion was made by Boeker (NJ), seconded and carried to accept the report of National Treasurer William Meyer and refer it to the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Betty Heppner (CS), seconded and carried, to accept the report of William Woehrle, Physical Education Chairman, and refer it to the Health and Physical Education Committee.

Motion was made by Wright (W.N.Y.), seconded and carried to accept the report of Cultural Education Chairman Betty Dau and refer it to the Cultural Education Committee.

Motion was made by Boeker (NJ), seconded and carried, to accept the report of Bowling Chairman Robert St. Peter and refer it to the Bowling Committee.

Motion was made by Kesper (NY), seconded and carried, to accept the report of Endowment Trust Fund President John Westermeyer and refer it to committee.

The first session of this 56th Convention ended at 11:35 P.M. following announcements as to committee locations, etc. by Convention Committee Chairman Betty Dau. The second session was set for Tuesday, August 10, 1976, at 9:00 A.M.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

To the Delegates of the 56th National Convention of the American Turners; Delegates to the 29th National Convention of the Women's Auxiliary; visiting Turners and guests:

GREETINGS

During the past two years, I have visited many of our member societies. I have mentioned all my trips in my articles in the Turner Topics and therefore I will dispense with presenting all the names and places I have visited. I would like to mention that all societies were very good hosts and we were well received by all. Sorry I cannot say I have visited all societies. If you were missed, it was not intentional. More on this subject later.

We have continued all benefits on a National scale which were offered during the administration of Turner Meyer. We are still receiving donations from the Instructors and the John Fund. The John Fund donates each year \$1,200.00 toward our Turner Topics and we have been receiving \$1,00.00 from the Instructors Fund each year.

The Endowment Trust Fund is still offering up to a \$500.00 grant to societies who have not received a grant in the past. The grant is only for gymnastic equipment and with the stipulation that said society has a regular organized physical education program and has been adhering to the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners. The Endowment Trust Fund has a number of loans outstanding and all are in good condition, except the loan with the Laurence Turn Verein. This society is working hard to keep its head above water.

With the exception of a few incidents, the National Council has worked as a well organized unit during these past two years. Items which National Council has worked on are as follows:

1. A council committee worked out details whereby the South Bend District and the Central States District will begin merger as of August 1st, 1976 and will complete the merger January 1st, 1977, when district dues will be paid by South Bend.
2. A change in the scholarship plan is being presented to this convention for your consideration.
3. We retained the National Office in Rochester, New York and have kept Mrs. Gretchen Willer as National Secretary.
4. We are presenting a program to this convention whereby the Physical Education Championship sites are awarded two years in advance, as per instruction of the 55th National Convention. The main problem being, we do not receive the required number of requests to host the various Championships.
5. A committee was appointed to complete the various duties of Regional Council or Districts and Societies. This will come to the attention of the convention.

Mrs. Gretchen Willer who for a time was without and now again with the aid of a part-time assistant has been doing a splendid job of handling our National Office.

We have had the services of two qualified individuals on two of our standing committees, namely William Woehrle and Betty Dau who have led us in our Physical

Education and Cultural Education programs. Both committees had a meeting in the last year. A successful Festival was held in St. Louis with George Heckmann and Elmer Crook as co-chairmen. The Physical Education portion of the Festival was handled by a former National Physical Education Chairman, Arnold Trummer and the Cultural Education portion was handled by Orlo Dotzger. The Physical Education Committee is presenting proposed changes to the rule book and they hope for at least some of their adoptions. I sincerely hope that the delegates gathered here today recognize these Turners, Woehrle and Dau for their past efforts and future plans by re-electing them to their respective offices.

Under the guidance of Robert St. Peters, two successful National Bowling Tournaments were held. A fine Junior program was conducted with an increase in participation. The Bowling Committee met here in Moline in preparation for the 1977 Tournament. Turner St. Peters is well qualified and worthy if you see fit to re-elect him as National Bowling Chairman.

A 1975 National Directory of Districts and Societies was printed and mailed to Districts and Societies. This was an off year printing. In the past the directory has only been printed after a National Convention. The directory was typed in Toledo and printed in Chicago.

We lost the San Diego Turners in 1975. They did see fit to send the Jahn Fund \$1,000.00; Endowment Trust Fund \$1,000.00 and the Instructors Fund \$3,000.00. We thank them for the donations.

In return, we gained another society in the far West - Southern California, Long Beach, California became a member of the American Turners on December 31, 1975. At the National Gymnastic Championship at Northwest Chicago, members from this society participated. Welcome Long Beach.

In 1956, at the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, that convention passed a resolution that if a society invites a National Officer to their society, that society must pay one-half of the National Officer's expenses. I feel this should be reviewed. At that time, we had a National Field Coordinator and Dr. Ekland, former National Secretary did much traveling. Now the President does more traveling than in those days. I feel that all societies should be permitted the visit of the National President and not just the societies that can afford it. I would like to propose that the National President be able to visit each society once every two years at the expense of the National Office, or that each society be responsible for one-third the expenses of the visit by the National President. All other officers would remain under the present provisions. I do not feel this would put a burden on our finances.

We are now in the process of having details arranged for the Athenaeum Turners Indianapolis to rejoin the American Turners and the Downtown Indianapolis section will be handling their Physical Education program. We are looking forward to this re-affiliation.

In the capable hands of Turner William Meyer, our finances are holding their own. We now have on deposit in Certificates of Deposit about \$22,000.00 for the General Fund. We have a total account in both savings and checking of over \$14,000.00 with all societies paid up for 1975.

The Festival Fund has a Certificate of Deposit of \$9,296.72 and \$4,095.87 in the savings for a total of \$13,392.59.

The Rochester Turners have \$500.00 to pay off on their mortgage and then the deed to the building will be transferred back to them and our only involvement will be a straight first mortgage between Rochester and the Endowment Trust Fund.

It has been a pleasure to have served the American Turners these past 18 years. National Bowling Chairman for 12 years and 6 years as National Officer (as second, first and the last two years as President. I have enjoyed the work and wish to thank the members of National Council, past presidents and my wife for their assistance during these last two years. I have asked various society members for assistance and thank them from the bottom of my heart. Everything that was done was for the betterment of the American Turners.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilfred H. Racker

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TO THE
56th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

The past two years as your First Vice President to say the least, have been very interesting and it has been an education in learning the fine points in the operation of our National organization.

My assignments with several exceptions have not been too extensive. Specifically I have attended and participated in National Council meetings held in Toledo and Carlstadt and American Turner Executive meetings held in Rochester and South Bend.

In November 1974, in company with Bob and Betty Dau, a visit was made to Galena, Illinois to promote and instill interest in an organization formerly known as the Galena Turners with the thought of their eventually joining our National Organization.

Participated in the Centennial Celebration of the Concordia Turners, St. Louis in January 1975 in addition to attending the National Festival held in St. Louis the following June. Also attended the National Bowling Tournament held in Fort Wayne in 1975 and the 1976 National Gymnastic Championships hosted by the American Turners, Northwest Chicago.

My major assignment during my term of office was as chairman of a committee to review and up-date the duties of our Regional Councilors and also promote a study of more rigid control over Societies by our National Organization. The committee held several meetings and worked diligently on the release of a new "Procedural Guide" which is an extension to our Principles and Statutes. A resolution is being presented to this Convention and it is strongly recommended that the delegates approve this new Procedural Guide with the resultant revisions necessary to the Principles and Statutes. Acceptance of this resolution will insure for a more efficient and equitable operation at a Society, District, Regional and National level than we have enjoyed heretofore.

Another assignment was to chair a committee to review a resolution that was presented at the last National Convention held in Springfield, Mass. It pertained to the recommendation of either revising the Principles and Statutes which incidently was rejected or adhering to them as written wherein on Page 6, Paragraph 9 it is stated "A district is composed of several Turner Societies located near one another." Since the South Ben Turners is the only single Turner Society comprising it's own District and also since the South Bend Turner Society is located geographically that its joining any one of three adjacent Districts would cause no hardship, the South Bend Turners were contacted for the purpose of resolving the problem. I am extremely pleased to report that after a meeting at the South Bend Turner Hall with their officers and directors and a special committee representing the American Turners, that after a thorough review of several proposals, the South Bend Turners applied for membership in the Central States District.

Another project presently in its formative stage will be the issuance of an American Turners Informational Brochure. Generally speaking, Societies and actual members are not aware of the many advantages, programs and services that our National organization has to offer. It is planned that a brochure will be published within a reasonable period enlightening our membership of the many services available.

Report It was also my duty as Secretary of the Endowment Trust Fund to handle necessary correspondence.

It is a pleasure to state that I believe that I have enjoyed a fine rapport with President Will Racker along with the other members of the National Council. Also due to my proximity to our immediate Past President and current Treasurer, I have I have leaned quite heavily on Bill Meyer for aid and counsel on many important Turner matters. For this, he has my deepest thanks. In closing, I believe the American Turners are very fortunate to have a diligent and dedicated Turner as Gretchen Willer as our Secretary. She has and is continuing to be a find asset to our National Organization.

With Turner Greetings,

Walter H. Schrader
First Vice President

In 1946, thirty years ago, the societies with a membership of 25,376. In 1976 we have sixty-nine societies with a membership of some sixteen thousand. On the face of this it appears discouraging but in recent years we have turned this around and are on the increase.

What has caused this reduction in membership and societies? Probably many things, changing times and life styles, societies in declining neighborhoods, inadequate parking facilities, membership no longer living near the Turner Hall, loss of strong gymnastic programs, mismanagement of some societies, lack of younger people to carry on as the membership grows older, a turn to more of the social side than the physical or the cultural and there are no doubt more reasons.

Societies, as well as churches, lodges and clubs that were formerly located in the inner cities and have moved to the suburbs have generally been successful. Those who have chosen to remain in town have found the going rough as it is hard today to get people to go downtown. There are exceptions though. The most successful church in my area is located downtown and instead of planning to move they are acquiring more land and buildings in their immediate location.

I have just witnessed the building of a new seven floor, three million dollar YMCA in the heart of the city. What prompted them to

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of the American Turners

While gathering some thoughts to prepare a report for this convention, I was watching the Olympics and the major contribution gymnastics made to these games. I could not help but think that this is the result of the efforts of Jahn and the Turners. With these thoughts in mind I decided to deviate from the usual report of meetings attended and routine business of second vice-president conducted in favor of taking a look at our organization and other organizations with similar programs.

In 1946, thirty years ago, the American Turners had ninety-six societies with a membership of 25,376. In 1976 we have sixty-nine societies with a membership of some sixteen thousand. On the face of this it appears discouraging but in recent years we have turned this around and are on the increase.

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I have just witnessed the building of a new seven floor, three million dollar YMCA in the heart of the city. What prompted them to have full time secretaries. Many secretaries come and go and fail to

take such a risk? I'm sure they are not planning on failure. Their program includes a gymnasium large enough for multiple activities, a physical testing room, weight training and exercise rooms, a ten foot wide track, indoor heated pool, eight handball/racquet ball courts with spectator areas, carpeted locker rooms for men and boys and women and girls. There are supervised fitness classes five times a day, three times a week the year around. I know, of course, the Y received funds from the community chest which helps tremendously in the cost of operation and also they are a tax free organization. But what of the many private gyms devoted to gymnastics, swim clubs and physical fitness clubs and health spas that have sprung up in recent years. All of them seem to be surviving.

On comparing memberships of organizations similar to our, I found that a fairly recent survey shows that the YMCA has 1800 organizations in the U. S. with a membership of 2,800,00. The Jewish Community Center formerly the YMCA, had over three hundred centers with a membership of 700,000. Both of these organizations have gone from an all male membership to a family type membership similar to ours. The American Legion, another organization with athletic programs and social activities has a membership of 2,700,000. No doubt all these organizations have had their problems also but they appear to be strong. We know where we were in the past and we know where we stand now, but what about the future?

One of the problems that continues to confront us is the lack of enough Turner oriented instructors to insure good gymnastic programs for all societies. We have a fine leaders course each year of one weeks duration. Although the program is fine, one week a year is not enough time to produce trained instructors.

Another problem is lack of communication. Many societies do not have full time secretaries. Many secretaries come and go and fail to

pass on to their successors the necessary information as to reports to be filed and necessary correspondence. In some places mail is received by the bartender and if it doesn't look important is filed in the wastebasket. Many programs are initiated, information and forms are sent out but they fail to get to the proper party so nothing is done, so the event fails due to lack of interest.

To remedy some of this I propose that another type of leaders course be organized, a management leaders course which would be set up to train people in the organization and management of a Turner Society.

In recent years, although we have lost some societies we have managed to bring back some societies and a new society has been formed. This is encouraging. With all the swim clubs and gymnastic organizations that have recently started, perhaps we could attract some of these to affiliate with us. It is something to think about.

The National Council in recent years has provided stimulated leadership and many programs have been initiated, such as gym equipment grants, insurance for instructors, provided funds for national championships tournaments in gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, and softball, increased scholarships for training of instructors and other programs.

Our recent successful Turnfest in St. Louis with a thousand competitors was an increase in participation over the previous one.

The Turners who have contributed so much in the past to physical and cultural education must not be allowed to recede into the background but must strive for the position of leadership it once held.

In closing, I wish to say that I have enjoyed serving as second vice president and my association with the members of council and the many other Turners I have associated with.

With Turner Greetings

Forrest F. Steinlage
National 2nd Vice President

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

To the 56th National Convention of the American Turners

Greetings:

It's very good to see you all again. Sometimes I feel guilty for not visiting your societies, but somebody has to mine the store. I admit I'm very uneasy when I'm away from the National Office since almost all of our work comes in my mail and I have no idea what work or how much will be coming in until it arrives. Believe it or not, it can really pile up faster than a person can take care of it.

As many of you know, this past year has been rather rough on me due to losing my assistant, Mrs. Pauline Blain. I now have another woman who is coming in on the average of two days a week. Mrs. Blain left after there was an attack on Miss Karla Schlueter, secretary of the Rochester Turners. Three men who came into the building last August, were hiding in the Rathskeller, and demanded money when Miss Schlueter entered the room. When she didn't comply, they hit her with their fists and kicked her. We went downstairs when we heard her call for help, but the men were gone before we arrived on the scene. We called the police and an ambulance was dispatched to take Miss Schlueter to the hospital where she required stitches in her lip.

Although she wasn't seriously injured, the experience was very frightening and she stopped coming in to work on a daily basis. This leaves me pretty much alone in the building most of the time now. My office is on the second floor, so I keep the door at the head of the stairs locked.

Since the last convention, the Turners have had two very busy years with many tournaments and, of course, the National Festival.

In the Southern California District, we have lost a society, the San Diego Turners, who withdrew from the National. But a new society from that district joined the American Turners, the Long Beach Turners. This past April, I received a letter from Turner John Luers, Secretary of the San Diego Turners along with checks for the Endowment Trust Fund - \$1,000; the Jahn Fund - \$1,000 and the Instructors Fund - \$3,000. He said they wanted to do this before the reorganization with a larger club is completed. We are very grateful for these generous donations.

Congratulations to the American Turners of South Bend. They have had a tremendous increase in their membership. At the last convention they had 454 dues-paying members. This convention the count is \$1,541 dues-paying members. We had a total of 1,071 honorary members at the end of 1975. In 1974 we issued 40-year membership cards to 67 persons and 50-year honorary membership cards to 57 persons. In 1975 there were 40-year cards issued to 70 persons and 50-year cards issued to 73 persons. So a total of 267 honorary cards were engraved and presented in the past two years.

We had a total of 15,342 dues-paying members in 1975 and 41 servicemen.

In closing, I'd like to express my appreciation to all those society secretaries and officers who work on their mailing lists, get reports in on time and answer our letters whenever we have any questions. Thank you for your willing cooperation.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

Also, I'm expecially grateful to President Racker, Treasurer Meyer and all the members of the National Council for all the help they give and all the work they do for the National Organization. They are and have been for many years now, willing, dependable and very efficient. I appreciate having these people to turn to whenever unexpected problems arise at the National Office and there is no one present to confer with. All I have to do is write or call one of the officers or councilmen and the problem is solved. But I don't have to tell you how fortunate we are to have these good people working with us and for us. They are also the ones who work with you at their local societies and you know them and appreciate them just as I do.

56th National Convention, Fall 1974

Greetings!

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Willer
National Secretary

A condensed copy of our and reports were published in the July-August 1974 issue of Turner Topics. A similar report for operations was published a year ago. The entire books and records under control of the American Turners C.P.A. firm of Arthur H. Miller and for the years of 1974 and 1975. A complete report for each of these years will be presented to the Finance Committee of this convention. These reports cover the General Fund, the fund; the Festival Fund; the Endowment Fund; the Corp. The reports do not include the Constructors Fund as these funds are not under the American Turners. Each of these two funds is managed by a group of self-perpetuating trustees. Each has its own separate records and arranges for its own

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER
TO THE 56TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE
AMERICAN TURNERS

MOLINE, ILLINOIS - AUGUST 8-11, 1976

To the Officers of the American Turners; Delegates to the
56th National Convention; Fellow Turners & Guests - - -
Greetings!

A condensed copy of our Auditors 1975 financial reports were published in the July-August, 1976 issue of Turner Topics. A similar report for the 1974 financial operations was published a year ago in Turner Topics.

The entire books and records of all four Funds under control of the American Turners were audited by the C.P.A. firm of Arthur H. Miller and Company of Rochester, N.Y. for the years of 1974 and 1975. 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 General Fund which includes the bowling fund; the Festival Fund; the Endowment Trust Fund and the A.T.R. Corp. The reports do not include the Jahn Fund or the Instructors Fund as these funds are not under control of the American Turners. Each of these two funds are administrated by a group of self perpetuating trustees. Each fund keeps it's own separate records and arranges for its own audit. A copy

of the most recent financial report of both the Jahn Fund and the Instructors Fund will be included with the official minutes of this convention.

All four funds of the American Turners are in sound financial condition. As of June 30, 1976 there is a total of \$69,500 owned in cash or savings accounts as follows: General Fund \$36,700; Festival Fund \$13,400; Endowment Trust Fund \$17,000 and the A.T.R. Corp. \$2,400. In addition the Endowment Trust Fund has investments in Mortgages and Bonds of \$54,600 making a grand total of cash, savings and investments of \$124,100 as of June 30, 1976. A statement is attached to this report which analyzes the amounts in each fund.

Comments on Financial Operations of Each Fund

General Fund

The general fund had small net losses in both 1974 and 1975 of \$1,629 and \$2,661 respectively. This is in spite of a \$2,000 increase over 1973, in both years in per capita tax income. The primary reason for the increasing losses is the increase in the cost of postage effective in 1974 which added about \$4,000 to the cost of mailing Turner Topics and the cost of travel which rose from \$6,456 in 1972 to \$9,477 in 1975. There is nothing we can do about the increasing postage cost which will continue to rise. However even though airline and hotel rates are increasing, travel expense can be controlled by cutting down on the National meetings of large committees such

as physical education and cultural education when the business to be conducted at these meetings could just as well be accomplished through the mail plus a few phone calls.

Because of our new policy of investing all unneeded cash in Certificates of Deposit we have been able to substantially increase General Fund Interest Income during the past two years.

Even though both 1974 and 1975 were small loss years, and 1976 is expected to also be a loss year, no increase in per capita tax is recommended at this time due to the anticipated increase in gross income because of our increasing membership. If the anticipated membership revenue increase fails to materialize or if our rising costs can't be controlled it might be necessary to consider a per-capita tax increase in 1978. The last increase in per-capita taxes was in 1968.

Festival Fund

Due primarily to the splendid financial results of the St. Louis National Festival, the increase in per-capita tax revenue and interest income the balance in the festival fund has held steady in spite of the fact that the cost of all National Championships have been charged against this fund since 1974.

A.T.R. Corporation

The American Turners - Rochester Corp. trustees have kept close control over the costs of this Corporation and the amounts billed to the Rochester Turners for taxes, insurance,

water, etc. All obligations have been met, all mortgage and interest payments have been made on time to the Endowment Trust Fund and the cash available has increased to an extent that sufficient working funds are always on hand.

As of June 30, 1976, only \$500 in principal is remaining to be paid on the Rochester mortgage to bring the balance to \$35,000 and allow for the transfer of the title of the property back to the Rochester Turners subject to the \$35,000 first mortgage held by the Endowment Trust Fund.

Endowment Trust Fund

This fund has continued its policy of making gymnastic equipment grants to eligible societies and paying for scholarships and final Olympic tryouts. All principal and interest on mortgages and bonds has been received on a timely basis with the exception of the Chattel mortgage loan to the Lawrence Turners, no payment has been made on this loan since 1973 and the balance of \$3,100 plus accrued interest is past due. Legal proceedings are now pending against Lawrence.

As of June 30, 1976, the Endowment Trust Fund has \$17,000 in cash and short term savings available for grants, loans, etc. at the discretion of the Trustees.

Respectively Submitted with
Turner Greetings

William R. Meyer

William R. Meyer
National Treasurer

American TurnersTreasurers Monthly Reconciliation of Cash Assets and Investments

As of June 30, 1976

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Festival Fund</u>	<u>A.T.R. Corp.</u>	<u>Endowment Trust Fund</u>	<u>Total Cash</u>
Checking -					
Bankers Trust	\$ 4,747.26	\$ - 0 -	\$ 2,407.07	\$ 5,509.15	\$ 12,663.48
Savings - Including					
Interest Earned -					
Rochester Savings	9,652.68	4,095.87	--	11,473.35	25,221.90
Certificates of Deposit -					
6-3/4%-due 09/07/77-2½ Yrs.	5,471.93	--	--	--	5,471.93
6-3/4%-due 12/10/78-3 Yrs.	--	9,296.72	--	--	9,296.72
7-1/2%-due 03/12/79-4 Yrs.	11,042.63	--	--	--	11,042.63
7-1/2%-due 03/06/80-4 Yrs.	5,843.38	--	--	--	5,843.38
Total Cash Assets	36,757.88	13,392.59	2,407.07	16,982.50	69,540.04
Mortgages -					
A.T.R. Corp.	--	--	--	35,500.50	35,500.50
Lawrence T.V. (Chattel) -					
Excludes Interest					
Accrued	--	--	--	3,122.67	3,122.67
Charleroi T.V.	--	--	--	5,496.59	5,496.59
Springfield T.V.	--	--	--	2,488.50	2,488.50
Providence T.V.	--	--	--	2,985.35	2,985.35
Bonds - Moline Turners	--	--	--	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total	<u>\$36,757.88</u>	<u>\$13,392.59</u>	<u>\$ 2,407.07</u>	<u>\$71,576.11</u>	<u>\$124,133.65</u>

William R. Meyer
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 National Treasurer

INSTRUCTORS' FUND OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Starting January 1, 1975, and ended December 31, 1975

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

Total principal - December 31, 1974	\$22,441.80
25% of earnings of year 1975 transferred to principal	<u>489.87</u>
Total principal	<u>\$22,931.67</u>

EARNINGS AND DISTRIBUTION

Total earnings for year 1975	\$ 1,959.47
25% of earnings transferred to principal	<u>489.87</u>
Balance available for administration and distribution	\$ 1,469.60
available for administration and distribution at beginning of period	<u>10,928.65</u>
Total available for administration and distribution during 1975	\$ 12,398.25
Total disbursed during 1975	<u>2,700.00</u>
Balance available for distribution	<u>\$ 9,698.25</u>

TOTAL ASSETS - December 31, 1975 - AT COST

1,000	W. Virginia Turnpike 1989	3 3/4%	\$ 1,010.00
5,000	U. S. Treasury Notes 1976	7 1/2%	5,000.00
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
16,000	U. S. Treasury Notes 1978	6%	14,853.00
	Cleveland Trust Co. - Commercial Account		268.84
	- Savings Account		<u>58.20</u>

Total Value of Assets at Cost	\$ 32,629.92
Total Value of Assets at Face	\$34,315.79

TRUSTEES OF THE INSTRUCTORS' FUND OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

Otto Eckl, Secretary	Frank Lapinskas	John P. Blaser, Treas.	
George M. Heeschen	Herman Eisele	A. R. Steinke	Jack G. Nickels

NOTE: Since the inception of the Fund in 1931, through 12/31/75, a total of \$13,687.50 was distributed to worthy applicants who were "seriously in need as a result of illness, accident or other misfortune" or paid for accident and health insurance for the benefit of instructors.

JAHN EDUCATIONAL FUND

Cash Receipts and Disbursements as reported by Treasurer
Reinhardt Jahn,
for the year ended March 31, 1976

Cash in bank, March 31, 1975		\$42,732.94
Receipts:		
Interest: Savings Accounts	\$ 2,328.18	
Dividends: American Can	110.00	
American Standard	180.00	
Anchor Income Fund	2,218.88	
General Electric	96.00	
Lehman Corp.	267.59	
Monsanto Corp.	387.40	
Wellington Fund	190.67	
Capital Gain Dividend: Lehman Corp.	10.33	5,789.05

\$48,521.99

Disbursements:		
American Turner Topics	\$ 1,200.00	
Safe Box Rent	12.00	1,212.00
		\$47,309.99

Investments at March 31, 1976

Shares		Cost
50	American Can	\$ 1,924.00
200	American Standard	2,800.00
4350.72	Anchor Income Fund	38,073.11
60	General Electric	2,704.12
1042	Lehman Corp.	14,410.60
149	Monsanto Co.	9,396.66
406,009	Wellington Fund	4,585.94
		\$73,894.43

Comparative Balance Sheets at March 31

	1976	1975
Assets: Cash in Bank	\$47,309.99	\$42,732.94
Investments	73,894.43	73,142.14
	\$121,204.42	\$115,875.08
Represented by:		
Subscriptions	\$ 52,436.55	\$ 52,436.55
Bequest	5,299.87	5,299.87
Retained Income	63,468.00	58,138.66
	\$121,204.42	\$115,875.08

JOHN EDUCATIONAL FUND

Report for the Six Months Ended March 31, 1976

	Total	For Distribution	For Investment
Cash in bank, September 30, 1975	\$44,917.00	\$ 8,780.65	\$36,136.35
Receipts:			
Interest: Savings #162744	\$ 108.05		
Savings #915344	1,092.43		
Dividends:			
American Can	55.00		
American Standard	100.00		
Anchor Income Fund	1,174.70		
General Electric	48.00		
Lehman Corp.	118.93		
Monsanto Co.	193.70		
Wellington Fund	103.85		
	2,994.66 *	1,996.44	998.22
Capital Gain Dividend:			
Lehman Corp.	10.33		10.33
	\$47,921.99	\$10,777.09	\$37,144.90
Disbursements:			
American Turner Topics	\$ 600.00		
Safe Box Rent	12.00	612.00	-
	\$47,309.99	\$10,165.09	\$37,144.90
Checking account	\$ 906.00		
Savings #162744	6,024.10		
Savings #915344	40,379.89		
	\$47,309.99		

* allocated - 2/3 for distribution
1/3 for investment

Statement of Investments

	Shares	Balance 9/30/75	Shares	Increase	Shares	Balance 3/31/76
American Can	50	\$ 1,924.00			50	\$ 1,924.00
American Standard	200	2,800.00			200	2,800.00
Anchor Income Fund	4350.72	38,073.11			4350.72	38,073.11
General Electric	60	2,704.12			60	2,704.12
Lehman Corp.	991	13,756.96	51	653.64*	1042	14,410.60
Monsanto Co.	149	9,396.66			149	9,396.66
Wellington Fund	394.618	4,487.29	11.391	98.65*	406.009	4,585.94
		\$73,142.14		\$752.29		\$73,894.43

* Capital Gain Dividends

Submitted by Reinhardt Jahn, Treasurer

1. Update the National Rule Book
2. Equality on individual scores and active and Senior Divisions.
3. Representatives from Illinois District - Invitational adult part
4. Format change in the National Regional Gymnastic Team championship.
5. To specify, for Convention Approval, certain permanent dates for National Turner events.
6. Discussion on the golf tournament - to alternate east and west of the line with bowling. A motion was made, Seconded, and carried.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

I am happy to report that the National Physical Education programs of the American Turners have shown an increase in interest and participation. It is becoming somewhat easier in placing the National Championships.

The first activity of the past two years was the 1974 Annual meeting of the National Council in Toledo, Ohio. At this time the National Council was presented with a request from six societies and over one hundred fifty names to support a National Softball Tournament for the year 1975. The council voted to hold a National Softball Championship in 1975 as long as it was held thirty days before or after the Turnfest.

In 1975, only Bowling, Golf and the 12" Softball Tournaments were held since it was a Turnfest year.

The first physical activity in 1975 was bowling. The National Bowling Tournament was held in Fort Wayne, Indiana from April 5 through May 18.

The biggest event in 1975 was the National Festival in St. Louis, Missouri. The St. Louis statistics indicated we had over one thousand participants and thirty-nine societies competing at this Turnfest.

The year 1975 also showed the American Turners represented at the Sixth Gymnastrada in Berlin on July 1 - 5. Turner Fred Becker and the National Health and Physical Education Committee hope that at the next gymnastrada the American Turners may once again be represented and show the rest of the world that we are still alive.

The National Golf Tournament was held July 9 - 11 at the Illinois Turner camp.

The Sixth Annual Men's and Second Annual Women's 12" Softball Tournament was held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on August 30 through September 1, 1975. Fourteen men's teams and six women's teams were entered. The National would like to thank Fort Wayne for their hard work in keeping the tournament going with all the rain present.

Before proceeding into the schedule for 1976, I would like to welcome our new society of Long Beach, California - Southern California American Turners - to the family of the American Turners.

The American Turners would also like to pay tribute to Kolleen Casey of St. Paul Turners for her fine showing in international competition the past three years, The Pan American first team, and hopefully the Olympic Games.

The National Health and Physical Education Committee met in South Bend, Indiana on May 1 and 2, 1976. The topics under discussion were:

1. Update the National Festival Rule Book.
2. Equality on individual scores and society points in both Active and Senior Divisions.
3. Representatives from Illinois District - Invitational adult participational Sportsarama.
4. Format change in the National Regional Gymnastic Team championship.
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The Committee members were:

Region 1 - Theodore J. Duda
Region 2 - Henry Schroeder
Region 3 - Betty Heppner
Region 4 - Walter T. Guenther
Region 5 - Jim Farkas
Region 6 - Harry W. Warrner
Region 7 - Richard A. Jirus
Region 8 - John Beckner
Region 9 - Clifford E. Anderson
Golf - James Byrd
Chairman - William G. Woehrle, Jr.

The minutes of this meeting will be presented in the Health and Physical Education meeting at the National Convention in Moline, Illinois.

In the year 1976, South Bend Indiana hosted the National Basketball Championship, on March 6 and 7. Nine teams competed in this two day, double elimination tournament.

A new tournament starting this year was the National "40 and over" Volleyball Championship. The tournament was held on March 20 and 21 at Moline, Illinois. Six men's teams entered - with an age range from 40 to 69 years. The women's tournament never got off the ground, even though two teams had entered. Most ladies did not want to give their age away! We hope for a bigger and better tournament next year.

On April 10 and 11, Ft. Wayne, Indiana held the National Volleyball Championship. We had fourteen men's teams and eleven women's teams entered in the competition. For the second time the Society of North St. Louis left with both the Ladies and mens First Place trophies.

The Society of Northwest Chicago held the National Gymnastic Regional Championship on April 10 and 11. We had four teams from three regions. Region seven won the championship for the third time in the four year history of the tournament. In the individual Optional Competition, we had eighteen males and twenty-nine females entered for the meet.

The 1976 National Bowling Tournament was held in Syracuse, New York, from April 10 through May 23.

The National 12" Softball Tournament was held at the Louisville Turner Park on July 3 - 5, 1976. It was the largest tournament we've had. Eight women's teams and twenty men's teams were entered in the double elimination tournament. It rained on Saturday; consequently, ball games were played for forty-eight hours straight. Many thanks to the host society, Louisville, for all the hard work and long hours involved.

The National Golf Championship was held on July 7 - 9, 1976 at Ft. Wayne, Ind. Twenty-three societies were represented with forty-five ladies' and one hundred fifty men golfers participating.

On July 23 and 24, 1976, the National Swimming Meet was held at Kansas City, Missouri. This was the second new National Tournament held in 1976.

After the Moline, Illinois National Convention, Leaders' Course will be held at South Bend, Indiana. This will begin on August 15 and finish on August 21. Next year, the course will consist of a two week experience in the designed American Turner instructor planning and leadership of the Turner movement.

We have one more tournament approaching which is just in its second year. This is the National 16" Softball Tournament which will be held August 21 and 22, 1976 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

In concluding this report, I would like to say that an increasing amount of interest in gymnastics, softball and volleyball has been shown over the past four years. These 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:

Over the last six 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 four 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,

William G. Woehrle, Jr.
Chairman

Finally, the Dr. Ekblad award to the Society accumulating the most points for cultural work within their society. This past year we had twenty-two Societies sending in reports, five less than last year.

I am appalled at the apathy and complete disregard of some of our Societies to the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners in regard to our cultural program. The Principles and Statutes of the American Turners, revised August 1972, page 4 reads:

1. A planned program of health and physical education for the development of a sound body.
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Yet, of the 69 Societies, 27 have not appointed a Cultural Chairman to promote these principles. Of the 42 remaining Societies, only 23 have an active cultural program. Evidently a large group of our Societies think the cultural program is trivial and not worth their while. Remember, cultural activities stimulate the mind...the mind controls the body.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL CHAIRMAN
TO THE 56TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

TURNER GREETINGS:

The two years since the last convention have been very busy for your cultural chairman. After returning from Springfield in 1974, I was invited to Fort Wayne to present the 1st Annual Vorwaerts Award to Donna Shafer, Region 3 Cultural Committeewomen for outstanding work within her Society.

The new rule books and the "Handbook for Cultural Chairman" were completed and sent to each Society in January of 1975. The procedure outlined in this "Handbook" was followed at the National Festival but as in the case of all new ideas some changes are still needed.

The Individual Cultural Award for 1974 was won by Al Graf, Northwest Chicago Turners and was presented to him in St. Louis at the National Festival. I regret to say there was no award in 1975 due to lack of interest in our "Happy Birthday U.S.A." poster contest. We received two adult entries and five children entries. I hope this years essay contest will have better response; if not, I think we should re-evaluate this award competition.

The highlight of the past two years was the National Festival held in St. Louis June of 1975. It was the biggest cultural exhibit at a Festival for many years. We received 319 entries with 1,148 articles. We had twenty two entered in solo competition....music, demonstrations, etc., plus two choruses and a variety show. We hope that the next Festival will be able to double this; and with all our help they can.

The National Cultural Committee met in August of 1975 at the Downtown Turners in Indianapolis, Indiana. This was our first meeting since 1971, after the Milwaukee Festival. It was the feeling of this committee that we should get together a year before a Festival and at the site, so that we could meet the Host Society Festival Chairman and try to iron out any problems that might arise before they happened, instead of talking about them after it was too late. The meeting after the Festival could then be devoted to the many other facets of the Cultural program. We do not feel that two meetings in four years is unreasonable if we are to do our job properly.

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Yet, of the 69 Societies, 27 have not appointed a Cultural Chairman to promote these principles. Of the 42 remaining Societies, only 23 have an active cultural program. Evidently a large group of our Societies think the cultural program is trivial and not worth their while. Remember, cultural activities stimulate the mind...the mind controls the body.

BOWLING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE 1976 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Without exercise, training and daily use, the body wastes away to a fat, flabby un-coordinated mass that becomes lazy and unproductive. Same with the mind---without new ideas, thoughts and discipline, the mind becomes an un-coordinated mass that becomes lazy and unproductive. When this happens, our Societies deteriorate to a social group whose main activity is "Bar sitting". No true Turners can exist without "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body" program. Look at our large Societies; each have an active cultural program. They have found that a full program...gym, cultural and social was a drawing card for new members. Look at your Society and your program. Do you like what you see? If not, do something about it now before it is too late. Appoint an enthusiastic cultural chairman; work with him/her in promoting classes and exhibits. Teach our new members to be proud to be Turners by showing our past with songs, costumes, foods and plays depicting our heritage. Look and plan for the future with our young people.....for without our young there is no tomorrow.

It has been a privilege and an honor being National Cultural Chairman for the past 3 1/2 years. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you personally and have enjoyed visiting your Societies. I hope that in some small way, maybe, I have been able to continue and further the work and ideals of my predecessors. I wish all the best to the next Cultural Chairman and pledge my help and support.

Betty L. Dau
National Cultural Chairman

1. Keeping people informed is one of the most important things we can do. When you visit one of our Societies, make sure you are not forgotten.
2. Good bowling alleys that are clean and well maintained. Bowlers end up with scores that are not as good as they could be because of excuses.
3. Proper housing facilities that are clean, comfortable and the Turner Club and be of top quality and not too hard to afford.
4. Have good food available when Turners are ready to eat and be able to eat what they desire.
5. Hospitality, this is a very important part of any Turner function and yet is very much lacking in some of the Societies I have attended and I am sure you have too.
6. Be On Time - this is one of the most important items and one I have the most trouble and complaints about. Everything must be planned ahead and work done on schedule and mail sent on time so all societies have information well in advance so they can contact their people and in turn they can also be on schedule.

BOWLING CHAIRMANS REPORT TO THE 1976 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Since the convention in 1974 the position as National Bowling Chairman has been very interesting, rewarding and educational. It seems there is no end to the knowledge that can be gained by being involved and working for and with members of the National Council. This brings one in contact with Turners in District and Society levels all across the United States.

These past two years I have been very active in the Fort Wayne Society, the Central States District and the National Council carrying out any and all duties not just connected with bowling but anything I feel is for the betterment of Turnerism.

I attended the Council meetings in 1974 and 1975 and both meetings I feel were very progressive and were beneficial for every Turner Society and I am looking forward to being one of the hosts for the 1976 Council meeting in Fort Wayne where all the members and guests can enjoy the sunshine and plenty of Hoosier Hospitality.

The most important function as National Bowling Chairman is to do all that is in my power to make sure the National Bowling Tournaments are managed properly as this is the largest function of American Turners in participation as well as financial. In the Fort Wayne 1975 tournament there were 2,005 bowlers participating as well as several more Turners that came along for the fun and enjoyment. I would estimate at least one quarter of a million dollars changed hands during this tournament figuring travel, food, motels, bowling and of course a few drinks; all this helps keep the country on its feet.

The Fort Wayne Tournament in 1975 was the largest to date with 401 teams and from not only my own observations but observations of the committee members and many bowlers, this tournament had all the ingredients required to make any National function a success such as:

1. Keeping people informed so they can plan their schedule and make their visit one to remember rather than one they would like to forget.
2. Good bowling alleys that are clean and well kept so as to help bowlers end up with scores they can be proud of and not have excuses.
3. Proper housing facilities that are close to bowling alleys and the Turner Club and be of top quality with prices that we can afford.
4. Have good food available when Turners are ready to eat and be able to eat what they desire.
5. Hospitality, this is a very important part of any Turner function and yet is very much lacking in some of the Societies I have attended and I am sure you have too.
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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Syracuse Tournament in 1976 had must less participation due to longer distance to travel; the team entry was 261 which was normal in that part of the country. The Committee Chairman and all the workers did an outstanding job and most everything went smooth until it was all over and the checks were mailed more than the required 30 days. They too met the above 6 requirements to make a bowling tournament what it should be and also make a good profit for the host society.

The last convention we discussed a performance bond that would be forfeited in part on all if the host society did not function properly as stated in the rules and regulations. This has been discussed in several meetings since and the National Committee came to the conclusion that it should not be necessary, so for the next two tournaments all members of the committee and the host society committee will fill out a form we will use on the bond issue and at the next bowling committee meeting the findings will be studied and evaluated for future use.

The bi-annual National Bowling Committee meeting was held at Moline Turners on June 13 with members of the Moline 1977 tournament committees present. Several changes were made to the rules and procedures and will be discussed at the convention bowling meeting. The committee voted to award the 1978 tournament to Springfield, Mass.

Being a member of the National Bowling Committee since 1957 and Chairman for the last four years, I feel I have done everything I could to make Turners more enjoyable to not only those members that participate in some kind of activity or function but all those Turners that belong just because they want to be a Turner.

Respectively submitted

Bob St. Peters, Sr.
National Bowling Chairman

With Turner Greetings,

John A. Jester-Meyer (3rd.)
President, Endowment Trust Fund

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

To: The Fifty-Sixth Convention of the American Turners
From: President, American Turner Endowment Trust Fund, 1975-1976.

Greetings:

I am pleased to make my annual report to the Fifty-Sixth 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 my report to the Fifty-Fifth convention held in Springfield, Massachusetts on the A-T-R Corporation I had doubts about the solvency of the Rochester Turners; but the scene has taken an about face - this time a bright future. Possibly by the end of the year Rochester Turners can assume the mortgage on their building.

Our loans to Moline Turners, Springfield Turners and the Providence Turners are current.

I am very happy to report that the loan arrangement we created in July 1974 with officers of the Charleroi Turners has proved successful and their 10 year obligation is almost current. This was the result of untiring zeal on the part of the Charleroi Turners. Turner Dillion should receive a vote of thanks.

At the present time the status of the Lawrence Turners is negative. We have engaged a lawyer to protect our investment and at present there has been no positive action.

We have given numerous grants for equipment for 1974-1975 in the amount of \$2,800.00.

Our donations totaled \$2,197.00. You will see the American Turners Endowment Trust Comparative Statement of Income and Expenses listed in the June and July Turner Topics.

The trustees are hopeful that all societies and individuals, who make up our membership, would feel more inclined to donate financially to the Endowment Trust Fund. It is one way of saying thanks.

In closing, we would like all Turners to take a chance or two on the "Turner Rug". All monies go to the Endowment Fund.

With Turner Greetings,

John A. Westermeyer (Sgd.)
President, Endowment Trust Fund

REPORTING COMMITTEE
SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 56th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order at 9:17 A.M. on Tuesday, August 10, 1976, by Chairman O'Donnell.

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

Chairman O'Donnell appointed Turners Wilfred Racker, Walter Schrader, and Betty Dau to extend the greetings of our delegates to the Women's Auxiliary.

The 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 for 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. Motion to approve these rules was made by Dalbke (Ill.), seconded and carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by its chairman, Turner Crook (St.L.), after the chairman had first appointed the following Turners to serve as tellers for the elections: Turner Chris Wuest (NY), Turner James Heppner (CS), Turner Elmer Serb (St.L.), and Turner Frank Astaldi (NE).

Respectfully submitted,
E. M. Crook, Chairman
Dick Wolff, Secretary

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, Fred Doeker, Alex Diamant, Dick Wolff, Walter Guenther, Dick Neihaus, Ed Timm, Hugo Noldan, J. Edw. Hille.

Will Racker of Toledo was nominated and approved as President.

Walter Schrader was nominated as First Vice President.

Bob St. Peters was nominated as First Vice President.

Forest Steinlage was nominated as Second Vice President.

Robert Dau was nominated as Second Vice President.

Bowling Chairman - Elmer Serb

Cultural Education - JoAnne Mueller

Physical Education - Bill Woehrle

One Trustee for Endowment Trust Fund for Full Term: Daisy M. Pippin
Christ Wuest
Clifford E. Anderson

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. Crook, Chairman
Dick Wolff, Secretary

Motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee was made by Koutnik (CS), seconded and carried.

In the election for President of American Turners, motion was made by Astaldi (NE) and seconded that we cast one ballot in favor of Turner Wilfred Racker. Motion carried. Turner Racker expressed his thanks for our vote of confidence.

The chairman then called for nominations from the floor for First Vice President. There being none, motion was made by Moran (NE), seconded and carried, to close the nominations. Seconding speech for Turner Schrader was made by Turner Meyer (Ill.). Seconding speech for Turner St. Peter was made by Turner Zahm (CS). Ballots were distributed and the vote was taken. While they were being counted, Chairman O'Donnell announced the new Regional Councillors and introduced them to the delegation if they were present:

Region #1	-	Frank Astaldi
#2	-	Fred Boeker
#3	-	Bob Schuler
#4	-	William Huth
#5	-	Harold Biebel
#6	-	Elmer Crook
#7	-	Robert Dau
#8	-	Otto Nell
#9	-	Clifford Anderson

The results of the election were announced. Turner Walter Schrader was elected First Vice President by a vote of 209-11.

The Nominating Committee had submitted the names of Forest Steinlage and Robert Dau for Second Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor, and a motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations. A seconding speech for Turner Dau was made by Turner Becker (Up.Miss.) and a seconding speech for Turner Steinlage was made by Schuler (CS). Ballots were distributed and the vote was taken. Turner Steinlage was elected as Second Vice President by a vote of 159-61.

Acceptance speeches were made by Turners Walter Schrader and Forest Steinlage.

During one of the pauses between ballots, Turner John Westermeyer made a plea for donations by Districts to the Endowment Trust Fund. Each District made its own collection.

The chairman called for nominations from the floor for National Bowling Chairman. Turner Virginia Korkhouse (CS) was nominated by Tallman (CS), but she declined the nomination. Turner Robert St. Peters was nominated by Zahm (CS). (The Nominating Committee had presented the name of Elmer Serb in its report.) Motion to close the nominations was made by Michels (CS), seconded and carried. After seconding speeches, ballots were distributed and the vote was taken. Turner Elmer Serb was elected as the new National Bowling Chairman by a vote of 124-96.

There were no nominations from the floor for Cultural Chairman. Motion was made by Malone (CS) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for JoAnn Mueller (the Nominating Committee's candidate) as Cultural Chairman. Motion seconded and carried.

There were nominations from the floor to add to the name of Turner William Woehrle submitted by the Nominating Committee. Motion was made by Trummer (St.L.) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Turner William Woehrle and Physical Education Chairman.

In the election for trustee for a full term for the Endowment Trust Fund, the Nominating Committee had submitted the names of Turners Christopher Wuest, Daisy Pippin and Clifford Anderson. Inasmuch as Turner Wuest was one of the "teller committee", the chairman replaced him on that committee for this election only by Turner Joe Young (NE).

Turner Anderson declined the nomination and instead nominated Turner Robert Volker (West.Pa.). Motion that nominations be closed was made by Diamant (NY), seconded and carried.. Seconding speeches were made, ballots were distributed, and the vote was taken. On the first ballot the results were: Pippin, 71; Wuest, 67½; Volker, 81½. Turner Wuest was dropped from the ballot. Results of the second ballot showed Turner Robert Volker to be our new trustee for the Endowment Trust Fund by a vote of 113-107. He thanked the delegates for their vote of confidence.

At this time a delegation of Hilda Dierks, East Davenport, Wilma Gillen, Springfield, and Peg McAdoo, McKeesport, extended greetings from the Ladies Auxiliary and expressed their wishes that we have a successful and harmonious Convention.

Turner Schrader presented some figures he had compiled comparing the number of delegates actually present at this Convention in comparison to previous years.

Turner Dalbke (Ill.) made a motion that in reading the reports of their committees, the committee chairmen omit the roll call reading in order to save time. Motion was seconded and carried.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by its chairman, Turner Christopher Wuest.. This report will become page 36 of these minutes.

Motion was made by Dau (Up.Miss.) to accept the report in its entirety. Seconded. Motion was made by Bothfeld (Ill.) and seconded to amend the motion to read that we accept the report with the exception of the paragraph regarding traveling expenses (indented in the report), and that this paragraph be voted on at the time of the National Affairs report. The amendment was passed and the amended motion was then passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Wuest, Chairman
Erwin G. Lehr, Secretary

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Finance Committee met in Room 10 of the Moline Turners. Temporary Chairman was appointed. Turner Christ Wuest of New York was nominated by Turner Roland Niebes of Upper Mississippi and seconded by Max Spanier. Carried. Turner E. Behr was elected secretary on a motion by Lucille Bothfeld which was seconded and carried.

William Meyer, Treasurer of the National American Turners, gave a financial report on all cash assets deposited in different savings accounts. A motion was made by Turner Lucille Bothfeld (Ill.) and seconded by Turner Max Spanier (New Eng.) to accept the report. Carried unanimously.

All societies are paid in full for prior year's per capita tax. Turner William Meyer (Ill.) made a statement that not all Turner societies are sending in their per capita tax on a quarterly basis. Some societies are waiting until the end of the year. A motion was made by Lucille Bothfeld that societies pay per capita taxes at least quarterly in accordance with Par. 109 of the statutes of the American Turners. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Turner Meyer also explained about the financial troubles of the Lawrence Turner Society. The audit report for 1975 showed \$3,305.00 as the balance on the chattel mortgage to the Endowment Fund of the American Turners. This balance includes accrued interest to December 31, 1975. The Endowment Trust Fund has attained an attorney on this matter.

Turner Nick Meyer of St. Louis District made the following motion:

The Finance Committee agrees with the president's recommendation that the National president visit all Turner societies each two years at National expense; however, the current financial position of the American Turners is not such that sufficient funds for such expenditures are available, inasmuch as we have had net losses in the General Fund for the last three years. The Finance Committee therefore recommends that this be turned over to the National Council for further study.

This motion was seconded by Roland Neibes of Upper Mississippi and carried unanimously.

A motion was made to accept the C.P.A.'s audit report for the years ending December, 1974 and 1975. Motion by Turner Max Spanier of the New England District and seconded by Turner Hugo Noldan of Western New York District. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Arthur Hagman of Central States District.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Wuest, Chairman
Erwin C. Behr, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M. by Temporary Chairman Hertha Hermann. Roll call: Hertha Hermann (NY); Ursula Virgens (NJ); Carl Irps, Jr. (Ill.); Eugene Solfronk (St.L.); Lin Datdorf (Western Penna.); Al Graf (Ill.); Harry Peiniger (Ill.); Bernard Harris (Western Pa.); Ed Kasner (Western Pa.); Willie Caloud (Upper Miss.); Bob St. Pierre (Wisc.); Joe Decker (Up. Miss.); Pauline McIntyre (LE); George Korkhouse (Central States); JoAnne Mueller (Central States); Betty Dau, National Chairman; Dona Schaefer (Central States); Glen Dau (Up.Miss.); Arthur Hagman (Central States); George Wiedemann (Wisc.).

Hertha Hermann nominated JoAnne Mueller as chairman of Cultural Education meeting. Dona Schaefer seconded. Carried.

Carl Irps, Jr. nominated Lin Datdorf as secretary of Cultural Education meeting. Joe Decker seconded. Carried.

Chairman Mueller recognized George Wiedemann of Milwaukee Turners as a guest.

The first duty of the committee was to inspect the resolutions submitted, those being #7 and #11. Resolution #7:

BE IT RESOLVED that the present Article 67 be amended to read as follows: "The following shall be members of this committee: The National Ladies Auxiliary Cultural Chairman, the Local Chairman of Cultural Education of the last preceding National Festival and the Local Chairman of the next succeeding National Festival, as soon as he (she) has been named by the Local Festival Committee."

Resolution #7 was passed unanimously.

Resolution #11: That the Princess Contest Rules - Contestand must be: Rule #3 be amended as follows: "To be qualified under Article IV of the Rules Applying to Cultural Education Competition - Revised 1974."

Resolution #11 was passed 10 to 7. A minority report has been made.

Recommendations from the Cultural Committee:

1. The name and experiences of the proposed Host Cultural Chairman for any National Festival shall be submitted and approved by the National Cultural Chairman and the Regional Cultural Committeeman of the Region before being appointed.
2. We believe that the Cultural program at a National Festival should begin at the same time as the physical program following registration the day before the competition. We would also like the exhibit to be held at the Turner Hall or headquarters if possible. We believe it would give more people an opportunity to visit the exhibit after the gym competition is through for the day. We recommend that the exhibit close on Saturday night.....before the banquet, and the cultural awards be given at this time.

3. We recommend that the individual solo voice, dance, demonstrations and group competition in the cultural exhibit be included as part of the planned evening social activities of the host Turner Hall at the hall. This should also include the Princess Contest.
4. We recommend a new division "Senior Citizens over 65" be added to the individual competition and group competition with the option of entering either seniors or senior citizens.
5. We recommend adding a midget division in individual competition only in Class 1-12, including all those up to 14 years of age, expanding the divisions to a total of four divisions.
6. We recommend a National Cultural Committee meeting be held the year preceding a National Festival and at the site of that festival.

General discussion followed regarding changes in record keeping, judging sheets and methods of exhibiting, including distribution of ribbons and points for awards.

Pauline McIntyre submitted Betty Dau for nomination for National Cultural Chairman. Betty declined unfortunately, as we acknowledged her three years of faithful service. Pauline McIntyre then submitted JoAnne Mueller, with the committee's unanimous approval.

Carl Irps, Jr. motioned for adjournment at 12:15, seconded by Bernard Harris.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Batdorf, Secretary
JoAnn Mueller, Chairman

1. Minor events will have three bowlers per alley. Host society will list schedule time depending on speed of spotters.
2. Under tournament site, if no bid is received from the appropriate zone by June 1, a 3-month invitation for re-bid, disregarding zones, will be issued.
3. All entry fees must be accompanied by fees for five bowlers regardless of number entered, and must have an even number of doubles paid for.
4. Maximum handicap of 40 pins for men was changed to 50 pins.
5. A.B.C. rule regarding averages: Rules changed to agree with A.B.C. This change was made in both men's and women's rules.
6. Reports: Weekly top ten standings must include a figure for "still in the money."

Turner Tinn explained that he disagreed with some of these changes and was given permission to present his suggested changes later in the Convention.

Action to accept the report of the Bowling Committee was passed.

The report of the Cultural Education Committee on the preceding pages was read by its secretary, Turner Lin Batdorf (W.N.Y.). Motion was made by Huth (W.N.Y.) and seconded to accept the report. He and his second withdrew motion.

At this time a minority report regarding Resolution #11 was read to the Convention. This minority report asked that Resolution #11 which had been passed in committee, be rejected by the Convention.

Motion was made by Wuest (NY) and seconded to reject the minority report. Glen Dau (Up.Miss.) made a motion, which was seconded and passed, to call for a Federal roll call vote. This was done, and Turner Wuest's motion to reject the minority report was passed by a vote of 114 for, 106 against, and one abstention.

Motion was then again made by Huth (W.N.Y.) and seconded to accept the report of the Cultural Education Committee. Motion carried.

In response to a question from Vice President Schrader, Turner JoAnn Mueller assured the Convention that action on these recommendations would now be taken by the National Cultural Education Committee.

The report of the Bowling Committee was read by its chairman, Turner Ann Trankle:

(Report appears as page 40 of these minutes.)

Motion was made by Diamant (NY) and seconded to accept the report of the Bowling Committee.

Turner Timm objected to the next-to-last paragraph of the report and asked that the changes be explained. Turner St. Peters listed the changes:

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Motion to accept the report of the Bowling Committee was passed.

MINUTES OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on August 9, 1976.

Turner Ann Trankle (Ill.) was elected Permanent Chairman. Turner Roger Burke (Up.Miss.) was elected Permanent Secretary. The following delegates were in attendance: Ann Trankle, Elmer Serb, Dick Senn, Clarence Lahrman, Jr., Virginia Korkhouse, Margaret Judy (Alt.), Jack McAdoo, Louis Kraft, Roger Burke, Harlan Hamann, Jack Tatge, Jerry Hogue, Anthony Ragno, Karl Schreiber.

Chairman read resolution #13 to the committee.

- (a) Discussion: Should six (6) bowlers be scheduled on two alleys instead of four in minor events in the Turner National, both men and women. Bob St. Peters commented that the National Bowling Committee had voted it in. Virginia Korkhouse made a motion to accept the recommendation for six bowlers. The schedule of the events will depend on the speed of the alleys set by the tournament committee. Motion seconded by Turner Ragno. Committee carried motion.
- (b) Should the all events fee be raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50 in National Bowling Tournaments. Turner Schreiber made motion to leave all events fee at the \$1.00 fee. Seconded by Elmer Serb. Motion carried.
- (c) That the minimum first prize be not less than \$100.00 in all events in National Bowling Tournaments. Elmer Serb made motion that the all events prize list be based on the entry as in the past for the next tournament, but that the prize list be referred back to the National Bowling Committee for discussion and review. Jerry Hogue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Turner Hogue made motion that the host society schedule the events of both men and women from the same society during the same time schedule if possible. Turner Hamann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Turner Karl Schreiber made motion that one society check or one money order or certified check be sent for entry fees for all society bowlers for the complete entry fee, and no personal checks be accepted. Motion seconded by Hamann. Motion carried.

National Bowling Chairman Bob St. Peters read the changes to the rules made at the last National Bowling Committee meeting. Turner Jerry Hogue made a motion to accept these changes. Turner Jack Tatge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:05 A.M. Turner Karl Schreiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Louis Kraft. Motion carried. Chairman Ann Trankle closed the meeting.

Ann Trankle, Chairman
Roger Burke, Secretary

The Convention adjourned for lunch at 12:05 and was reconvened by Chairman O'Donnell at 1:40 P.M.

Turner O'Donnell announced that Turners Joe Becker and Lee Osborne, two officially approved alternates, have replaced two other delegates on the Upper Mississippi delegation.

The report of the National Affairs Committee (appearing as page 42 of these minutes) was read by its chairman, Turner Warren Dalbke (Ill.).

Motion was made by Zweifel (Ill.) and seconded to accept the report of the National Affairs Committee.

The Convention Secretary was instructed to note in the minutes that two corrections are needed in the minutes: (a) In third-to-last paragraph, line 3, this should read....."to each society at National expense at the request of the Society." (b) Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

An amendment to Zweifel's motion was made by Bothfeld (Ill.) and seconded that the entire report be accepted with the exception of the paragraph on traveling expenses, in which we will accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The amendment was carried, and the amended motion was then passed.

Motion was made by Volker (W.P.A.) to accept Gretchen's recommendation. Seconded and passed.

Resolution filed to recommend that National Office issue more elaborate business cards with Society and District name on front of card. Moved by Bob Dau and seconded to reject the resolution. Passed.

Invitations to host the 57th National Convention submitted by Louisville and Toledo and Cristadt. Discussion by the three societies as to their facilities. Bob Schuler moved, seconded by Bob Dau, to recommend all three societies to the convention. Passed.

Bill Backer discussed the travel expenses of National officers by inviting them to the different societies. Suggested that National officers make one trip in two years to each society at National expense. Additional request for a visit to be paid one half by National office and one half by inviting society. Moved by H. Zweifel, seconded by Frank Astaldi and carried.

Discussion started by Western Pennsylvania as to starting the National convention at a certain date or week. Moved by Bob Schuler, seconded by John Kovaly of Western Pennsylvania that a permanent date be set for each convention.

Adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Larry Woolworth, Secretary
Warren E. Dalbke, Chairman

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting was called to order by Chr. Warren Dalbke (Ill.) at 9:15 A.M. Following were in attendance: William Kesper, Rita M. Wuest, Marion Slattery, Warren Dalbke, Herman Zweifel, Robert Buttala, Frank Fielman, Joseph Lubbers, Robert J. Schuler, Mary Adele Schuler, Anton Hoch, Stanford Tallman, Edward Timm, Gerald Yingling, John Kovaly, Robert Volker, Clifford Anderson, Russell Jewett, Walter O'Malley, Frank Astaldi, Harry Schroeder, Bill Severns, Hugo Noldan, C. Quinn Wright, Eldon Zahm, Robert Dau, Richard Leihaus, E. Andresen, Evelyn Lattmann, Ronald Cintella.

Discussion on recommendation submitted by Gretchen Willer about submission of statistical reports:

Whereas, after following instructions in paragraph 5 of the new Procedural Guide under "Duties of Societies" in requesting Statistical Reports this year, I recommend that the instructions in that paragraph not be substituted for the instructions in Paragraph 92 of the Statutes and that the Statutes in regard to Statistical Reports not be changed.

If a District Secretary fails to mail in reports or if the reports become lost in the mails, the National Secretary can inform all societies whose reports are not in on time. The Secretary can request that they send their copy of the report directly to the National Office where a Xerox copy can be made for our office and the original then returned to the society.

Moved by Volker (W.Pa.) to accept Gretchen's recommendation. Seconded and passed.

Resolution #16: We recommend that National Office issue more elaborate dues cards with Society and District name on front of card. Moved by Bob Dau and seconded to reject the resolution. Passed.

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Adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Larry Woolworth, Secretary
Warren E. Dalbke, Chairman

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY
COMMITTEE

The report of the Publicity and Publications Committee was read by Turner William O. Huth, its chairman. (Page 44 of these minutes.)

Motion was made by Diamant (NY) and seconded to accept the report of the National Publications and Publicity Committee. Motion carried.

After looking at the individual recommendations, motion was made by Jacquin (W.N.Y.), seconded and carried to accept the report in its entirety.

committee discussed publicity on the National level. A general discussion took place in which all individuals present expressed ways and

Motion was made by Bothfeld (Ill.) and seconded that inasmuch as the report of the Health and Physical Education Committee was a lengthy one, discussion of each item should be held as the report is read, rather than to wait for the reading of the entire report. Motion carried.

per, radio and television.

The report of the Health and Physical Education Committee was read by its chairman, Turner Arnold Trummer. (Report becomes pages 45-52 of these minutes.)

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Where local historical data is inadequate, National material can be extracted from the pamphlets available from the National office at \$2.00 each.

With the St. Louis Festival program and the Moline Convention program are lacking in intellectual content. This should not be continued.

It is also recommended that a file of such historical material be maintained by the National office.

Meeting adjourned.

William O. Huth, Chairman
Dick Wolff, Secretary

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY
COMMITTEE

The National Publications and Publicity Committee meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman Edmund Pahl of South Bend. The following members of this committee were present: Edmund Pahl (Cent. St.), Dick Wolff (Cent. St.); Tom Cazel (Ill.); Erwin Schrader (Ill.); Wm. O. Huth (West. NY); Al Loeffler (West. Pa.); Jim Heppner (Cent. St.); Ervin Koth (Wisc.).

William Huth was elected Permanent Chairman; Dick Wolff was elected Secretary.

This committee discussed publicity on the National level. A general discussion took place in which all individuals present expressed ways and means to promote Turnerism for all members of all societies.

The Publications and Publicity Committee recommends to this convention that each society establish the office of publicity director charged with the responsibility of obtaining exposure for Turner activities in newspaper, radio and television.

This effort is necessary because many people become aware of our clubrooms and bars but not of our school activities.

The National Publications and Publicity Committee recommends that souvenir programs of National Turner events should always include historical material, preferably about the local area and host society. This is necessary to enlighten new members, guests and advertisers, and also to preserve in many places a record of what Turners have done.

Where local historical data is inadequate, National material can be extracted from the pamphlets available from the National office at \$2.00 each.

Both the St. Louis Festival program and the Moline Convention program were lacking in intellectual content. This should not be continued.

We also recommend that a file of such historical material be maintained by the National office.

Meeting adjourned.

William O. Huth, Chairman
Dick Wolff, Secretary

REPORT OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Temporary chairman Henry Schroeder began presiding at 9:00 A.M. Detty Heppner was asked to be temporary secretary. Arnold Trummer was elected permanent chairman and Detty Heppner was elected permanent secretary.

Meeting was called to order.

Discussion of Resolution #12, submitted by Illinois District:

Regards: National Gymnastic Championship;

That competition be opened to District teams rather than Regional teams, and that a separate championship be held for the women's teams, 3 women per team; and a separate championship be held for men's teams, 3 men per team; one team allowed per District.

Women will use the required U.S.G.F. Class 1 Routines and men will use the required U.S.G.F. Class 2 Routines. District qualifying meets will be held to select District teams.

Daisy Pippin moved to accept the first paragraph of the above. Seconded and carried. Alex Diamant moved that the second paragraph be accepted with the addition of a bracket "/" next to "required" followed by the word "compulsories." (required/compulsories). Motion was seconded and carried.

Resolution #14 was rejected by the committee upon motion by Ted O'Donnell, seconded and carried.

Resolution #15 was presented to the committee and clarified by Turner Ed Timm:

Resolution to Golf Committee:

a. The National Committee on Golf shall consist of at least one member, who is an active participant in National Golf Tournaments, from each region of the American Turners. To be approved with credentials by the Chairman of the Physical Education Committee, upon recommendation of their respective Regions. These members shall be known as Regional members of the National Golf Committee. Meetings of this committee may be called by the National Chairman of Physical Education on eve of the National Golf Tournament at the Host Society's site. A secretary may be elected by committee or appointed by Chairman of Physical Education to take minutes of the meeting. Chairman of Golf can either be appointed by the Chairman or elected by Regional Golf Committee. The Golf Committee to vote on site of the following year's tournament. All this to be approved by National Council and records be kept by the National Office.

b. The election of a Woman at Large to serve Women's golfing shall be by nomination of the Regional Members of the National Golf Committee and then elected by the Regional Members and approved by National Council. She shall be elected for a four (4) year term.. She must be a member of American Turners, a member at large, or the wife of a member of an American Turners society. She must be an active participant in National Golf Tournaments.

If a Woman Member at Large is elected from a Society which already has a committeeman, said region shall only be entitled to one (1) vote on the National Golf Committee when they vote on the site for National golf tourney.

c. That the Ohio-Indiana State line be the Geographical division for awarding the National Golf Tournament. That the even years go to the Western zone and the odd years to the Eastern zone. If a region in line does not have a bid for Tournament site then the site may go twice in a row to one section of the country. A Society bidding must receive the majority of votes cast. If no majority is obtained on 1st ballot, the Society receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped on the succeeding ballot. If a tie, the Society who recently had Tournament must drop and this process continue until majority is obtained.

d. Application for National Tournament site must be in the hands of the National Chairman and National office by June 1 of each year so that Committee can vote on next year's site when Committee meets on eve of the Tournament.

e. Recommendation that National Golf Tournament continue to be held in the month of July.

f. Entry fees shall be what the greens fees are for three (3) days plus \$1.25 per day for Tournament expenses. Any additional cost for dinners, souvenirs, and banque be optional to the Golfer participating in Tournament.

g. The function of the National Golf Committee shall at all times be to formulate rules and regulations subject to the approval of the National Council by which the annual Golf Tournament shall be governed.

Ted O'Donnell moved to accept the above resolution. Seconded and carried.

The report of the May 1-2, 1976 meeting of the National Physical Education and Health Committee was presented for our consideration. The following points and our opinions are below:

Suggested revisions by the National Health & Physical Education Committee to the National Festival Rule Book of the American Turners:

- a. Page 1 - Art. 1 - #9. Change (Ages 15-17) to (Ages 14-17).
Accepted by Committee.
- b. Page 2 - Art. 2 - #5. After publish (include complete) results.
Accepted by Committee.
Page 2 - Art. 2 - #8. Delete #8 entirely - Suggested change in place of "A member appointed by the National Health & Physical Education Chairman shall act as secretary of the college of judges."
Accepted by Committee.
Page 2 - Art.. 3 - #1. Change "will be" to "has been."
Cultural Rule Book should be inserted in National Festival Rule Book. Include after the word Festival (and shall be appointed six (6) months prior to the Festival.)
Accepted by Committee.

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- c. Page 3 - Art. 4 - #4. Recommend prices for judges be changed to \$20.00 from \$10.00.
Page 3 - Art. 4 - #6. Recommend prices for judges be changed to \$20.00 from \$10.00. "Recommend vouchers be printed up in advance."
Accepted by Committee.
- d. Page 4 - Art. 6 - #4. Recommend prices for auditing committee be changed to \$20.00 from \$10.00. Accepted by Committee.
- e. Page 7 - Art. 8 - #4. Annual report has never been posted in the Turner Topics. This rule should be enforced. President Racker said he would see that this is done. Accepted by Committee.
- f. Page 8 - Art.. 1 - #5. Physician's certificate deleted - after the word until "a signed release form is presented." Accepted by Committee.
Page 8 - Art. 1 - #1. Recommend change - Entry forms four (4) weeks - instead of two (2) weeks. Accepted by Committee.
- g. Page 13 - Art. 2 - #1. Recommend change - to delete wording - (It is optional with the instructor to use same.) Suggested an official tape be used at Festival by all competitors. Accepted by Committee.
- h. Page 18 - Art. 7 - - #3. Under Running Relay: #3 Insert "A" - same; add "B" A team shall consist of four (4) women, each woman to run 60 yards. Accepted by Committee.
Page 18 - Art. 7 - #4. Delete "Six (6) feet" and state as "A lane is to be provided for each team." Accepted by committee.
- i. Page 19 - Art. 9 - #3. Recommended to insert full set of individual and society points (including gymnastics and track and field). Accepted by Committee.
- j. Page 21 - Art. 1 - #2. Change to new regulation F.I.G. specifications as of 1976. (A-D) E same. Accepted by Committee.
Page 22 - Art. 1 - "2 Continued". Change to new regulation F.I.G. specifications as of 1976. (G-I) J same.
SENIOR MEN & SENIOR WOMEN: Add "N" uneven bars: Measurements the same as for Active Women 59 inches and 90½ inches. Accepted by Committee.
- k. Page 23 - Art.. 2 - Under rules and tables of Standards #1. Change Running Broad Jump to Running Long Jump. Accepted by Committee.
- l. Page 24 - Art. 2 - Under rules and tables of Standards #3. Change Standing Broad Jump to Standing Long Jump. Accepted by Committee.
- m. Page 26 - Art. 2 - #7. Change - Every additional 10 feet equals 1 additional point - to - "Every additional 8 feet equals 1 additional point." Accepted by Committee.
- n. Page 27 - Art. 2 - #10. 120 yard low hurdles - b - Delete word "finish" and change to "start." Accepted by Committee.

Page 41 - Art. 8 - Add #7 and #8. (?? Standing two step jump.
8. Standing long jump.
Committee voted to insert speed walk as #3 on P. 39 and add 7 & 8.

- o. Page 28 - Art.. 2 - #1. Committee vetoed suggested change in #1.
 Page 28 - Art. 2 - #2. D. Change broad jump to long jump.
 D. Delete basketball far throw, free style -
 change to - standing two step jump.
 Accepted by Committee.

- p. Page 29 - Art. 4 - #1. Change broad jump to long jump. Accepted by Committee.

- q. Page 31 - Art. 4 - Add #5.
 Standing two step jump: Scoring -

Points	Age 30-39	Age 40-49	Age 50-59	Age 60 & Over
10	25 feet	23 feet	21 feet	19 feet
9	23 feet	21 feet	19 feet	17 feet
8	21 feet	19 feet	17 feet	15 feet
7	19 feet	17 feet	15 feet	13 feet
6	17 feet	15 feet	13 feet	11 feet
5	15 feet	13 feet	11 feet	9 feet
4	13 feet	11 feet	9 feet	7 feet
3	11 feet	9 feet	7 feet	5 feet
2	9 feet	7 feet	5 feet	3 feet
1	7 feet	5 feet	3 feet	1 feet

Each additional 2 (two) feet equals 1 (one) more point.

Accepted by Committee.

- r. Page 33 - Art.. 5 - #1b. Standing long jump instead of standing broad jump. Accepted by Committee.
- s. Page 35 - Art.. 12 - #1. Change running broad jump to running long jump. Accepted by Committee.
- t. Page 37 - Art. 12 - #7. Change standing broad jump to standing long jump. Accepted by Committee.
- u. Page 38 - Art. 4 - #1. Quadrathlon Individual Competition.
 1a. Delete class free exercises - to - standing long jump.
 1c. Delete ball accuracy throw - to - standing two step jump.
 1a. Accepted by Committee.
 1c. Committee voted to drop the standing 2-step jump
 and use the speed walk (heel and toe requirements).
 2d. Delete optional exercise or been using uneven bars to comp. pommel horse vault. Accepted by committee.
- v. Page 39 - Art. 6 - #2. Society points. Insert ".1" between additional () society point. Accepted by committee.
- w. Page 40 - Art. 8 - #5, Free Exercise. Delete Number Five (5) free exercise. Accepted by Committee.
- x. Page 41 - Art. 8 - Add #7 and #8. 7. Standing two step jump.
 8. Standing long jump.
 Committee voted to insert speed walk as #3 on P. 39 and add 7 & 8.

Adjourned for lunch. Diamant carried to return at 1:30 P.M.

Began at 1:35 P.M.

Finished reviewing of P.E. Committee Minutes. Discussion held of Individual and Society points. Alex Diamant moved to keep scoring system as is. Seconded and carried.

Ed Colton moved that the Illinois District submit a plan for an adult Sportsarama to be held on a National level on the off year from the Turnfest. This plan shall be submitted to the next National Convention in 1978. Motion seconded and carried.

It was recommended that permanent dates for national tourneys be specified as listed. Ralph Markus moved acceptance of the dates. Seconded. Chic Martin amended to change gymnastics to Feb., 1st - 2nd weeks. Seconded. Alex Diamant moved that words "subject to the Society's request for change" be inserted following certain permanent dates. Seconded. All motions carried.

Instructor's Manual: Harry Warnken moved the manual be made available through the National office and published in Turner Topics. Carried.

New Business: 12" and 16" Softball Guidelines to be published in the Festival Rule Book. Dot Steinlage moved acceptance. Chic Martin moved to amend by deleting age limits requirements. Both carried.

Tom Cazel presented information on an achievement award used by the Illinois Turner Camp. He moved that the Illinois District submit a plan to National so this information and details can be available through National. Motion carried.

Nominations for National Physical Education and Health Chairman: Bill Woehrle was nominated by Henry Schroeder.

Dick Malone moved that a man must be 17 years of age to play in any National Softball Tourney, effective January 1, 1977.

Chic Martin moved that the Festival Rule Book be reprinted by the National Office and two copies sent to each society. Carried.

Ralph Markus spoke to the fact that all societies should capitalize on the free publicity from the Olympics and further the interests of Turnerism.

Harry Warnken moved that the age limit for the compulsory team competition at the National Gymnastics Meet be lowered to 12. Dud Marquette moved to amend to 13. Dot Steinlage moved to include both team and individual competition. All motions carried.

Meeting adjourned by chairman.

Arnold Trummer, Chairman
Betty Heppner, Secretary

NATIONAL 12" SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

RULES :

1. THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE A DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT (IF RAIN THE TOURNAMENT CAN BE A SINGLE ELIMINATION) THAT IS OPEN TO ANY SOCIETY OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS AND EACH SOCIETY MAY ENTER THREE TEAMS. THE ONLY RESTRICTION IS THAT ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE FROM THE SAME SOCIETY AND THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF 18 PLAYERS FOR ANY ONE TEAM.
2. THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE RULES OF THE AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION WITH SOME SLIGHT REVISIONS THAT ARE LISTED BY THE HOST SOCIETY.
3. A ROSTER SHEET WILL BE SENT TO EACH TEAM, BY HOST SOCIETY, TO FILL OUT AND HAVE SIGNED BY YOUR SOCIETY SECRETARY. THIS ROSTER FORM MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST GAME OF THE TOURNAMENT.
4. MINIMUM AGE FOR TOURNAMENT WILL BE 12 YEARS OF AGE ON DATE OF TOURNAMENT. *AS OF YEAR 1977*
5. TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST PLACE TEAM, SECOND PLACE TEAM, AND TO THE THIRD PLACE TEAM, AND TO THE INDIVIDUALS OF THE FIRST PLACE TEAM. (WOMEN AND MEN TEAMS).
6. THE TEAM MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF HIS OR HER PLAYERS. HEATED ARGUMENTS, PROFANITY AND FIGHTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
7. A PLAYER CANNOT PLAY FOR MORE THAN ONE TEAM. THE MANAGER CANNOT PLAY ON ONE TEAM AND MANAGE ANOTHER TEAM.
8. PORTEAST WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AFTER TWO MINUTES OF THE LAST OUT OF THE GAME.
9. BATTER WILL BE DECLARED OUT ON THEIR THIRD FOUL OF THEIR THIRD STRIKE.
10. EACH GAME WILL BE PLAYED SEVEN INNINGS. IF EITHER OF THE TEAMS IS AHEAD BY TWELVE RUNS OR MORE AT THE END OF FIVE INNINGS, OR AN HOUR, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST, THE GAME WILL BE OVER, EXCEPT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WILL BE SEVEN INNINGS.

NATIONAL 16" SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Voted upon by the Committee (See page five of minutes.)

RULES :

1. THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE A DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT THAT IS OPEN TO ANY SOCIETY OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS AND EACH SOCIETY MAY ENTER AS MANY TEAMS AS THEY WISH. THE ONLY RESTRICTION IS THAT ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE FROM THE SAME SOCIETY AND THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF 15 PLAYERS FOR ANY ONE TEAM.
2. THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE RULES OF THE AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION WITH SOME SLIGHT REVISIONS THAT ARE LISTED BY THE HOST SOCIETY.
3. A ROSTER SHEET WILL BE SENT TO EACH TEAM, BY HOST SOCIETY, TO FILL OUT AND HAVE SIGNED BY YOUR SOCIETY SECRETARY. THIS ROSTER FORM MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST GAME OF THE TOURNAMENT.
4. MINIMUM AGE FOR TOURNAMENT WILL BE 12 YEARS OF AGE ON DATE OF TOURNAMENT. *AS OF YEAR 1977*
5. TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST PLACE TEAM, TO THE SECOND PLACE TEAM, AND TO THE INDIVIDUALS OF THE FIRST PLACE TEAM.
6. EACH GAME WILL START WITH A NEW BALL WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
7. A FIFTEEN RUN RULE SHALL BE IN EFFECT. IF AFTER THE COMPLETION OF FIVE FULL INNINGS OF PLAY, ONE TEAM IS 15 OR MORE RUNS AHEAD OF THE OTHER, THE GAME SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY CALLED BY THE UMPIRE.
8. ONLY LEGAL OFFICIAL SOFTBALL BATS WILL BE USED THAT MEET THE LENGTH AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS. ANY PLAYER WHO USES OR EVEN ENTERS THE BATTERS BOX WITH AN ALTERED OR ILLEGAL BAT WILL BE DECLARED OUT, REMOVED FROM THE GAME, AND NO RUNNERS MAY ADVANCE ON A BALL THAT IS HIT WITH SUCH A BAT. THIS IS NOT AN APPEAL PLAY AND AS SOON AS THE UMPIRE NOTICES (OR IT IS CALLED TO HIS ATTENTION) SUCH AN INFRACTION, HE WILL TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

To specify certain permanent dates for National Tournaments:

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| 1. Basketball | 1st - 2nd weeks of March |
| 2. Volleyball | 1st - 2nd weeks of April |
| 3. Sr., Volleyball | 3rd - 4th weeks of April |
| 4. Gymnastics *** | 1st - 2nd weeks of May |
| 5. Turnfest | 3rd - 4th weeks of June |
| 6.. 12" Softball | 1st - 2nd weeks of July |
| (On Turnfest year - 30 days before or after Festival) | |
| 7. Swimming | 3rd - 4th weeks of July |
| 8. Golf | 3rd - 4th weeks of July |
| 9. 16" Softball | 1st - 2nd weeks of August |
| 10. Leader's Course | 3rd - 4th weeks of August |
| (A one week course in August - a two week course to be left up to host and instructor convenience.) | |
| 11. Bowling | 8 weeks starting in April |
| 12. National Convention | Month of August |

*** Date was changed by Committee. See page 5 of minutes.

REPORT OF PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Swan (CS) to approve and accept the action of the committee on Resolution #12. Seconded. Carried.

Motion was made by Swan (CS) and seconded to approve and accept the action of the committee with regard to Resolution #15. Motion was made by Trummer (St.L.) and seconded to amend to leave out the words "at Large" in the first line of Sec. b and the words "Member at Large" in the top line of page 2 of the report. Motion to amend was carried, and then the amended motion was passed.

Motion was made by Heppner (Betty) (CS) to accept the recommendations of the committee from a-x. Seconded. The secretary was instructed to note that on Item g, last line, the last word should be instructors rather than competitors. Motion was carried.

Upon individual motions properly made, seconded and carried, all of the other individual recommendations made by the Physical Education Committee on page five of its report were accepted.

Motion was made by Heppner (CS), seconded and carried, that the entire report of the Health and Physical Education Committee be accepted.

At this time the regular order of business was suspended inasmuch as the committee report of the Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee was not yet ready for distribution.

Turner Dalbke made a motion, seconded and carried, that the subject of the location for the next National Convention be considered.

Bids had been received from Louisville Turners, Toledo Turners, and Carlstadt Turners. Turner Schroeder spoke regarding the Toledo bid; Turner Virgens spoke for Carlstadt Turners; and Turner Bob Schuler spoke for Louisville Turners. A Federal roll call was taken, and the Convention was awarded to Louisville by the following count: Louisville, 120; Toledo, 75; Carlstadt, 25.

Turner Daisy Pippin announced that she had collected a total of \$141.00 in donations to the Endowment Trust Fund from the Convention and that she had received \$51.00 from the Ladies Auxiliary and \$20.00 in private donations. Turner Westermeyer extended his thanks.

Turner Huth reminded the newly elected officers that he needed their pictures for Turner Topics.

The meeting of the Second Session was adjourned at 3:30 P.M., to be reconvened at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 11, 1976.

RESOLVED - that the following be added to the Statutes of the American Turners: "The rights of Members; and be it further"

RESOLVED - that the following paragraphs numbered 1080 and 1081 be added to the Statutes of the American Turners to be included in the new section, "Rights of Members."

REPORT OF PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

The Committee was called to order by Turner Koutnik, temporary chairman, at 9:20 A.M. The following committee members were present: Fred G. Anderson (West.Pa.); Donald Andrew (Up.Miss.); Richard Bade (Central States); Edward Barrow (LE); Fred Boeker (NJ); Elmer Crook (St.L.); Edward Elste (Ill.); James Hasson (Up.Miss.); J. Edw. Hille (Mid.Atl.); George Hirsch (NY); George J. Jacquin (W.N.Y.); Joseph C. Koutnik (Cent.States); Fred Koverman (Cent.States); Frank A. Lynch (West.Pa.); Robert Marx (St.L.); Robert Murray (NE); Wayne Pevler (Wisc.); John Riedeman (Ill.); Robert Swan (Cent.States); Wm. Thane (NY); Robert S. White (West.Pa.); Joseph Young (NE). Also present was Turner Walter Schrader, First Vice President of the American Turners.

Turner Lynch was elected permanent chairman and Turner Marx was elected secretary of the committee.

RESOLVED: That the American Turners discontinue the practice of providing scholarships exclusively to "Indiana University - Purdue University in Indianapolis, Indiana" and be it further resolved that Paragraph 132 of the statutes of the American Turners be cancelled and replaced with the following:

Paragraph 132 - Scholarships

The American Turners considers as one of its most important purposes the awarding of scholarships to qualified students, to provide the means to train efficient instructors for the Turners Societies affiliated with the American Turners.

The National Council is authorized to award scholarships to promising Turner members and/or Turner class members based on a scholarship plan to be developed by the Scholarship Committee and approved by the National Council. These scholarships may be awarded to any recognized college or university in the United States provided that the selected school of physical education into which the student chooses to enroll has a physical education teaching curriculum that receives prior approval of the scholarship committee. The number of scholarships to be awarded in any one year and the amount of these scholarships shall be at the discretion of the National Council based on number of applications received, funds available for scholarships and the need for instructors in the member Turner societies.

Turner Donald Anderson moved that Resolution 1 above be approved with the following amendment: Add "college or" before "university." The motion was seconded and passed.

Turner Elste moved that Resolution #2 (below) be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

RESOLVED - that a new section be added to the Statutes of the American Turners titled Rights of Members; and be it further

RESOLVED - that the following paragraphs numbered 108C and 108D be added to the Statutes of the American Turners to be included in the new section, Rights of Members.

Rights of Members

Par. 108C Every member of the American Turners, who is in good standing, and has a valid official American Turner membership card issued in his/her name is entitled to all the rights of membership as specified in various sections of these Statutes of the American Turners and in addition, all such members, except National members at large, shall be entitled to the membership rights as specified in the Constitutions and By-Laws of the respective Societies and Districts to which the member belongs. Some of these rights are: to vote at Society, District and National meetings and conventions; hold Society, District and National office; serve on the various committees; use of the gymnasiums and other facilities in accordance with the Society and District rules for such use; participate in National Invitational and District Championships, tournaments, exhibits and festivals in accordance with the rules as defined in the "Festival Rules Book," the "Cultural Rules Book" and the "Bowling Rules" of the American Turners.

Par. 108D It is recognized that some Societies have family memberships that entitle the spouse and children of the card carrying member to certain rights at the Society level in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. At the National and District level such family members (other than the card carrying member) will not be entitled to: a vote; hold office or be a member of Council; or be a convention delegate. However, such family members will be entitled to participate in National, Invitational and District competition in accordance with the rules as defined in the "Festival Rules Book", the "Cultural Rules Book", and the "Bowling Rules" of the American Turners.

(Copies of Resolutions 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 are attached at the end of the report of this Committee.)

Turner Andrew moved that Resolution 3 be approved with the following amendments: (Corrections already made on copies at the end of this report.) The motion was seconded and passed.

The committee recommends that it will be to the discretion of the National Council in what manner the Procedural Guide brochure will be published.

Turner Jacquin moved that Resolution 4 be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Turner Andrew moved that Resolution 5 be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Turner Elste moved that Resolution 6 be rejected and that all societies be encouraged to admit women as members. The motion was seconded and passed.

Turner Andrew moved that Resolution 7 be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

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Turner Barrow moved that Resolution 8 be rejected. The motion was seconded and passed.

Turner Andrew moved that Resolution 9 be approved as amended - "Officers" changed to "Council." Seconded and carried.

Turner Hasson moved that Resolution 10 be approved as amended - add "to the National Council" after "and recommended by the Region" under Resolved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Turner Jacquin moved that Resolution 17 be declared "Out of Order" since resolution was received by the National Office less than 90 days before the Convention. The motion was seconded and passed.

Turner Crook moved that the National Council investigate the basis of awards to societies for years of participation in the American Turners and the criteria used to determine 40 and 50 year honorary membership awards wherein a society has a break in service with the National organization. The Council should report their findings to the next National Convention of the American Turners. The motion was seconded and passed.

Turner Jacquin moved that the committee be adjourned at 2:38 P.M. The motion was seconded by Turner Crook and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Marx, Secretary
Frank A. Lynch, Chairman

Resolution Submitted to the American Turners
56th National Convention -
Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances

From - National Council of The American Turners

Whereas - The duties of the Regional Councilors in their relation to Societies and Districts have not heretofore been fully and thoroughly defined; and

Whereas - The duties of Societies and Districts in relation to their respective Regional Councilors and to the National Council have not been heretofore been fully and thoroughly defined; therefore be it

Resolved- That a Procedural Guide as an extension to the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners be issued to provide for greater uniformity and consistency at the society, district and regional level and to provide for improved homogeneity and greater stability at the National level; and be it further

Resolved- That the Principles and Statutes be amended as follows: "Duties of Regional Councilors" as formerly set forth in Paragraphs 56 through 59 and "Duties of Societies" as formerly set forth in Paragraphs 89 through 94 be transferred to the Procedural Guide; be it further

Resolved- That the Principles and Statutes be revised to specify "Refer to Procedural Guide" in place of deleted Paragraphs 56 through 59, under "Duties of Regional Councilors" and in place of deleted Paragraphs 89 through 94 under "Duties of Societies"; be it further

Resolved- That a heading "Duties of Districts" be added after Paragraph 84 with the notation "Refer to Procedural Guide."

PROCEDURAL GUIDE
an extension of

The Principles and Statutes of the American Turners

INTRODUCTION

At the National Convention of the American Turners held in Moline, Illinois August 10, 1976, a resolution submitted by the National Council was passed by the Convention to issue a "Procedural Guide - An Extension of the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners" and to amend the Statutes accordingly. The guide is issued to insure that greater uniformity and consistency will prevail at the society, district and regional levels to provide for improved homogeneity and greater stability nationally.

The Guide includes and expands on the "Duties of Regional Councilors" as formerly set forth in Articles 56 through 59, and the "Duties of Societies" as formerly set forth in Articles 89 through 94 and adds "Duties of Districts."

We are reminded that the Regional Councilors are elected by their respective districts as their representative to the National Council. It is the responsibility and obligation of the Regional Councilor to fully familiarize him or herself with all phases of the influence and capability of the American Turners nationally and the many programs offered to aid the individual societies.

In return the individual societies by virtue of having acquired a National Charter of the American Turners have a responsibility to abide and perform to the guide lines as set forth in The Principles and Statutes of the American Turners and to the recommendations as set forth in the accompanying Procedural Guide.

General adherence to these rules and recommendations will make for greater strength and viability in the individual societies and the American Turners nationally.

DUTIES OF REGIONAL COUNCILORS

1. The Regional Councilor shall be the executive head of the Region and shall cooperate with the Regional members of the National Health and Physical Education Committee and with the members of the National Cultural Educational Committee, members of the Bowling Committee and with Regional members of such other National Committees as may be established.
2. It shall be the duty of each Regional Councilor to attend the meetings of the National Council, unless excused.
3. It shall be the duty of the Regional Councilors to act in an advisory capacity, keeping the National Officers advised as to what is going on in their respective Regions, and representing the National Council at Regional, District, or Local functions, when it is not practical or convenient to send someone from National Headquarters. The holding of the office of Regional Councilor shall not interfere with the right of the incumbent to act as a delegate to a National Convention. An officer of a District shall not be barred from serving as a Regional Councilor.
4. It shall be the duty of each Regional Councilor to arrange for an Annual Meeting of the Districts and/or the Societies within his Region. The following should be present: Presidents, Secretaries, Chairmen of various committees such as Physical Education, Cultural Education, Bowling, Golf and such other members as he may deem necessary to fulfill the purpose of the meeting. The purpose of this meeting shall be a general Round Table discussion and to dispose of such business as may be required for conducting Regional Turner activities.
5. It shall be the duty of the Regional Councilor to be fully familiar with the Endowment Trust Fund, the Jahn Fund, the Instructors' Fund, the Leaders' Course, Scholarships, insurance programs, the bidding and promoting of regional and national tournaments and other features the American Turners have to offer.
6. It shall be the duty of the Regional Councilor to visit each society within his region no less than once a year.
7. It shall be the duty of the Regional Councilor to attend all District Conventions within his Region.
8. The Regional Councilor shall be available for any assistance or advice desired by any member, society or district within his region.
9. The Regional Councilor shall be available as the intermediary between a member, society or district within his region and the National Council.
10. The Regional Councilor ~~should~~ investigate delinquencies of any nature of societies and help them whatever way necessary.

11. The Regional Councilor should ~~try to~~ encourage and promote interest in the formation of new Turner Societies.

12. In cooperation with his regional committee chairmen, the Regional Councilor ^{shall encourage} ~~shall promote~~ Regional Competitions, Festivals, Bowling, Golf and Cultural events.

13. The Regional Councilor ^{shall} ~~may~~ be reimbursed by the National Office for travel expenses incurred while conducting the responsibilities of his office ~~within his region.~~

2. Districts shall place their Regional Councilor's name on the agenda of their regular District meetings, and any other information pertinent to the well being of the Region and the National Organization.

3. Districts shall submit a copy of their regular District meeting and Convention minutes to the National Secretary.

4. Districts shall keep the Regional Councilor fully advised of any problems that might be occurring within the District and submit any and all reports and resolutions.

5. Districts are invited to request a Representative from the National Office, along with their Regional Councilor, to attend a special or important District function, wherein distance and travel time are involved, and to equally share expenses resulting from travel, food and lodging with the National Office.

DUTIES OF DISTRICTS

1. The District Convention shall recognize the attendance of the Regional Councilor.
2. Districts shall place their Regional Councilor's name on the mailing list to receive minutes of their regular District meetings, conventions and any other information pertinent to the well being of the Region and National organizations.
3. Districts shall submit a copy of their regular District meeting and Convention minutes to the National Secretary.
4. Districts shall keep the Regional Councilor fully advised of any problems that might be occurring within the District and enlist his aid towards their resolution.
5. Districts upon inviting a representative from the National Office, other than their Regional Councilor, to attend a special or important District function, wherein distance and travel time are involved, are to equally share expenses resulting from travel, room and meals with the National Office.
6. All expulsions must be reported to the National Council, and communicated annually to all the Societies by the Council.
7. Societies shall welcome periodic visits from their Regional Councilor or any other member of the National Council.
8. Societies should encourage attendance of their Regional Councilor at society meetings to aid and promote information for the good and welfare locally and nationally. It is recommended, the Regional Councilor have access to any information pertaining to the society wherein his wisdom and counsel can help resolve problems.
9. Societies shall provide their Regional Councilor with information of all civic endeavors or major activities such as building improvements, urban development, etc., wherein a society is involved.

DUTIES OF SOCIETIES

1. In order to maintain membership in the American Turners, it shall be the prime duty of each Society to provide planned courses in Health and Physical Education and in Cultural Education for men, women and children.
2. The Societies shall periodically report their health and physical educational activities to the National Health and Physical Education Committee, as directed by said body.
3. The Societies shall periodically report their cultural educational activities to the National Cultural Educational Committee as directed by said body.
4. Whenever possible the Societies shall organize and maintain Junior Sections composed of prospective members. Members of classes who have attained the age of not less than fourteen (14) years shall be entitled to membership in the Junior Sections. The Junior Section shall be conducted under special supervision of the Society.
5. The Societies shall render to the National Secretary before the first day of February, three copies of an accurate statistical report covering the past year. Upon receipt, the National Office shall submit two copies to the District Secretary and one copy to the Regional Councilor. The District Council shall attest to their correctness and transmit one signed copy to the National Secretary not later than the first of March.
6. Sick and death benefits shall not be made obligatory by the statutes of any Society.
7. All expulsions must be reported to the National Council, and communicated annually to all the Societies by the Council.
8. Societies shall welcome periodic visits from their Regional Councilor or any other member of the National Council.
9. Societies should encourage attendance of their Regional Councilor at society meetings to aid and promulgate information for the good and welfare locally and nationally. It is recommended, ^{that} the Regional Councilor have access to any information pertaining to the society wherein his wisdom and counsel can help resolve problems.
10. Societies shall provide their Regional Councilor with information of all civic endeavors or major actions such as building improvements, urban development, etc., wherein a society is involved.

11. Societies shall place their Regional Councilor's name on the regular society's mailing list to be made automatically aware of any and all society functions.
12. Societies should formally invite their Regional Councilor to attend special society functions as a representative of the National Office.
13. Societies, upon inviting a representative from the National Office, other than their Regional Councilor, to attend a special or important society function, wherein distance and time are involved, are to equally share expenses resulting from travel, room and meals with the National Office.

Resolution Submitted to the American Turners

56th National Convention

From - National Council of the American Turners

Whereas - The Statutes of the American Turners restrict membership to individuals who are citizens of the United States of America or Canada or to individuals who have taken the necessary steps to become citizens of one of these countries, and . . .

Whereas - The Federal rules and procedures for acquiring citizenship has changed considerably since this Turner membership requirement was adopted, therefore be it . . .

Resolved - That the present article 97 be cancelled and be replaced with the following article 97 and the second sentence of article 95 be changed to read as follows:

95 Second Sentence now reads . . .

They must be of good character, and must either be citizens of the United States or Canada, or must have taken the necessary steps to become citizens.

95 Second Sentence change to read . . .

They must be of good character and must either be citizens of the United States or Canada, or must be lawfully admitted permanent residence aliens who have declared their intention to become citizens as soon as legally possible.

New Article 97 Replaces Old Article

97 It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors of each Society to make inquiry from time to time, and at least once a year, whether members admitted on the declaration of their intention to become citizens have actually become naturalized. If the residency time requirement has not yet been reached the member must be a lawfully admitted permanent residence alien to the United States or Canada and must have taken all necessary steps required for application for Citizenship while waiting for the probationary time period to pass. Members who do not acquire citizenship within the shortest time period legally possible after joining the American Turners shall be expelled.

The National office of the American Turners shall be notified whenever an alien is accepted into membership of a Society affiliated with the American Turners giving the date of membership and the date the new member was admitted into lawful permanent residence in the United States or Canada.

Change Article 95

95 Second Sentence now reads . . .

They must be of good character, and must either be citizens of the United States or Canada, or must have taken the necessary steps to become citizens.

95 Second Sentence change to read . . .

They must be of good character and must either be citizens of the United States or Canada, or must be lawfully admitted permanent residence aliens who have declared their intention to become citizens as soon as legally possible.

Resolution Submitted to the American Turners

56th National Convention -

Committee on Principles, Statutes and Grievances

From - National Council of the American Turners

178 a. A proposed amendment can originate with any individual member of

the American Turners, a District, Society, or any organized group of American

Whereas - The Statutes of the American Turners is not clear as to the
Turner members. However, before any proposed amendment may be recognized by
procedures for submitting resolutions for consideration of a
a National Convention, it must be approved and submitted in resolution form to
National Convention, therefore be it . . .

Resolved - That the following Article 178a be added to the present Statutes
the National Council having jurisdiction over the
Turners(s) who initiate the amendment or a proposed amendment may be sub-
mitted to the National Council or the National Council if approved by such
to establish required procedures for submitting resolutions to
change these Statutes, and be it further . . .

Resolved - That the following Article 16a be added to the present Statutes
body at a regular meeting of the National Council members.
to establish required procedures for submitting resolutions not
affecting the Principles or Statutes.

Addition of New Article 16a

16a The delegates to a National Convention may consider any resolution,

not affecting a change in the Principles or Statutes of the American Turners,

originating with any individual member of the American Turners; a District,

Society; the National Council or any organized group of American Turner mem-

bers. Preferably, such resolutions should be submitted to the National office

at least thirty days in advance of the National Convention, but may be sub-

mitted after that time, or during the Convention proceedings, if necessary.

Addition of New Article 178a.

178 a. A proposed amendment 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 approved and submitted in resolution form to the National office by the District Council having jurisdiction over the Turners(s) who initiated the amendment or a proposed amendment may be submitted to the National office by the National Council if approved by such body at a regular meeting or by a mail poll of the Council members.

Addition of New Article 16a

16a The delegates to a National Convention may consider any resolution, not affecting a change in the Principles or Statutes of the American Turners, originating with any individual member of the American Turners; a District, Society; the National Council or any organized group of American Turner members. Preferably, such resolutions should be submitted to the National office at least thirty days in advance of the National Convention, but may be submitted after that time, or during the Convention proceedings, if necessary.

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AMERICAN TURNERS

Resolution to the 56th National Convention

From: The Upper Mississippi Turner District 110th Convention

WHEREAS: The Statutes of the American Turners, Article 67, lists the members of the National Committee on Cultural Education and...

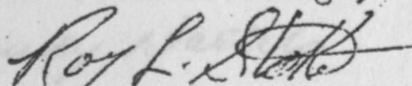
WHEREAS: In support of the identical resolution being submitted by the National Cultural Committee and...

WHEREAS: We feel that the Ladies Auxiliary should have their representative on the National Cultural Committee in as much as the ladies are the backbone of our cultural program and some societies still do not allow women to be members.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the present Article 67 be amended to read as follows:
"The following shall be members of this committee: The National Ladies Auxiliary Cultural Chairman, the Local Chairman of Cultural Education of the last preceding National Festival and the Local Chairman of the next succeeding National Festival, as soon as he (she) has been named by the Local Festival Committee."

With Turner Greetings,



Roy Stoker
Corresponding Secretary UMTD

ACCEPT.



NEW JERSEY TURN DISTRICT

OF THE

American Turners

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Resolution to the 56th Convention

AMERICAN TURNERS

of the American Turners - Committee on Principles,

Statutes and Grievances

Whereas: We have in our Statutes the 50-mile limitation for members at large and

Whereas: This limitation is not always adhered to and

Whereas: It is impossible for our National Secretary to check on the correctness of an application for members at large be it therefore

Resolved: That the District ^{Council} ~~officers~~ attest to the correctness of such application.

G. F. Boeker
G. F. Boeker, President
New Jersey Turn District

Trudy Bartels
(Mrs.) Trudy Bartels, Sec.
New Jersey Turn District

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Resolution submitted to the 56 Convention
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Committee on Principles, Status and Grievances.

Whereas Article 60-61-62 of our Status, do not state, how a regional Health and Physical Education Chairman is chosen, to represent the Region and

Whereas A regional Physet Chairman is appointed by Council to a term of 4 years, and

Whereas By such procedure the Society, District or Region has no authority, to elect or replace a Regional Health and Physical Education Chairman. be it therefore

Resolved That a Regional Health and Physical Education Chairman, be elected by the Region, and recommended by the region, to be a member of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education.

TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

Adopted by the Meeting
of the
Active Turners
Carlstadt Turnverein

Klaus Busch

Klaus Busch President

THIRD SESSION

The Third Session of the 56th National Convention of the American Turners was called to order at 9:15 A.M. by Chairman O'Donnell.

Report of the Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee (contained on the preceding 17 pages), was read by its chairman, Turner Frank Lynch. Again, the resolutions were considered separately as they were read, rather than to read the report in its entirety first.

Motion was made by Warnken (St.L.) to adopt Resolution #1/ as amended by committee. Seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Dalbke (Ill.) and seconded to accept Resolution #2. Motion carried by unanimous Federal vote.

Motion was made by Andrews (Up.Miss.) and seconded to accept Resolution #3 as corrected by the committee.

Turner Bade (CS) moved to amend the motion to read that Resolution #3 be accepted as corrected by the committee and with the addition of No. 6 under Duties of Districts:

6. Districts, upon receiving resolutions from the National Council requiring National Convention action, are to distribute same to the respective societies within their Districts.

The amendment was passed by a unanimous Federal vote, and then the amended motion was passed by a unanimous Federal vote.

Motion was made by Martin (Ill.) to adopt Resolution #4. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Dalbke (Ill.) and seconded to adopt Resolution #5. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Dalbke (Ill.) and seconded to adopt Resolution #7. Motion was passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Dalbke (Ill.) and seconded to adopt Resolution #9, but upon a question raised by Turner Marx (St.L.) Parliamentary Jacquin ruled that the resolution is out of order because it does not refer to any specific statute.

Motion was made by Crook (St.L.) to adopt Resolution #10. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

This completed action on the individual items, and motion was made by Bothfeld (Ill.) and seconded that the report be accepted in its entirety. Motion carried.

At this time a moment of silence was observed in respect to the memory of our deceased Turners.

Under New Business, Turner Walter Schrader made an explanation of the Principles, Statutes and Grievances action on Resolution #6, which was rightfully rejected in committee. He asked that it be clearly stated in

the minutes that the National Office stands firm that we will continue to encourage having full membership rights for women in all of our Turner societies.

Turner Virgens (NJ) urged some kind of program to keep our young people aware of the activities of the society during their college and military years away from home.

Turner Kitson (LE) asked that the setting of the date of the next Convention avoid the dates for the Turnfest in Hanover, Germany, that summer. She also expressed the hope that the National Council would attempt to sponsor a trip to that Turnfest.

Motion was made by Timm (West.Pa.) that the ten-pin handicap increase for men and women mentioned in the Bowling Committee report be rejected. Motion died for want of a second.

Motion was made by Timm and seconded that the National Bowling Committee have a discussion on whether to increase the singles and all-events prizes to a \$100.00 minimum. Motion was carried.

Turner Betty Dau presented a check for \$259.00 to Turner Westermeyer for the Endowment Trust Fund. This was the proceeds of a raffle of a rug donated by Turner Boeker (NJ). The rug was won by Turner Boeker. He graciously presented it to Moline Turners, dedicated to all the faithful workers at this Convention. Turner Westermeyer stated that the donations to the Endowment Fund from this Convention totalled about \$730.00.

Turner Martin (Ill.) stated that the Northwest Chicago society has been awarded the Gymnastics Championship Meet for 1977. He asked that an exception to the permanent date established at this Convention be made, inasmuch as Northwest Chicago has already made commitments for the date of March 26-27. Motion to this effect was made by Andrew (Up.Miss.), seconded and carried.

Turner Dalbke (Ill.) expressed the appreciation of all the delegates to President Sundeen and to Betty Dau, chairman of the Convention Committee. Moline Turners have proven they can run a good show. He also gave credit to the officers of the Convention for a good job and expressed appreciation to the newly elected officers and regional councillors.

Turner Bill Meyer urged that Districts be more careful in sending in their credentials for future Conventions.

Turner Severns (LE) urged the Council to consider the recommendation of Turner Steinlage that some kind of management course be instituted, and pledged his support in any such endeavor.

Turner Timm suggested that some means be devised to break up the meetings of the Health and Physical Education Committee, as this has become so large it is unwieldy.

Turner Jacquin urged societies to consider sending in bids for the next National Festival.

Turner Marquette (So. Calif.) announced that the Turners in his District are growing and that he expects they will have five more societies coming into the National organization.

Turner Graf suggested that the National Council consider some land purchase in Florida similar to the Illinois Turner Camp, which could be made available to Turners visiting that state. Turner Racker said it would be brought up at Council meeting.

Motion was made by Dalbke and seconded to adjourn, but before doing so the colors were retired by the Moline Cub Scouts. The Convention was then adjourned by Chairman O'Donnell at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille B Bothfeld
Lucille B. Bothfeld
Convention Secretary

ATTESTED:

A. J. O'Donnell
Convention Chairman

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