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FIRST SESSION

Monday Evening, August 14, 1972

The Convention was called to order by Turner President William R. Meyer at 8:07 P.M. in the gymnasium of Concordia Turners. Turner Meyer introduced Turner Charles C. Litsch, Chairman of the Convention Committee. Invocation was given by Turner Joel Beezley, followed by presentation of colors by the American Legion post. Pledge of allegiance was led by Turner President Meyer, after which Turner Robert Suter led the assembly in singing the National Anthem. The Turners were welcomed by Concordia president, Turner James Gaughen, and an official welcome was extended by Chief of Police Turner Eugene D. Camp.

President Meyer then presented his report:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

To the Delegates of the 54th National Convention of the American Turners; delegates to the National Convention of the Women's Auxiliary; visiting Turners and guests

Greetings:

During the past two years we have been able to make considerable progress towards making the National organization a strong functioning body and to increase the benefits offered to the affiliated local Turner Societies. This has been done primarily by co-ordinating the efforts of four separate groups so that all are now contributing their respective share as a single unit towards the betterment of the American Turners. These groups are the American Turners national council; the Endowment Trust Fund; the Instructors Fund and the Jahn Fund. We as a National group do not have direct control over the three funds. We do elect 1/2 of the endowment fund trustees but we have absolutely no voice in the election of the trustees of the other two funds. Therefore these groups have pretty much done as they please in the past with the end result that the Turners have not received full benefit out of their existence.

We therefore tried to pattern our National planned improvements to allow these funds to participate in our plans without jeopardizing the purpose and tax status of the funds.

Jahn Fund

The Jahn Fund has always made an annual contribution towards the cost of Turner Topics and has periodically paid the net cost of the leaders course. Because of their past expressed interest in Turner Topics, we asked the trustees to finance the cost to establish a new computer address file for mailing Turner Topics. They have agreed to pay this cost of over \$1,000.00. In addition, they financed the 1970 leaders course and have agreed to pay a portion of the cost of restoring the Jahn Memorial in Forrest Park right here in the City of St. Louis. The Jahn Fund also made a \$5,000.00 donation to the Clinton Turners to help them build their new hall after the tragic fire.

Endowment Trust Fund

Until 1971 the only use made of the Endowment Fund was to loan funds to Societies on a mortgage basis and the major portion of this money was tied up in the Rochester New York Turner Building. In 1971 the trustees decided to begin to make outright grants for good cause to Societies that qualified under I.R.S. regulations. Only one Society that applied held the appropriate I.R.S. 501 (C) (3) exemption so the trustees adopted a plan whereby the fund will furnish any Society with gymnastic equipment to the extent of \$500 per Society, providing the Society has a regular organized physical education program and has been adhering to the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners.

The fund is also now paying \$600 per year per student for scholarships for students who have been approved by the scholarship committee for enrollment in the Normal College in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Endowment Trust Fund was also responsible for the major portion of the costs involved to restore the Jahn memorial in Forrest Park. This monument was erected in 1913 upon action of the American Turnerbund and completely paid for by this group. Over the years the memorial has gradually fallen into disrepair due to ordinary wear and tear, vandalism, theft, etc. to the extent that as of three months ago all that remained was a piece of cement with the bust of Jahn on top. This monument has now been restored and will be used for publicity purposes throughout the St. Louis area and the nation.

Instructors Fund

The Instructors Fund was established in the early 30's and is governed by a group of self perpetuating trustees. Their purpose is to provide aid to current and former needy American Turner instructors. During the past several years there have been very few claims made against this fund and no use was being made of the money. During 1971 the National Council approved a plan to pay the entire premium of a group insurance policy to provide free hospitalization coverage and life insurance for all qualified instructors employed by a Society affiliated with the American Turners. This insurance will cost the National about \$4,000 annually. The Instructors Fund was approached for assistance, and the trustees have agreed to pay their net undistributed income each year towards the premium on this policy. We received a \$1,000 check from them last April to cover their first year pledge.

National Council

With the exception of a few individuals your National Council has functioned as a well organized unit during the past two years, and our meetings have resulted in the following major action and improvements for the American Turners:

1. Recommendation to this Convention to rescind the expulsion of the Denver Turners Society and accept this organization's resignation in good standing because of the payment of all back dues in the amount of \$747.00.
2. Provide free hospitalization insurance and life insurance to all qualified instructors employed by Societies affiliated with the American Turners and for the National Secretary.
3. Raised the annual scholarship to \$600 for both men and women.
4. Appointed William Huth of Buffalo as Editor of Turner Topics and computerized the mailing list for this magazine with semi-annual print outs of addresses provided to each Society for corrections.

5. Retained the National office in Rochester, N. Y. and hired Mrs. Gretchen Willer as National Secretary.
6. Expanded the physical education program to include an annual National gymnastic championship for regional gym teams and a National softball tournament.
7. Put into effect a plan to subsidize Societies for costs for trophies officials and other expenses incurred in connection with sponsoring of National championships.
8. Approved a plan to provide professional help to any Society in establishing a physical or cultural program or for a reorganization plan.
9. Approved a charter flight to Stuttgart in June, 1973 to participate in the German Turnfest.

National Office

Mrs. Gretchen Willer with the aid of a part-time assistant has been adequately handling the daily routine associated with the National office. Many changes have been incorporated during the past years to modernize the office's operations, such as:

1. Installation of a Xerox copy machine.
2. Purchase of a new electric adding machine.
3. Cleaning up and organizing of the files in the storage rooms.
4. Elimination of the old Topics card files and replacement with the new computerized address listing which is completely updated and reissued on a computer listing each two months.

With these changes and several other minor items the efficiency of the office has substantially improved with a corresponding reduction of the cost of operation.

Ladies' Auxiliary

We have continued our fine former association with the ladies group and Mrs. Phelan, the National President of the Auxiliary has functioned as a valuable member of the National Council. The council has agreed to prepare new charters to be re-issued to all Societies and Auxiliaries in the near future.

National Standing Committees

The respective chairmen of these committees will report to you later this evening as to their accomplishments during the last two years. I would like to say at this time, however, that the American Turners can feel quite proud and extremely fortunate to have had such qualified and productive individuals as Arnold Trummer and Jo Ann Mueller to lead us in physical education and cultural education

respectively over the last four years. The whole Turner movement is condensed and expressed in our motto "Sound Mind in a Sound Body" and Turner Mueller has provided the excellent leadership to help us develop those "Sound Minds" while Turner Trummer has faithfully led us in developing the "Sound Bodies". Both Turners Trummer and Mueller are candidates for re-election to another term in their respective offices and I sincerely hope that the delegates gathered here today recognize these two Turners for their past efforts and future plans by re-electing them to their respective offices.

The 1971 Milwaukee Turnfest which was primarily the responsibility of these two individuals plus Turners Gilbert, Farkas, Wiedeman and the rest of the Milwaukee Turner committee, has now gone on record as one of the best organized, best attended and financially successful Festivals of the last 40 years and I wish to thank all of the hard-working Turners who combined their efforts to accomplish this. There were of course some mistakes made, some rather drastic and others only minor, but all of these have been documented and will be discussed and hopefully resolved at the physical education committee meetings at this convention. The decisions reached during this convention should provide for the revision and updating of the Festival and Cultural Rule books so that these publications will be ready for use at the 1975 festival.

The National Bowling Committee ran two successful National Bowling tournaments that were enjoyed by all who participated. However, the National chairman was reluctant to assume the responsibility of the National Junior Bowling tournament, so this task fell back into the hands of our former chairman Will Racker, who is now National 2nd Vice President. I hope that the delegates to this convention will elect a National Bowling Chairman who will accept the full responsibility of this office.

National & District

Several resolutions have been presented in proper order to this convention by the National Council to revise the Statutes of the American Turners. These changes are mostly minor and primarily provide for expansion and clarification of existing paragraphs and the removal of ambiguities. After this convention completes its business the Principles and Statutes books will be reprinted as revised and distributed to all members.

The members of the St. Louis and Missouri Districts have held several productive meetings and have resolved some long standing differences to the extent that each of the Districts has adopted a resolution to merge into one District effective January 1, 1973. I want to express my gratitude to regional councilor Elmer Crook, and the officers and members of both Districts for working out this problem. This proves again that we are all striving for the same long range results and we shouldn't let individual minor problems distract us from our goals.

The Stuttgart Turnfest charter flight has been well publicized in Turner Topics and will provide those of us planning to participate with an opportunity to compete against the Germans and to observe their

methods of operations to hopefully provide us with ideas to strengthen our own programs. It will also allow us to proudly represent the U.S.A. and the American Turners in Europe to show our associates who we are and what we can do. Good luck to all who plan to participate.

Societies

The two brightest events regarding local Society operations both occurred in the New England District with the dedication of completely new buildings in Springfield and Clinton, Mass. These Turners are to be commended for an outstanding effort that should be followed by many other organizations. Clinton has already put their facility to National use by acting as host to the National volleyball tournament last May and Springfield has submitted a bid to this convention to host the 1974 National convention. I sincerely hope that the delegates react favorably to this bid.

Most of our Societies have been working hard to improve their operations including principally the beefing up of their physical education and cultural education programs which has resulted in an increase in total class enrollment with a corresponding net increase of about 500 American Turner members on a National basis. Unfortunately though we still have too many Societies that are in the hands of leaders who know little and care less about the Turner cause. These Societies are operating mostly as Social clubs with limited or no physical education programs. Many do not adhere to the Principals and Statutes of the American Turners and are slowly deteriorating, losing members, and will eventually fade out. Now that we are again a strong National organization, it is time for us to weed out these cancerous organizations for the betterment of the American Turners.

One last comment regarding local Societies is the antiquated dues structures and the restrictions against female members that is still in effect in many of our organizations. As I have said before, we cannot provide 21st Century facilities with 19th Century finances and antiquated rules. Believe it or not, the U.S. Government has taken the position that the girls have the same civil rights as us men, and we had better adhere. After 100 years, Northwest-Davenport has changed its by-laws to accept female members, and I understand that their building is still standing and the women have not taken over the organization. For you other non-conformist societies, I can only say, "Try it - You'll like it." Seriously, though, most Societies do accept female members and they have thereby benefited through additional income, additional sources of officer talent, committee membership, etc. An excellent example is Lucille Bothfeld, who is a member and secretary of the American Turners-Northwest Chicago, Secretary of the Illinois District, Secretary for the last several annual Illinois District conventions, Secretary and delegate of this National Convention and the three previous, and a hard-working member of many important Turner committees.

Former Societies

Several Council members have expended considerable effort during the last term to try to interest former affiliated Societies to re-join the American Turners. There are many former American Turner Societies still in operation as independent organizations, but very

few that are now anything other than just plain Social clubs. Two of the groups that still do have a physical education program and are operating in the Turner spirit are the Elgin, Illinois Turners and the Atheneum Turners of Indianapolis. Both of these groups have a strong nucleus of members who desire re-affiliation. I have recently met with the Board of Directors of each of these Societies and both Boards are anxious to re-affiliate. Each is now preparing a proposal for their respective memberships to vote on the question of re-affiliation. In both instances the prospects look encouraging.

Finances

From a financial standpoint the American Turners are in a better position today than we have been for many decades. As a matter of fact, I could not locate any financial reports in the archives that disclosed better annual results than we experienced in 1971 or presented a better financial status than we now enjoy. And we have been able to achieve this in spite of the fact that we have entered into several new costly programs for the benefit of all Turners. In addition, we have been hit by rising costs in such critical areas as postage, printing, travel, etc. We have been able to accomplish this by the 75¢ increase in per capita taxes, the careful investment of idle funds, stricter enforcement of the Statutes as they pertain to the payment of per capita taxes, increased membership control of costs for salaries, services and printing plus close control over non-essential travel.

At the time of my first election as a National officer (1968) our general fund annual financial results showed a \$1,000 net loss and at year end we owned \$10,000 in cash and \$32,000 in total assets. In 1971 we had a net profit of \$8,000 and we now have a cash balance of over \$51,000 with total assets of over \$66,000. In 1968 the Endowment Trust Fund had total assets of \$80,000 and was assisting 3 Societies to the extent of \$54,000 in the form of mortgages, loans, etc. At the present time this fund has assets of over \$75,000 and is assisting six Societies to the extent of \$58,000. In addition the trustees transferred \$15,000 from the Endowment Trust Fund to the general fund to be used for scholarships and equipment grants. To date there have been grants made to 24 Societies to the extent of approximately \$12,000.

The Rochester Turners have paid off their loan to the General Fund and have paid off over \$5,000 of their mortgage to the endowment trust fund. When they pay an additional \$5,000 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 which is being settled through regular monthly installments that will end in 17 more years.

The Festival Fund has a balance of over \$12,000 at the end of 1971 in spite of the fact that we held a festival in 1971 that was charged against this fund. The total cost of the Milwaukee Festival was \$13,300 so you can see that by 1975 we will have almost 4 times the funds required to finance the St. Louis Festival. I would like to see this convention authorize the transfer of at least \$10,000 of this un-needed money to the General Fund to be used for equipment grants and other uses to aid local societies.

Conclusion

I consider myself quite fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve the American Turners as a National Officer during the past four years: initially as first Vice President and then as President during the past two years. I enjoyed renewing many old acquaintances and making many new friends. Unfortunately there are some individuals that are not very happy with some of the things that I felt were necessary to do during my period in office. But this is life the democratic way, and some will always be disappointed. However, I want you to know that I still consider all of you my close friends and everything that was done was done with only the betterment of the majority of the American Turners in mind.

William R. Meyer, President

Turner Reskovitz next introduced Mrs. Loretta Phelan, President of the National Women's Auxiliary, who extended a welcome to everyone on behalf of the National Auxiliary as well as Concordia. Turner Meyer then excused the ladies present so they could attend their own meetings. He then called for the report of the Credentials Committee. Turner Erwin Schrader (ILL), secretary of the committee, read the incomplete report which he had been unable to finish due to incomplete information. Upon presentation of numerous corrections, it was agreed that the report should be completed and corrected before being finally accepted. Motion was made by Crook, seconded and carried to accept the interim report showing a total of 142 Federal votes, to permit election of officers of the Convention.

Turner Meyer then called for nominations for permanent chairman of the Convention. Turner Walter Schrader (ILL) was nominated by Diamant (NY). Turner Charles Litsch (MO) was nominated by Crook (MO). Motion that nominations be closed was made, seconded and carried. Turner Schrader declined in favor of Turner Litsch, and motion was made by Hagebush (STL) that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Charles Litsch as Convention Chairman. Motion was seconded and carried, and Turner Litsch assumed the chair.

Nominations for Vice Chairman were called for. Turner Walter Schrader was nominated by Markus (ILL). Motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Schrader as Vice Chairman.

Turner Lucille Bothfeld was nominated for Permanent Secretary. Motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Lucille Bothfeld as Permanent Secretary.

Turner Pauline Stephens was nominated for Permanent Assistant Secretary by Crook. Motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot was cast for Pauline Stephens as Assistant Secretary.

Turner Ralph Markus (ILL) was nominated for Sergeant-at-Arms by Dian (ILL). Turner Adolph Zink (NY) was nominated by Thane. Motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations be closed. The two candidates were excused from the room, and Turner Ralph Markus was elected by standing vote. Turner Zink volunteered to assist Turner Markus.

Turner George Jaxquin was nominated for Parliamentarian by Terry Smith (LE). Motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations, and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner Jacquin as Parliamentarian.

Motion was made by Dalbke (ILL) and seconded to accept the report of the President and refer his recommendations to the proper committees for consideration. Motion carried.

Turner Litsch then called for the report of the First Vice President.

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

To the Delegates of the 54th Convention of the American Turners and Guests:

Greetings:

Upon completing my first term as your first Vice-President, I look forward with more progress ahead for the National and local levels as we had their last two years.

I attended two executive meetings at Rochester, N. Y., two National Council meetings -- one at Toledo, Ohio, and one at Carlstadt, N. J. -- and two Endowment Trust Fund meetings this past two years.

At our Council meeting in Toledo, our committee recommended the hiring of Gretchen Willer as a full-time secretary, who was working as acting secretary since the passing away of Dr. Eklund. Gretchen has been doing a very fine job. I want to thank Will and Laura Racker for the wonderful job they did as hosts at our council meeting. They were real hosts.

I attended the National Golf Tournament at Akron, Ohio. The tournament was very successful, as we had a very nice turn-out and the weather was perfect. I also attended the golf meeting, the golfers would prefer a chairman on the National board.

I attended the National Festival at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a group from Western Pennsylvania District. I was well pleased with the program at the festival. Milwaukee did a fine job. Turner Jim Farkas should be congratulated for the fine job he did, and also our National Cultural Chairman, JoAnn Mueller, and her committee for the good job they did on the culture display.

I attended the National Bowling Tournament at South Bend, Ind., in 1971; also the bowling tournament in Johnstown, Pa., in 1972. Both tournaments were very successful; and both were good hosts. The 1973 Tournament will be held at North St. Louis Turners.

At our Council meeting at Carlstadt Turners, our committee on revising the statutes met. George Jacquin, chairman, Will Racker, President Meyer and myself had a meeting and made the necessary changes. Carlstadt Turners and Fred Boeker and his committee were real hosts to our National Officers at our meeting.

Our Death, Accident and Health Insurance program is now in effect. We have 15 instructors and our national secretary in our insurance program.

Our scholarship to the Normal College was increased to \$600.00 for both male and female. This should encourage more students in our gyms to further their education and give us more instructors in our program. Our Regional Councilor Otto Nelle, from California, has added an extra \$50.00 to all scholarships.

I have made visits to a few societies while traveling around; attended anniversaries of various societies and attended the 100th anniversary of Beaver Falls Turners.

As a Trustee of the American Turners Endowment Trust Fund, this past year we have paid for quite a few new pieces of gym equipment for our societies that need new equipment. The societies must request it.

In closing, I want to thank President William Meyer for all the help he has given me and it was a pleasure to serve on the National Board; and I hope the future will be brighter for the American Turners.

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford E. Anderson, First Vice-President.

Motion was made by Niehaus (Up.Miss.), seconded and carried, to accept the report of Turner Anderson and refer it to the appropriate committees.

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

To the 54th National Convention of the American Turners
Mr. Chairman, Fellow Officers, Delegates and Guests:
Greetings:

In the two years since the last convention I feel the Executive officers and National Council have been making new progress in the Turner movement.

I attended the two National Council meetings and two Executive officers' meetings that were held. I was appointed to Chairman the Instructors Insurance Committee. Although no personal meetings were held, there was correspondence between Forrest Steinlage, Arnold Trummer, and myself. After all surveys had been completed and no insurance companies in the various areas would offer an insurance program for the instructors who instructed over 20 hours a week, our National President Turner Meyer stepped in and was able to obtain an insurance program offer from the Continental Assurance Company, Chicago branch. After the National Council approved the program, the working functions of the program have been taken over by President Meyer and our National Secretary, Mrs. Willer.

The second committee I served on was to compile the necessary changes which would bring our Principles and Statutes up to date. Turner Jacquin was chairman, along with Clifford Anderson, First Vice President. The changes which the committee deemed necessary were presented to National Council and have been forwarded for action at this convention.

Third, I was a member of the Committee to computerize the mailing list of the American Turner Topics. President Meyer was chairman of this committee. Mr. Tuttle of Swenk-Tuttle Press met with President Meyer and me in Adrian, Mich., in November 1970. We discussed computerizing of Turner Topics mailing list. President Meyer was well versed in system and after not too much discussion plans for Turner Topics were worked out. President Meyer, Turner Huth, and Mr. Tuttle had another meeting in Detroit, Mich., in February 1971. This system has been in operation since the March-April 1971 issue of Turner Topics.

I attended the Milwaukee Turnfest and was impressed with the physical performance and the cultural exhibits of those that participated in the Turnfest. My congratulations to Arnold Trummer, Physical Education Chairman, JoAnn Mueller, Cultural Education Chairman, and the Milwaukee Turners for a job well done.

I spent one day at the 1972 National Golf Tournament, and here again, congratulations to the Ft. Wayne Turners for a well-planned tournament under adverse weather conditions.

In November of 1971 my wife and I attended the 85th Anniversary Banquet of the Akron Turners. Turner Clifford Anderson, First Vice President, and his wife, Turner Edward Timm, National Bowling Chairman, and his wife, and Mrs. Jean Schenz, First Vice President of the Womens Auxiliary to the American Turners was also present. After a delicious dinner, an enjoyable evening was had.

My wife and I attended in February 1972 the Ft. Wayne Turners Cultural Committee Banquet, which included my presentation of the American Turners 40-year cards to Turner Melvin (Pete) Carpenter and Turner Charles (Chuck) Calhoun. A delicious dinner was served, which was followed by presentation of awards, then movies of Europe and dancing. My thanks to both Akron Turners and Fort Wayne Turners for inviting us to their banquet and enjoyable evening.

In the past two years I have been asked to check on delinquency of per capita tax of societies in the Lake Erie District. As of May 31, 1972, the per capita tax of all Lake Erie District societies are paid.

I attended the 1971 and 1972 National Bowling Tournaments as a participant, in South Bend, Ind., and Johnstown, Pa. Both societies were very good hosts.

In April 1972 I was asked upon by President Meyer to check on the social membership problem at Cleveland S.T.V. At the same time Turner Huth was asked to check on a so-called social membership at Syraause Turners. We have made reports to President Meyer and will meet on Monday, August 14, to make joint report to this convention.

The National Bowling Committee met for their meeting in Toledo, Ohio. I was present at this meeting and can report a very successful meeting was held. My two National Junior Bowling Meet reports were discussed, since I had conducted these for the National Bowling Committee. I have agreed to conduct the 1972 meet this coming fall. The Junior meets have been increasing each year and we are now able to present trophies to the first four places in each age group of girls and boys. Have your Juniors bowl this fall! Article will appear in Turner Topics.

It has been a pleasure to have been a part of the National Council and able to serve the membership of the American Turners these last two years. It was a wonderful experience and I wish to thank you for electing me your Second Vice President. May we continue to move ahead in the Turner movement.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilfred H. Racker, Second Vice-President.

Motion was made by Gunther (LE), seconded and carried, to accept Turner Racker's report and refer it to the appropriate committees.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

To the 54th National Convention of the American Turners

Greetings:

Our taxes have been paid for the month and all the money has been banked, so I thought I could spend a few days away from the National Office to be with you.

We have been busy as usual. Some of our duties have been taken over by others, such as the editing of Turner Topics by Turner William Huth. All material for the magazine used to come to the National Office and was then sent on to the printer. Since he now receives all material submitted, quite a bit of time is saved in handling.

The bookkeeping seems to be getting more and more complicated. Keeping track of so many funds calls for records, reports and continuous banking. We have been especially busy this year with the grants to societies. The Endowment Fund accounts and books have been turned over to the National Office. We have had 26 requests for grants. Each of these had to be approved by the councilman for the region of the society requesting the grant, and then a poll of each member of the Endowment Trust Fund had to be made. Of the 26 requests, one was refused as it was not for equipment. Sixteen have been paid and the others are still pending. They have been approved, but the societies have not as yet purchased their equipment.

We also receive mortgage payments from Rochester, N. Y. Turners; Charleroi; Clinton, Mass.; Springfield; and payments on a note of Lawrence Turners and interest payments on bonds of Moline Turners.

The A-T-R Corporation business includes payments of taxes, insurance, water bills and mortgage payments. Money for this is collected from the Rochester Turners and from our General Fund for rental of the National Office.

The General Fund collects money from Per Capita Tax, memberships-at-large and promotional supplies. From this fund we pay salaries, rent, telephone, travel, postage, printing and office supplies, insurance, etc. Money for the Festival Fund is collected also and then transferred to the Festival Fund. Money for the Topics fund is no longer a separate fund. The cost of Turner Topics is paid from the General Fund with the help of a yearly donation of \$1,200.00 from the Jahn Fund.

The Bowling Fund is also no longer a separate fund, but is kept as an account in the General Fund so that we know exactly what income and expenses are theirs. That income is always from National Bowling Tournaments. Their expenses include travel and awards.

We make a detailed report of receipts and disbursements of the General Fund every month. This includes a check record and a summary of all accounts and all liabilities. Quarterly, we include a detailed report of the A-T-R Corporation, the Endowment Trust Fund, the Bowling Fund, and the Festival Fund. These reports are mailed to all officers and councilmen of the American Turners.

Our problems with the mailing list for Turner Topics have been partially solved. We now mail a complete list to each society of all their members who are receiving Topics, with the request that the secretary make any needed corrections in red on the list and also cross off any names of those who are deceased or have dropped their membership. We also ask that they include on an extra page all names who should be on the mailing list but who do not appear on the list. We wish to thank all those who have complied with our request for help in keeping the mailing list up to date. In cases where societies do not cooperate, we have added names of their new members as their cards are mailed to us, but these are also the societies who may put off sending in cards or who may write just a name without an address on the membership card. In these cases, their members who should be getting Topics do not, and many who should not be on the list are still receiving the magazine. We would certainly appreciate the cooperation of all societies with this problem.

Last year we had 67 societies with a total of 12,892 dues-paying members, 1,183 honorary members and 7 servicemen. Also 133 members-at-large. Forty-year honorary memberships were awarded to 81 members in 1970, 71 in 1971, and so far this year there have been 52. Fifty-year honorary memberships were awarded to 32 members in 1970, 31 in 1971, and 35 so far this year.

Income in 1971 was \$8,187.00 over expenses. An increase of \$3,000.00 over 1970. That year, income over expenses was \$4,788.00. This was due to an increase in Jahn Fund contributions for printing and for computerizing the mailing list of Turner Topics.

The cost of Turner Topics went up \$2,300.00 in 1971 as compared to 1970.

Per capita tax receipts have been dropping steadily. In 1969 we received \$36,872.00; in 1970, \$35,300.00 (a drop of \$1,500.00). In 1971, \$34,950.00 (a drop of \$400.00). However, several societies have requested additional membership cards this year, so I'm hoping we can report an increase in membership next year.

In closing, I'd like to say that since the last Convention, it has been a pleasure working with our National Officers and members of the National Council. We are all fortunate in having these dedicated men and women on whom we can depend. They have all been most helpful to me and to the societies. Thanks to them for the excellent job they are doing.

Respectfully submitted with Turner greetings
Gretchen Willer, National Secretary

Motion was made by Diamant (NY) and seconded to accept the report of the National Secretary and to commend her for her wonderful work. Motion carried.

Turner Warren Dalbke, National Treasurer, reported that the auditor's report has been compiled and will be reviewed by the Finance Committee on Tuesday. Motion to accept Turner Dalbke's report was made by Niehaus (Up.Miss.), 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 National Championships.

The first activity of the past two years was the National Festival in Milwaukee. The Milwaukee statistics show 40% increase in individual participation, although the number of societies remained about the same. However, it is encouraging to note that the increase was due to participation by both Junior and Active Turners.

We are still striving for the perfect Turnfest. I can best remember the Cleveland Turnfest by the "lightning-computer" results arriving after the teams were home. The Moline Turnfest the predominate question was "who won the model drill?", and I think the Milwaukee Turnfest will always be remembered for the lack of spectator provisions, the "un-mass" mass drill, and the excellent hospitality shown by the Milwaukee Turners at the social functions. It is with great resolve that our next Turnfest host will produce a perfect Turnfest.

The next activity covers the Championships. Four years ago you could not get a bid to save your life -- the program for placing championships did not keep up with the needs of the individual Turner societies in conducting a Championship. The activities events such as golf tournaments were not difficult to place; however, events such as volley ball, gymnastics and others were hard to place, or non-existent. At this time, prospects for a well-established program of Championships is much brighter.

Over the last two years, a program for bidding for championships which I have developed is beginning to work. I am sure many of you are now familiar with the bidding guide for National Championships. We, the American Turners, wish to support these events financially to insure yearly activities for the National Turner 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 on the physical event, and, any social functions which are combined with this event should show them a profit.

'71 being a Turnfest year, none of our Championships were held other than the Golf Championship, which was held in Akron, Ohio. In '72 the first National Gymnastic Team Championship was held at Concordia Turners in St. Louis, Mo., in April. There has been many favorable comments on this event and the National Health and P. E. committee wishes to expand this to a team and individual competition for next year. The Volley Ball Tournament was held in Clinton, Mass. The opportunity for the Eastern teams to participate was a direct result of our new bidding system. The Softball Championship was held in Louisville, and the Golf Championship for '72 was held at Ft. Wayne, Ind. If there are other activities that you would wish to include in the National program of Championships, enter a bid according to our guide and show proof of adequate participation. I assure you that earnest consideration will be given.

We have just concluded the Leader's Course at Wilmington, Delaware, July 31 to August 5th. Our program was planned to serve part-time instructors in our Societies, and concentrated on changing the character of the material to fit the special needs. Much practical work was accomplished through the presentation of projects in a workshop atmosphere. Our prime project was

to establish and write a set of apparatus exercises which can be used for Turn-fests and as a teacher's guide in classes. My special thanks go to Turner Harry Warnken for his assistance in this Course.

The facilities at Wilmington were excellent, and a special word of thanks to Adrian DeJong and his committee for the housing, the fine food and the outstanding hospitality.

On August 5 and 6 the Health and Physical Education Committee met in Wilmington, Delaware. This was a break-away from normal procedure. In the past, this committee has met once each four years, and the only function was to prepare a program for the National Festival. It is the committee's desire to be more productive. The committee will meet once each year to discuss and intensify our Turner programs.

The committee members present were:

Region 1: Theodore J. Duda
Region 2: Henry Schroeder
Region 3: Charles Calhoun
Region 6: Arnold Trummer
Region 7: Bill Woehrle
Region 9: Richard Rigby

Committee members absent were:

Region 5: Ferd Roethlisberger
Region 4: Walter Gunther
Region 8: John Beckner

These men are your Health and Physical Education representatives. You may as well know them because they will be more active in the future. They will be more readily available through locale to assist you in planning a Championship event.

The committee's future meetings will be in connection with Leader's Course. This committee has agreed to assemble several days before the finish of Leader's Course and to become actively involved with teaching some of the subjects. This arrangement will bring all of us a little closer to the people who are teaching in our Societies and acquaint us with their efforts and problems.

This committee has assumed the task of preparing a manual which will include some of the Leader's Course materials and sets of apparatus exercises. The purpose of the manual will be to present Turnfest activities such as tactics, drills, terminology, and graded apparatus materials for use by Turner Instructors in conducting their classes.

In concluding this report, I would like to wish the American Turners the greatest success in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Arnold Trummer, Chairman

Motion was made by Lynch (West.Pa.), seconded and carried, to accept Turner Trummer's report and refer it to the Health and Physical Education Committee.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL BOWLING COMMITTEE

To the delegates of the 54th Convention of the American Turners

Greetings:

After taking the office of Bowling Chairman I had the national bowling rules that were updated sent to all societies, officers and bowling committee. Anyone not receiving copies were to inform the national office and they would receive same.

The 1971 National Bowling Tournament was held in South Bend, Indiana, from March 27 through May 16. I attended the opening day ceremonies of the tournament. They had 216 men's teams and 130 women's teams entered, a total of 1725 Turners participating in seven week-ends. This is the largest entry of any tournaments held in the last five years.

The women bowled their team at Turner Lanes and their minor events at Chippewa Lanes. The men bowled all games at Chippewa Lanes. I can say it was a well conducted and successful tournament. A few complaints but the compliments overwhelmed them.

Their floor shows were all of local Turner talent, very interesting and fair for performing amateurs.

They showed a fine profit on their financial report of \$11,045.82. The National General Fund and National Bowling Fund received \$1,020.00.

I received two bids for the 1973 National Bowling Tournament which is the western zone year to be awarded, one from North St. Louis and the other from Moline, Illinois. I found they both had good facilities for holding a tournament.

A written poll was taken by the Bowling Committee and results were (5) five votes for North St. Louis and (3) three votes for Moline and (1) one not voting. This awarded the 1973 National Bowling Tournament to North St. Louis with the approval of the Council which has been done. This is the first time for North St. Louis to be host to a tournament.

The 1972 National Bowling Tournament was held at Johnstown, Pa. Starting on April 8th through May 14th. They had 174 men's teams and 128 women's teams - total about 1,525 Turners participating in six week-ends. For the first time since beginning of the National Bowling Tournament, history was made. When the opening ceremonies were televised at Johnstown by Bill Wilson, Sports Editor of WJAC TV, Johnstown. Checking the 6 PM and 11 PM news that night on television, I saw that the tournament received fine publicity for their opening.

Mayor Herbert Pfuhl with the assistance of a seven year old son of a Turner official rolled the first ball which left one pin standing, officially opening the Tournament. The Mayor then went around shaking the hand of each bowler, wishing all good bowling and an enjoyable stay at Johnstown. The Floor Show was all of local talent. It was favorable to some people and to some it was not. After a discussion with the chairman of the Tournament he in turn rectified the complaint, the show then was top performance.

Tournament Chairman McGunigale, who I thought conducted a good tournament, had problems but solved some of them to the best of his ability. He was successful in keeping the schedule up to par. That is one of the objects of a good Tournament.

Their profits from bowling programs, ball check and Gift Shop amounted to \$4,385.62. The National General Fund and National Bowling Fund received \$835.80.

The National Bowling Committee meeting was held in Toledo, Ohio, Saturday, August 5, 1972. Second Vice-President Wilfred Racker extended an invitation to hold the meeting at his home, which the Chairman accepted.

The meeting was called to order on Saturday at 9:15 AM. Miss Rose Marie Brecht, member of the Bowling Committee, acted as secretary. The National Bowling rules and other governing bowling material was gone over by the committee. A few minor changes were made as follows:

1. All prize list must be posted prior to tournament.
2. The sponsoring society shall provide from the tournament expense fund permanent trophies or suitable award for all four events.
3. The above trophies or awards shall cost a minimum of \$300.00 retail and shall be suitably engraved.
4. The Society schedule book shall each year contain the winners in team, doubles and singles and all events actual pin fall of each previous tournament going back five years, plus all time high record for each event.
5. Prize checks and prize list are to be mailed or delivered within 30 days after the conclusion of the Bowling Tournament. This includes trophies or awards.
6. Women's rules, each society making application for tournament must supply at least 10 lanes for women suitably for ten pin bowling.
7. Women trophies or awards shall have a minimum cost value of \$175.00 retail and shall be suitably engraved.

A resolution being submitted to the Bowling Committee of the convention -- all entrants who are members of a society of American Turners who has a good national card prior to the tournament be eligible to bowl.

Two Societies submitted application for the 1974 National Bowling Tournament. The societies were Syracuse Turners Inc., and Akron Turners. James Hope gave a report on Syracuse and I gave a report of my investigation of Akron. They both have fine facilities for holding a tournament.

A secret poll was then taken, the results were Akron receiving 4 votes and Syracuse 2 votes. This awarded the 1974 National Bowling Tournament to American Turners, Akron, Ohio, to be approved by National Council.

The four year term of Rose M. Brecht, woman committee member, expired this year. The committee was then asked to submit a name for committee member. The name of Rose M. Brecht was submitted and seconded. Since there were no other names submitted, Rose M. Brecht was again elected for four-year term to be approved by Council.

At the last convention Second Vice President Wilfred Racker consented that he would handle the 1970 Junior Bowling meet. The meet was successful one with a good report. After a discussion on 1971 meet, he again consented to handle the Junior meet. The report on this meet was, it was a larger and again successful affair. Turner Racker has handled Junior Bowling since its inception. He has done a fine job in bringing Junior bowling to what it is today.

The committee went on record to continue the Junior bowling meets also; they have added another age bracket 18 years to 21 years to the Junior program.

The Bowling Committee gave Turner Racker the authority to continue the Junior program, and he accepted. We hope in the years to come that many of our Junior bowlers will be bowling in our Senior Tournaments.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the National Bowling Committee and Second Vice President Wilfred H. Racker for their assistance during the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,
With Turner greetings,
Edward W. Timm, Chairman
National Bowling Committee

Motion was made by Huth.(West.N.Y.), seconded and carried, to accept Turner Timm's report and refer it to the Bowling Committee.

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL CHAIRMAN

Turner Greetings to you all:

It is my privilege to address this 54th National Convention at the close of my second term as National Cultural Chairman. This term has been just as rewarding for me as was my first term of office.

The Milwaukee Festival was most decisively the highlight of the past two years; meeting the various cultural chairmen and other Turners from cities I have not had the opportunity to visit, and seeing Turner friends I had met at past Festivals and Conventions.

The response to the society flag design request was very gratifying and was a colorful addition to the Festival ceremonies, especially during the parade of participants on Sunday. I hope that by the 1975 Festival there will be twice as many flags represented there.

The quality of the items entered in the Cultural Exhibit and the performers in the individual stage presentations were excellent. An additional word of praise must go to the Chicago group that performed their melodrama. It is, indeed, regrettable that the Festival schedule is so jam-packed that most competitors do not even get to see the stage presentations.

Olga Wiedemann, the Festival Cultural Chairman, and her committees, are to again be congratulated for their competent and efficient handling of pre-festival, festival and post-festival operations. They were certainly a real delight to work with.

Two months following the end of the Festival (this date was chosen to coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the Northwest Davenport Turners), I met with the members of the National Cultural Committee to discuss the rules, entry form structure and procedure used for the cultural portion of this 1971 Festival, with hopes of revising these for the benefit of future committees. Also at this meeting, the National Rules Book was discussed in-depth so that additions and/or changes could be submitted to this Convention.

During February of this year, I was invited by the Ft. Wayne Turners to present the first Individual National Cultural Award to Ft. Wayne Turner, Martha Kammeier, for the winning entry in the 1970-1971 competition for Volunteer Civic Work. This award will be given each year for a different cultural activity. The 1971-1972 competition will be for original poems. Each Turner may enter as many original poems as they care to. However, the deadline is December 31, 1972.

The response to the change in procedure for submitting society cultural reports for annual competition has encouraged a few more societies to enter. The New York Turnverein (last year's winner) received the first of the new certificates to be known as the Dr. Eklund Award. This award again goes to the New York Turnverein for accumulating a total of 3,859 points during the 1971-1972 period. I want to thank the 25 societies that in one form or another sent in reports this year. An extra note I would like to inject here is that Gloria Donnelly, the cultural chairman of the Springfield, Mass., Turners, turned in one of the most attractively prepared reports that I've ever received.

At this Convention, I plan to present to the Cultural Committee the suggestion made by Region VI Cultural Chairman, Eugene Solfronk. His suggestion is to initiate the awarding of a small certificate to each society that enters this annual competition. The certificate would list the amount of points each society has accumulated. This, I feel, would be a form of recognition to these societies for their efforts in complying with the National Turner principle of conducting and reporting cultural programs in their society.

In closing this report, I would like to read you a quote:

"It is important to grow in National Cultural, to have a civilization and pass it on to the next generation for them to improve."

How many of you can look back over the past year and honestly say that your society has grown, either membership-wise or in your physical education and cultural programs? How many societies still bar people from their membership because of sex and race? Do you feel that Turnerism is worth promoting? Take a deep, hard look at your society and search out ways to up-date and aid in the growth of the Turner movement through your own society.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann Mueller
National Cultural Chairman

Motion was made by Thane (NY), seconded and carried to accept Turner Mueller's report and refer it to the Cultural Committee.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF THE ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

To: The Fifty-fourth Convention of the American Turners

I believe the Endowment Trust Fund has been very instrumental in helping a large number of societies by alleviating some of the pressure caused by necessities of financing.

We, the trustees, are pleased with the report of the A-T-R Corporation, which has charge of the Rochester Turners loan. The Rochester Turners have reduced their loan from \$45,000 to \$40,728. It has been an arduous task this reduction since its inception in 1948.

In my visit to Lawrence Turners with Turner Oscar Baer, regional councilman, we met with the Lawrence Turner officers and presented a plan for their debt reduction; which was accepted, and they are on their way. With true Turner philosophy, a Turner may be down, but not out.

And while I was in the New England region, Turner Oscar Baer was most hospitable and consented to the visit of Clinton Turners, Springfield Turners and Holyoke Turners. We are happy to state the loans to Clinton Turners and Springfield Turners are excellent and are current.

Our loan to Moline Turners has been \$5,000 worth of bonds - in denominations of \$500 each - with a life of 10 years, which pay 5-3/4% interest. During the first 5 years interest only will be paid; and each year for the remaining 5 years two bonds will be retired.

We have one loan which has not measured up to the conditions we have set. The society in question is the Charleroi Turners, who have a \$10,000 loan, and are delinquent some 15 months, plus taxes and insurance.

We have made a donation to the Milwaukee Turners of \$200 for repairs.

The trustees have voted in favor of restoring the Jahn Memorial in St. Louis, which has been vandalized recently. We have restored it as close to the original as possible at a cost of \$10,000. We hope you will visit Forest Park where the Memorial is located either during the convention or afterwards.

In our meeting of October 23, 1971, Turner Bill Meyer and attorney John F. Haderlein, who had researched the Endowment Trust Fund position regarding the tax consequences of expenditures to promote American Turner physical and cultural education programs, reported that we received a ruling that financial aid could be given for equipment needed to conduct the physical and cultural activities of the American Turners.

We, the trustees, agreed that an article be placed in Turner Topics stating that applications for the purchase of equipment will be considered and will be governed by the approval of the trustees, the amount not to exceed \$500.

I was pleased with the approval of the trustees in regard to disposition of the funds held. To date, we have helped some 25 societies

or a total of \$12,500, for which we received notes of thanks for our help.

We, the trustees, are grateful for the response to our plea for contributions, which are many, as a result of our column in the Turner Topics. We would also like to express gratitude to the Womens Auxiliary of the American Turners, who have contributed \$700 to our Fund. Thank you all.

In conclusion, the American Turners Endowment Trust Fund is now fulfilling the ideology of Carl Weideman and the trustees of the 1946 National Convention, who created it as a source of help to all Societies.

With Turner greetings,
John A. Westermeyer, President
American Turners Endowment Trust Fund

Motion to accept Turner Westermeyer's report was made by Warnken (St.L.), seconded and carried.

At this time the Chairman instructed the Nominating Committee to meet on Tuesday afternoon and be prepared to submit their report to the Convention. He read the list of members of this committee as shown on the report of the Credentials Committee.

Motion was made by Heckman (Mo.), seconded and carried, that this session adjourn until 9:00 A.M. Tuesday morning, August 15, at which time the corrected Credentials Committee report may be presented.

Session reconvened at 9:25 A.M. Tuesday. Corrected report of the Credentials Committee was presented by its secretary, Turner E. Schrader (Ill.).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Edward Clate	Pransley Pippin	Earl Anderson
Harry Smith	Elmer H. Crook	Robert A. Marx
Max Spanier	Alex Diamond	Wm. D. Ruth
Harry O. Paterson	Harold Stibel	John M. Kovaly
Arrest F. Stainlage	Earl Stevenson	

RESOLVING COMMITTEE:

Robert St. Peters	Richard Wolff	Loretta Martin
Thomas Irons	Edward Clate	James E. Gaughan
Earl Serp-A	Harold Stibel	Tom Johnson-A
Earl McGinnis		

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

This meeting was called to order by temporary chairman Turner Carl Anderson at 3:15 P.M. Turner Pressley P. Pippin nominated Turner John Westermeyer as permanent chairman of the Credentials Committee, seconded by Turner Elmer Crook. Nominations were closed and Turner J. Westermeyer assumed the seat as permanent chairman.

Turner Elmer Crook nominated Turner Erwin Schrader for secretary of the Credentials Committee. Nominations were closed and Turner Schrader assumed the duties of committee secretary.

Roll call was made and corrections made as follows:

John Westermeyer	St. Louis District
Pressley P. Pippin	Middle Atlantic District
Charles J. Becker or Robert E. Dau	Upper Mississippi District
Terry Smith	Lake Erie District
Elmer R. Crook	Missouri District
Arthur H. Hoyler	Western New York District
Wayne Pevler	Wisconsin District
Robert White	West. Pennsylvania Distr.
Robert Schuler	Central States District
William Woehrle	Minnesota District
Erwin R. Schrader	Illinois District
Axel Nordstrom	New England District
Alex Diamant	New York District
Daisy Pippin	Members at Large

The next order of business was the check of delegates by districts. The list compiled by the National Office was checked over and totals of Federal votes verified. The total of 142 Federal votes was accepted by the Credentials Committee.

Delegates listed by committees:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Edward Elste	Pressley Pippin	Carl Anderson
Terry Smith	Elmer R. Crook	Robert A. Marx
Max Spanier	Alex Diamant	Wm. O. Huth
Henry D. Peterson	Harold Biebel	John M. Kovaly
Forrest F. Steinlage	Earl Stevenson	

BOWLING COMMITTEE:

Robert St. Peters	Richard Wolff	Loretta Martin
Thomas Trame	Edward Elste	James B. Gaughen
Elmer Serb-A	Harold Biebel	Tom Johnson-A
Earl McGunigale		

CULTURAL COMMITTEE:

Clarence Lahrman
George W. Dotzman
William O. Huth
Mylin Schroeder

Fred Koverman
Joseph Young
James Ford
Betty Dau

Lucille Bothfeld
Edward Schroeder
Jack Emery
Charles J. Becker

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph Lubbers
Edward Colton
James B. Gaughen
Henry D. Peterson

Leard Brown
Terry Smith
Max Spanier
Hal Jurgens

Kenneth Mines
George W. Dotzman
Harold Pehlke-A
Robert White

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Charles Calhoun
Ralph Markus
J. Edward Hille
Thomas Steele
Vincent A. Buehler
Harry W. Warnken
Walter Erwin
Marion Slattery
Jack McAdoo
Harold Biebel
William Moran

James Allanson
Fred Zitta
Daisy M. Pippin
Philip H. Cleary, Jr.
William Thane
Henry Stroer-A
Clara Karns
George J. Jacquin
David Porter
William Woehrle

Luella C. Roth
Walter T. Guenther
Charles C. Litsch
Henry W. Schroeder
Alex Diamant
Hazel Baird-A
Robert Dau
Ray Karl
Wayne Pevler
Otto Ernst-A

NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Forrest Steinlage
Walter Schrader
Frank McIntyre
Elmer R. Crook
William Kesper
Anton Hoch-A
John Schieber
Charles Ferrall
Pauline Stephens

Robert Schuler
Hans Dian
Lou Witt
Axel Nordstrom
Harry R. Hagebush
Carl Anderson
John M. Kovaly
Harold Biebel
Glen Dau

Warren Dalbke
Edward Barrow
Pressleuy P. Pippin
Frank Astaldi
Bob Zarker-A
Richard Niehaus
Edward Wellman
Mylin Schroeder

PRINCIPLES, STATUTES AND GRIEVANCES:

Theodore Strobel
Hans Wandscher
Marion Slattery
Arthur H. Hoyler
John Smocer
Wayne Pevler

Herman Zweifel
Pressley P. Pippin
Adolph H. Zink
George J. Jacquin
Frank A. Lynch
Albert Udovich

Louis Baker
Elmer Crook
John A. Westermeyer
Ralph Noon

NATIONAL PUBLICATION & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Erwin R. Schrader
Edward Schroeder
Albert Udovich

Charles C. Litsch
William O. Huth
Luella Roth

Robert Murray
Alvin Culbert

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Delegates Listed by Districts

CENTRAL STATES

Forrest Steinlage	Robert Schuler	Robert St. Peters
Richard Wolff	Loretta Martin	Thomas Trame
Clarence Lahrman	Joseph Lubbers	Leard Brown
Kenneth Mines	James Allanson	Charles Calhoun
Luella C. Roth	Theodore Strobel	

ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Edward Elste	Erwin R. Schrader	Lucille Bothfeld
Edward Colton	Ralph Markus	Fred Zitta
Warren Dalbke	Walter Schrader	Harold Pehlke - A
Otto Ernst-A	Hans Dian	Herman Zweifel
Louis Baker		

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

Terry Smith	Pauline McIntyre-A	Walter Guenther th
Kathleen Kitson-A	Edward Barrow	Frank McIntyre
Lou Witt	Hans Wandscher	

MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Presley R. Pippin	J. Edward Hille
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MINNESOTA DISTRICT

George Kuettner	John Stevens
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MISSOURI DISTRICT

Elmer R. Crook	James B. Gaughen	George W. Dotzman
Charles G. Litsch		

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

John M. Kovaly	Robert White	James Ford
Jack Emery	Ray Karl	Jack McAdoo
David Porter	Ralph Noon	Edward Wellman
Charles Ferrall	Fred Angermann Jr.-A	Wm. Fearon -A
Ronald Gawles	Frank A. Lynch	James Harris-A
Albert Loeffler-A	Alvin Culbert	John Smocer

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Otto Nelle

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Daisy Pippin

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Max Spanier	Axel Nordstrom	Joseph Young
Thomas Steele	Philip J. Cleary Jr.	Frank Astaldi
Robert Murray	William Moran	

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Marion Slattery

NEW YORK DISTRICT

Alex Diamant	William Kesper
Henry W. Schroeder	Adolph Zink
Vincent A. Buehler	
William Thane	

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT

Henry D. Peterson	John Westermeyer	Edward Schroeter
Harry W. Warnken	Pauline Stephens	Harry R. Hagebush
Elmer Serb-A	Tom Johnson-A	Henry Stroer-A
Hazel Baird-A	Bob Zarker-A	Anton Hoch-A

SOUTH BEND DISTRICT

UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

Carl R. Anderson	Charles J. Becker	Robert E. Dau
Betty Dau	Hal Jurgens	Walter Erwin
Clara Karns	Richard Niehaus	Glen Dau

WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Harold Biebel	Wayne Pevler	Mylin Schroeder
Albert Udovich		

WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT

William O. Huth	John Schieber	Arthur Hoyler
George J. Jacquin		

Central States District	23
Illinois District	11
Lake Erie District	8
Middle Atlantic District	9
Minnesota District	2
Missouri District	4
New Jersey District	1
New England District	17
New York District	7
St. Louis District	6
South Bend District	4
Southern California District	1
Upper Mississippi District	11
Western New York District	5
Wisconsin District	3
Western Pennsylvania District	29
Members-at-Large	<u>1</u>
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There being no further business a motion made and seconded that this meeting be adjourned was carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Erwin R. Schrader, Secretary
Credentials Committee

The following corrections were made from the floor:

Lake Erie District - Alternates Kay Kittson and Pauline McIntyre are assigned to the Physical Education and Cultural Committees respectively.

Upper Mississippi District - Glen Dau will serve on the Bowling Committee.

Western Pennsylvania District - Earl Stevenson will serve on Bowling, and Charles Hall on National Affairs; Emil Pfund, Finance Committee.

Missouri District - Alternates are George Heckman, Finance and Principles & Statutes; Robert A. Marx, Health and Physical Education and National Affairs; Nicholas Meyer, Bowling and Finance; Eugene Solfronk, Cultural and National Publicity and Publications.

Wisconsin District - Mylin Schroeder will not be present.

New England District - Turners Spanier and Nordstrom have been called away.

Turner Schrader announced that although South Bend District had failed to send in its mandate, they are represented by Turner Joseph Koutnik. Motion was made by Schrader, seconded and carried, to seat Turner Koutnik as a delegate at this convention.

Turner Steve Reskovitz, Past President, will serve on the National Affairs Committee.

Motion was made by Strobel (Cent.States), seconded and carried to accept the report of the Credentials Committee with the above corrections and to accept the total of 141 Federal votes, since the representative from the Southern California District is not present.

This first session of the 54th Convention, upon motion properly made, seconded and carried, was adjourned at 9:35 A.M., to be reconvened on Wednesday morning at 9:00 A.M.

SECOND SESSION

The second session was called to order at 9:27 A. M. on Wednesday, August 16, 1972, by Chairman Litsch in the gymnasium of the Concordia Gymnastic Society, St. Louis, Missouri. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Dalbke (Ill.), seconded and carried.

Chairman Litsch appointed the three past presidents, Turners Carl Anderson, George Jacquin, and Steve Reskovitz, to act as a greeting committee to extend the greetings of this Convention to the Ladies Auxiliary 27th National Convention.

Communications were read extending greetings to the Convention from U.S. Senator Thomas F. Eagleton and from Burr-Patterson & Auld Company.

Turner Litsch announced the rules governing debate, as follows: Roberts Rules of Order will govern the Convention. Delegates will be permitted to speak for not more than three minutes at any one time, and no delegate will be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject

except by permission of the Convention. These regulations shall not apply to delegates submitting reports, who may speak as often as occasion requires, to answer questions.

Motion was made by Diamant (NY) to approve the rules for debate. Motion seconded and carried.

Turner Litsch announced that the morning sessions would continue until approximately 12:30, at which time the session would be adjourned until Thursday morning, August 17, 1972. Buses will leave the Turner Hall at 1:00 P.M. to attend Grant's Farm.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by its Secretary, Terry Smith.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M. August 15, 1972, with the following present: Edward Elste, Terry Smith, Henry Peterson, Forrest Steinlage, Pressley Pippin, Alex Diamant, Harold Biebel, Carl Anderson, Robert A. Marx, William O. Huth, and John M. Kovaly.

The following slate was chosen:

President	William Meyer
First Vice-President	Clifford Anderson (Incumbent) Wilfred Racker Warren Dalbke
Second Vice-President	Wilfred Racker (Incumbent) Warren Dalbke Elmer Crook
Physical Education	Arnold Trummer (Incumbent) William Woehrle Henry Schroeder
Cultural	JoAnn Mueller (Incumbent)
Bowling	Edward Timm (Incumbent) Robert St. Peters

John Westermeyer was recommended for the six-year term of the American Turners Endowment Trust Fund.

We therefore move that these names be placed into nomination for their respective offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Elste, Chairman
Terry Smith, Secretary

Chairman Litsch appointed Turners Heckman (Mo.), Smith (LE), and Kovaly (WPa.) to serve as tellers in the elections of officers. Turner Kovaly asked to be excused, and was replaced by Turner Zweifel (Ill.)

At this time Turner Litsch turned the chair over to the Vice Chairman, Turner W. Schrader.

Turner Schrader read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that William R. Meyer be a candidate for President. Motion was made by Westermeyer (St.L.) that nominations be closed. Motion was seconded and carried, and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner William R. Meyer as President. Turner Meyer thanked the convention for their vote of confidence.

For First Vice President: Submitted by Nominating Committee -Clifford Anderson, Wilfred Racker, Warren Dalbke

Call for nominations from the floor. There being none forthcoming, motion was made by Zitta (Ill.), seconded and carried, that nominations be closed. Seconding speeches were made for Turner Racker by Turner Gunther; for Turner Anderson by Turner Kovaly; and for Turner Dalbke by Turner Elste.

Motion was made by Huth (W.NY) and seconded that the vote be a secret ballot tallied by the clerks. An amendment to the motion was made by Crook (Mo.) that the votes be tallied within each District and turned over to the tellers by District totals. Amendment was seconded and carried and the amended motion was then passed.

Ballots were distributed and the vote was taken. After tallying the votes, the tellers presented the chairman with the tally, showing a total of 72 Federal votes for Racker, 57 for Anderson, and 12 for Dalbke. The chair declared Turner Wilfred Racker the new First Vice-President of the American Turners.

For Second Vice President: Submitted by Nominating Committee - Wilfred Racker, Warren Dalbke and Elmer Crook. Racker was no longer a candidate, having already been elected to office.

Call for nominations from the floor. Turner Clifford Anderson was nominated by Kovaly (W.Pa.) Turner Arnold Trummer was nominated by Pippin (Mid.Atl.) Turner Robert Schuler (Cent.States) was nominated by Dau (Upper Miss.) Motion was made by Diamant (NY) that nominations be closed. Seconding speeches were made for Schuler by Steinlage; for Trummer by Woehrle. Ballots were distributed and the vote taken. On the first ballot the results showed Anderson, 42-2/3; Trummer, 34-2/3; Schuler, 34-2/3; Crook, 16; Dalbke, 9. Turner Dalbke was dropped from the ballot and the result of the second ballot was Anderson, 51-2/3; Trummer, 53-2/3; Schuler, 31-2/3; Crook, 4. Turner Crook was dropped from the ballot. Results of third ballot: 53-2/3 for Anderson; Trummer, 59-2/3; Schuler, 27-2/3. Turner Schuler was dropped from the ballot. Result of 4th ballot: Anderson, 77; Trummer, 64. The chair declared Turner Clifford Anderson as the new Second Vice-President of the American Turners.

In the interval while the votes were being tallied, Turner Westermeyer made a plea for donations to the Endowment Trust Fund. Each District made a collection among its delegates, and Turner Westermeyer announced a total of \$123.00 in donations. In addition, a pledge of \$25.00 to the Endowment Trust Fund from the children's classes of Riverside Turners was made by Turner Pressley Pippin.

At this time greetings were extended to the Convention by representatives of the Ladies Auxiliary - Mrs. Ida May Lange, Rock Island; Hilda Diercks, East Davenport; Bernice Schrader, Northwest-Chicago; and Helen Becker, Moline.

The chairman announced that the following Regional Councilors have been elected by their respective regions, in accordance with new procedures set up at the 1970 Convention:

Region 2	Pressley Pippin
Region 4	William Huth
Region 6	Elmer Crook
Region 1	Frank Astaldi
Region 8	Otto Nell
Region 7	Robert Dau
Region 3	Forest Steinlage
Region 9	Robert Volker
Region 5	Warren Dalbke

For Physical Education Chairman: Submitted by Nominating Committee - Arnold Trummer, William Woehrle, and Henry Schroeder

Turners Trummer and Schroeder declined the nominations. Upon the call for nominations from the floor, there being none a motion was made by Diamant (NY), seconded and carried, that nominations be closed. The secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner William Woehrle as the new Physical Education Chairman.

For Cultural Chairman: Submitted by Nominating Committee -- JoAnn Mueller

Call for nominations from the floor. Turner Betty Dau was nominated by Becker(Upper Miss.) She declined the nomination. Motion by Buehler (NY) that nominations be closed. Motion was seconded and carried, and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for JoAnn Mueller as the new Cultural Chairman.

For Bowling Chairman: Submitted by Nominating Committee - Edward Timm and Robert St. Peters

Call for nominations from the floor. Turner Timm first declined the nomination because of family responsibilities. Turner Frank Lynch (West Pa.) was nominated by Kovaly of that District. Motion by Schuler (Cent.St.) to close the nominations. Seconded and carried. Vote was taken and result showed St. Peters, 109; Lynch, 32. The chair declared Turner Robert St. Peters as the new National Bowling Chairman.

For Trustee of the Endowment Trust Fund: Submitted by Nominating Committee -
John Westermeyer

Call for nominations from the floor. Turner Robert Schuler (Cent.St.) was nominated by Dau (Upp.Miss.), but declined the nomination. Motion by Diamant (NY) to close the nominations. Motion seconded and carried. The secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Turner John Westermeyer as Endowment Trust Fund Trustee for a six-year term.

The chair next called for a report of the Finance Committee, which was read by its secretary, Turner H. D. Peterson.

Secretary read the instructions for procedure in committee.

No resolutions have been submitted to this committee.

Committee reviewed the various reports submitted by the National Office. A general discussion was held concerning District and Society financial problems.

Motion by Detman, seconded by Smith to adjourn for the present time and subject to recall if some business is brought to the committee. Carried.

Committee reconvened at 11:25 A.M. Considerable discussion was devoted to the Festival Fund. Motion made by Smith, seconded by Pridel: "Recommend that we give National Council the authority to allocate whatever portion of existing Festival Fund to the General Fund to be used for gymnastic equipment grants." Motion carried.

Motion made by Smith, seconded by White: "The Finance Committee wishes to call to the Convention's attention that there is a total of over \$10,000 that has not been paid to the National Treasurer in 1972. Those societies concerned should take note and get their bills paid." Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Smith, seconded by Detman. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
H. D. Peterson, Secretary
Joseph Lubbers, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Turner Lubbers, acting chairman, called the meeting to order.

Members present: Joseph Lubbers, Edward Colton, Henry Peterson, Terry Smith, Hal Jurgens, George Dotzman, Harold Pehlke, Robert White, and Emil Pfund. Gretchen Willer sat in on the meeting.

Nominations for Secretary were called for. Henry Peterson was nominated and elected secretary.

Nominations for chairman were called for. Joseph Lubbers was nominated and elected chairman.

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Motion to adjourn by Smith, seconded by Dotzman. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
H. D. Peterson, Secretary
Joseph Lubbers, Chairman

Motion was made by Peterson to accept the report of the Finance Committee in its entirety. Seconded. An amendment to the motion was made by Bothfeld (Ill.) to accept the report with the exception of the paragraph regarding transfer of Festival Funds to the General Fund, which is to be tabled until the report of the Committee on National Affairs is read. Amendment was seconded and passed, and the amended motion was then passed.

Turner Schrader then turned the chair back to Chairman Litsch.

The report of the Bowling Committee was read by its chairman, Robert St. Peters.

Paul McDougall
Richard Wolff
Edward Wlate
Harold Blahel
Joe Koutnik

James Gaughen
Tom Johnson
Edward Tim
Alan Det
B. J. Stevenson

A resolution from the Western Pennsylvania District relating to the structure of the National Bowling Committee was read. The Convention Committee decided that all points are covered in the By-Laws, Article 70. It was moved by Turner Wlate to reject this resolution. Seconded by Turner Gaughen. Motion carried.

Turner Tim read about a resolution from Western Pennsylvania District advocating the elimination of the requirement that an entrant in the National Bowling Tournament must have been a member of American Turners three months prior to the tournament. It was suggested instead that the By-Laws should read, "All entrants who are members in good standing in American Turners prior to the Tournament will be eligible to bowl."

Turner James Gaughen moved that the recommendations of the National Bowling Committee be submitted to the National Convention. Seconded by Turner Earl Stevenson. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Turner Earl McDougall to submit the names of Edward Tim and Robert St. Peters to the Nominating Committee for National Bowling Chairman. Seconded by Turner Gaughen. Motion carried.

The chairman read about a list of recommendations submitted by the National Bowling Committee. A motion was made by Turner Wlate to approve the rule change recommendations of the National Bowling Committee as presented by the National Bowling Chairman to the Convention. Seconded by Turner Koutnik. Motion carried. These recommendations were as follows:

1. All prize lists must be posted prior to tournament.
2. The sponsoring society shall provide from the tournament expense fund permanent trophies or suitable award for all four events.
3. The above trophies or awards shall cost a minimum of \$300.00 retail and shall be suitably engraved.
4. The society schedule book shall year contain the winners in team, doubles and singles and all events actual pin fall of each year previous tournament going back five years, plus all time high record for each event.

REPORT OF THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

The Bowling Committee met at 9:45 A.M. Tuesday, August 15. The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman Robert St. Peters. He announced that nominations were open for Permanent Chairman of the Bowling Committee and for Secretary.

Robert St. Peters of Central States District was elected Permanent Chairman and Loretta Martin, Central States District, was elected Secretary.

Members of the committee in attendance were:

Robert St. Peters
Earl McGunigale
Richard Wolff
Edward Elste
Harold Biebel
Joe Koutnik

Loretta Martin
James Gaughen
Tom Johnson-A
Edward Timm
Glen Dau
R. L. Stevenson

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4. The society schedule book shall each year contain the winners in team, doubles and singles and all events actual pin fall of each each previous tournament going back five years, plus all time high record for each event.

5. Prize checks and prize list are to be mailed or delivered within 30 days after the conclusion of the Bowling Tournament. This includes trophies or awards.
6. Women's rules, each society making application for tournament must supply at least 10 lanes for women suitable for ten pin bowling.
7. Women trophies or awards shall have a minimum cost value of \$175.00 retail and shall be suitably engraved.

Turner Gaughen moved to accept the Bowling Committee's recommendation that Akron, Ohio, be awarded the 1974 National Bowling Tournament. Seconded by Turner Koutnik. Motion carried.

It is the desire of the National Bowling Committee that up-to-date rules be printed in Turner Topics. Turner McGunigale moved that it be recommended to the Publicity Committee that Turner Topics publish an up-to-date list of rules governing National Tournament bowling. Seconded by Turner Elste. Motion carried.

There was a motion to adjourn by Turner Elste. Seconded by Turner Stevenson. The motion carried and the Bowling Committee adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Martin, Secretary
Robert St. Peters, Chairman

Motion was made by Turner St. Peters that the report of the Bowling Committee be accepted in its entirety. Seconded. A point of order was raised by Dau (Upper Miss.), who questioned whether the elimination of the three-months' membership rule would involve a Statute change which could not be accomplished at this Convention. The parliamentarian, Turner Jacquin, ruled that this is merely a rule change and is not a change in the National By-Laws.

An amendment to the original motion was made by Dalbke (Ill.) to the effect that the word "retail" on No. 3, Page 1, and No. 7 of Page 2 be stricken. Amendment seconded and passed.

An additional amendment was proposed by Schrader (Ill.) that the report be accepted in its entirety except for the paragraph regarding the three-month membership requirement for participation in tournaments. The amendment was seconded and passed, and the amended motion was then passed.

The report of the Committee on National Affairs was read by Turner Marx, its secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

The National Affairs Committee convened in the gymnasium of Concordia Gymnastic Society at 9:50 A.M. with Turner Forrest Steinlage as chairman, pro tem.

The following delegates, alternates, and visitors were present:

Carl R. Anderson	Upper Mississippi District	Delegate
Clifford E. Anderson	Western Pennsylvania	First Vice President
Edward Barrow	Lake Erie District	Delegate
Harold Biebel	Wisconsin District	Delegate
Warren Dalbke	Illinois District	Delegate
Hans Dian	Illinois District	Delegate
Harry Hagebush	St. Louis District	Delegate
Charles E. Hall	Western Pennsylvania	Guest
Anton Hoch	St. Louis District	Alternate
William Kesper	New York District	Delegate
John M. Kovaly	Western Pennsylvania	Delegate
Frank McIntyre	Lake Erie District	Delegate
Richard L. Neihaus	Upper Mississippi District	Delegate
Wilfred H. Racker	Lake Erie District	2nd Vice President
Stephen Reskovitz	Middle Atlantic District	Past President
John Schieber	Western New York District	Delegate
Walter H. Schrader	Illinois District	Delegate
Robert J. Schuler	Central States District	Delegate
Forrest Steinlage	Central States District	Delegate
Pauline Stephens	St. Louis District	Delegate

Turner Schrader (Ill) nominated Turner Steinlage (Gen.States) as permanent chairman of this committee. Turner Schrader moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried. Turner Steinlage was declared permanent chairman.

Turner Schrader (Ill) nominated Turner Marx (Mo) as committee secretary. Turner Schrader moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried. Turner Marx was declared committee secretary.

The following resolution submitted by the National Council of the American Turners was read by the chairman, Turner Steinlage:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the delegates of the 54th Convention of the American Turners do hereby rescind the action to expel the Denver Turners taken by the delegates to the 53rd Convention of the American Turners, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Denver Turners resignation from the American Turners, in good standing as of December 31, 1969, be accepted by this convention.

Turner Dalbke (Ill) moved that the above resolution be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

The resolution listed below, received from the Milwaukee Turners, was read by the Chairman:

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Milwaukee Turners Foundation, Inc., hereby request that all ladies involved in the American Turners National Ladies Auxiliary be included in the mailing lists to receive the American Turner Topics as of the coming National Convention in St. Louis in August 1972.

Turner Dalbke (Ill.) moved that the above resolution be defeated. The motion was seconded and carried.

The committee wished to refer this resolution to the Publication Committee with the suggestion that they publicize the procedures for securing copies of the American Turner Topics.

A letter from the Moline, Illinois, Turner Society requesting the National Convention of 1976 or 1980 be awarded to their society, was read. Turner Carl Anderson (Upper Miss.) moved that we approve of this request and that their bid be forwarded to the convention floor for consideration. The motion was seconded and carried.

The request of the Springfield, Massachusetts, Turnverein, Inc., for the 1974 National Convention was read by Turner Steinlage. Turner Schrader (Ill.) moved that the request be approved and forwarded to the convention floor. The motion was seconded and carried.

The following excerpt was read from President Meyer's Report of the President: The Festival Fund has a balance of over \$12,000 at the end of 1971 in spite of the fact that we held a festival in 1971 that was charged against this fund. The total cost of the Milwaukee Festival was \$13,300, so you can see that by 1975 we will have almost 4 times the funds required to finance the St. Louis Festival. I would like to see this convention authorize the transfer of at least \$10,000 of this un-needed money to the General Fund to be used for equipment grants and other uses to aid local societies.

Turner Dalbke (Ill.) moved that this matter be referred to the National Council for consideration. Their deliberations should be forwarded to the 1974 Convention for action. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

With Turner Greetings,
Robert A. Marx, Secretary
Forrest F. Steinlage, Chairman

Motion was made by Turner Marx that the report of the Committee on National Affairs be accepted in its entirety with the correction that his own name be included on page one in the list of those attending the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

The report of the National Publication and Publicity Committee was read by its secretary, Turner Erwin Schrader.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLICATION & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

This meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman, Erwin R. Schrader, at 9:45 A.M. Motion was made, seconded and carried that Turner William Huth be elected Permanent Chairman and Turner Erwin Schrader secretary.

Committee members present were Turners Charles C. Litsch, William O. Huth, Robert Murray and Alvin Culbert.

Turners Albert Udovich, Luella Roth and Edward Schroeder were absent.

The first item up for discussion was the resolution presented by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Milwaukee Turners signed by Olga Wiedemann, President, and Gertrude Jacobs, Vice President.

Motion by Erwin Schrader, seconded by Turner Alvin Culbert that inasmuch as the Ladies Auxiliary does not pay National per Capita tax as Society members their request for placement on the mailing lists for receipt of Turner Topics be defeated. This was carried. It was recommended that any member of the Ladies Auxiliary desiring receipt of Turner Topics, arrange for receipt of same by subscription and payment of the current subscription fees.

It is recommended that we urge each society to closely check each print-out which is mailed periodically to the societies for deletion or additions and other corrections for Turner Topics mailing lists.

At this point Turner Wm. Meyer made reference to the Jahn Memorial in Forest Park, St. Louis, which had just been renovated, the cost of which was borne by the National organization. He recommended that some means of publicity regarding the memorial be considered. It is further recommended that picture post cards with some detailed information on the back be printed and made available to all Turner societies.

It was recommended that inasmuch as the American Turners will be 125 years old next year, that serious consideration be given to the issuance of another commemorative stamp, and that the National organization look into the feasibility of this program.

At this point there was a discussion regarding the cost of Turner emblems which are being placed on trophies. It was recommended that it might be possible to secure emblems such as we use in various sizes in quantities and created of a material not quite so costly as those currently being used. These could be stocked by the National organization and made available to the societies.

The lack of communication was emphasized and that a greater effort be made for improved communication.

Two committee members indicated that they were not familiar with the type of advertising, printed forms, emblems, buttons, pins, etc., available and obtainable from the National Office. Possibly this information can be furnished through printed information in Turner Topics.

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Erwin R. Schrader, Secy.
William Huth, Chairman

Motion was made by Turner Schrader that the report of the National Publication and Publicity Committee be accepted in its entirety. Motion was seconded and carried.

The report of the Cultural Committee was read by its secretary, Turner George Wiedemann. Several members of the committee agreed that the report was not complete.

Motion was made by Crook (Mo.), seconded and carried to adjourn the Second Session of the 54th National Convention, with the Third Session to convene at 9:00 A.M. Thursday, August 17, 1972, at which time the Cultural Committee is to present its corrected report. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Art. I, Par. 2: Change to: "...shall supervise all matters pertaining to competition in Cultural Education."

Art. II, Par. 2: Change to: "Each society shall forward to the National Cultural Chairman....."

Art. III: A smaller certificate (in relation to the size of the new Dr. Edward Award Certificate) to be given to every society sending in reports during a year -- this certificate to state the amount of points accumulated by the society.

Art. IV - Recommended that points be awarded to a group or an individual if after all entries are in there is not one three for competition, a minimum of points be awarded for the effort made to enter.

Art. V - (Entry Blank) Eugene Selfrent with a motion that entry forms for National Festivals will be formulated by the National Cultural Committee and National Festival Cultural Chairman. Seconded and carried.

Art. VII - Complete Insurance Coverage recommended for each Festival exhibit.

Art. VI - Festival judges for the cultural competition to be paid.

Recommended that flag strips, such as the ones given at Milwaukee, be awarded to each society presenting their flag at each festival.

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The meeting began at 8:45 A.M. Tuesday, August 15, 1972. Clarence Lahrmann was Temporary Chairman. Roll call was taken. Present were Turners JoAnn Mueller, Betty Dau, Clarence Lahrmann, William Huth, James Ford, Lucille Bothfeld, Jack Emery, Pauline McIntyre, George Wiedemann, Joe Becker, and Gene Solfronk. Betty Dau was nominated and seconded for chairman. Passed. George Wiedemann was elected secretary.

Motion was made by Lucille Bothfeld that this committee recommend to the convention that since competition for the Dr. Eklund Cultural Award is in three groups according to the size of a society, three awards be given each year, one for each group. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion was made by Lucille Bothfeld that the Cultural Chairman and her committee be authorized to establish an equalizing factor in totalling cultural points at National Festivals, so that cultural awards at these National Festivals will be based on the size of societies in the same manner as annual awards, thus encouraging competition from all sizes of societies and giving all an equal chance to win the Society Cultural Trophy at National Festivals. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Cultural Committee recommends to the Convention that the following changes in Rules Applying to Cultural Education Competition be adopted:

Art. I, Par. 5: Change third line to read "...and a dues paying member or other qualified person approved by the National Council."

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Art. V - (Entry Blank) Eugene Solfronk made a motion that entry forms for National Festivals will be formulated by the National Cultural Committee and National Festival Cultural Chairman. Seconded and carried.

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Recommended that flag strips, such as the ones given at Milwaukee, be awarded to each society presenting their flag at each festival.

Recommend a point system: 10 points for all solo competition; vocal, instrumental, dance, public speaking, single person demonstration. 15 point maximum for all group competition.

James Ford made a motion that we accept the suggestions and recommendations listed above, made by the National Cultural Committee regarding revision of the National rules book. Seconded and carried.

Recommendation was made by Jack Emery that JoAnn Mueller be reelected National Cultural Chairman. Motion made by Solfronk, seconded and carried.

Motion made by Joe Becker and seconded that cultural activities be included at all invitational meets. Feasibility to be determined by the regional cultural chairman. Motion carried.

Motion by E. Solfronk and seconded that the National Cultural Committee meet once a year if the Chairman or National Committee members deem it necessary. Carried.

Motion made to adjourn by Jim Ford and seconded. Adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Dau, Chairman
George Wiedemann, Secretary

Motion was made by Turner Wiedemann, seconded and carried, to accept the report of the Cultural Committee as read.

At this time the Chairman turned the meeting over to Turner Schrader, Vice Chairman, as he was called away on business. Turner Schrader extended the thanks of the Convention to Turner Litsch for a job very well done.

The report of the Committee on Health and Physical Education was read by its secretary, Daisy Pippin.

REPORT OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Health and Physical Education Committee was called to order by Turner Ralph Markus at 9:45 A.M.

Turner Bill Woehrle was elected as chairman, Turner Daisy Pippin as secretary.

Roll was called and the following were present:

Ralph Markus	William Moran	Luella C. Roth
J. Edward Hille	James Allenson	Walter T. Guenther
Thomas Steele	Fred Zitta	Henry W. Schroeder
Vincent A. Buehler	Daisy M. Pippin	Alex Diamant
Harry W. Warnken	William Thane	Hazel Baird-A
Walter Erwin	Henry Stroer-A	Robert Gau
Marion Slattery	Clara Karns	Ray Karl
Jack McAdoo	William Woehrle	Wayne Pevler
Bob Murray -Guest	Bob Marx - Guest	

The following action was taken:

The delegates observed a few moments of silence to the memory of Turner Gene Mitchell.

The 1971 Milwaukee Turnfest was discussed at length. The Milwaukee delegate stated that Farkas did the best he could with the facilities available.

The minutes of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education were read and accepted as corrected.

It was this committee's recommendation that the National Turnfest rules be adhered to at all times.

Judging was discussed at length. Turner Diamant made a motion, seconded by Turner Thane, that each society be requested to send a qualified judge for every ten participants or the majority thereof.

Fifteen-minute recess.

Two recommendations to the committee; both rejected.

First recommendation led to the committee's recommending that we establish a system of regional championships to be patterned after the existing system of National Championships and to include the use of the bidding guide, limited to one (1) championship per region, per year. This was a motion made by Turner Warnken and seconded.

Minutes of the recent AAU meeting were introduced and if anyone desires to read them, they are available for reading and are also printed in the Turner Topics.

Recessed for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

Discussion on National Physical Education Committee minutes.

Judging: After much discussion it was decided that whoever is hosting a Turnfest makes the decision and if an adequate number of judges is available, they should all be used.

Hurl ball: After much discussion it was put to a vote and decided that the weight of the hurl ball will remain the same for ALL groups.

Films: A motion was made by Turner Markus and seconded that the National make available to each region films of the mass drill and all compulsory routines, and costs to be borne by the National Festival Fund.

Accepted - all in favor. These films could be kept by the National Office in a "film library" to be used by all societies.

Grouping: This committee recommends for our next National Turnfest, to change grouping of societies according to entries. The rules should be re-written to determine the accumulation of society points. Potential scoring ability will be assigned to your society based upon original entries in gymnastics and track and field, to determine grouping in three (3) groups. After grouping is established, a bonus point will be given for each entry in gymnastics and track and field for determination of final team scoring.

Optionals: More optional work is to be introduced into the Turnfests. This is to be left to the discretion of the National Health and Physical Education Committee.

The National Leaders Course has started a program within the course in preparing a set of compulsory routines which as each year follows a set will be added. This also will aid the National Health and Physical Education Committee with preparing the already approved manual for use in the individual societies and conducting meets.

This committee recommends that the rule of submitting a doctor's certificate for Turnfests be enforced.

Pertaining to the National Festival Rules, Page 9, Article 2, Number 3, at the end of the second sentence the following is to be added: "...excepting ladies who become a member of the society by choice." This decision was arrived at after a lengthy discussion.

A motion was made by Turner Diamant and seconded, for the National Health and Physical Education Committee to set a minimum entry fee for all National Championships.

Turner Schroeder made a motion that was seconded, that this committee recommend the Regional Physical Education Director attend and oversee all National Events held in his region and be reimbursed by the National Office.

At this time Turner Schroeder asked that the following be incorporated in these minutes: The New York Turn Verein requests to donate a traveling volleyball trophy for men, in memory of Turner Philip Kohlhepp, who died at the Clinton Turners during the National Volleyball Tournament in May 1972.

Turner Steele moved to accept a motion made in the National Health and Physical Education Committee minutes, that we make the next championship a team compulsory on the first day, and an individual optional competition on the second day. All were in favor.

A motion made by Turner Schroeder and seconded in the minutes of the National Health and Physical Education Committee meeting to this convention committee, was accepted, "to subsidize the winning regional team to insure the team's returning to the next National Apparatus Gymnastic Meet, also to instill competition.

New Business

This committee recommends to convention, to add to page 15 of the National Festival Rules - beginning of page 15.

Events for pool 60 feet in length:

160-yard individual medley for men and women.

For pool 75 feet in length:

200-yard individual medley for men and women.

Events for competitors 18 years and over for men and women will remain as shown on page 15.

For competitors 14 through 17 years, men and women, the following events are recommended:

For pool 60 feet in length -

100-yard free style breast stroke, back stroke and butterfly; 200-yard free style; 160-yard free style relay; 160-yard individual medley.

Events for pool 75 feet in length for competitors 14 through 17 years for men and women:

100-yard free style, breast stroke, back stroke and butterfly;
200-yard free style; 400-yard free style relay; 200-yard individual medley.

A motion was made by Turner Diamant and seconded by Turner Steele for the National American Turners to look into and to develop a teacher training program, for instructors in Turner Societies. All in Favor.

Still under new business, recommendation #2 that had been rejected by this committee was requested to be re-opened for consideration by the Milwaukee Turner School Board Delegate. A motion was made and seconded that this request be presented as a minority report to the convention.

Bids for Tournaments for 1973 and 1974 were urged by Turner Trummer.

A letter sent by the Ft. Wayne Turner Ladies to Turner Trummer was recommended by this committee to be forwarded to the National Golf Chairman for consideration.

This committee places in nomination the name of Turner Trummer for National Health and Physical Education Chairman. Turner Trummer stood and expressed his desire to be relieved of this nomination and thanked the delegates for their consideration. A nomination was then received for Turner William (Bill) Woehrle. This committee now places in nomination Turner William Woehrle for the seat of National Health and Physical Education Chairman. A motion was then entertained to adjourn at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daisy M. Pippin, Secretary
William R. Woehrle, Chairman

Motion was made by Daisy Pippin to accept the minutes of the Health and Physical Education Committee as read. Motion was seconded.

Turner Pevler announced that the minority report referred to on Page Three of the report would not be submitted.

Motion was made by Jacquin (W.NY) to amend the recommendation in the first paragraph on Page Three to read: "that the winning regional team in the National Apparatus Gymnastic Meet be subsidized by the National organization at the next National Apparatus Gymnastic Meet, to insure their returning and also to instill competition." Motion to amend was seconded and carried.

Motion was made by Warnken (St.L.) to delete the word "original" in the fifth paragraph on Page Two and substitute the word "official," making the sentence read: "Potential scoring ability will be assigned to your society based upon official entries....." Amendment was seconded and carried.

Motion was made by Elste (Ill.), seconded and carried, to amend Page 3 to show events "For pool 75 feet or 25 meters in length."

Motion by Gunther (LE) to amend report to show that Turner Kay Kitson, alternate from his district, was present at the meeting, and that Henry Stroer was not in attendance. Seconded and carried.

A vote was then taken and passed to accept the report as amended.

Turner Schroader (NY) asked that the Convention at this time hear a report from Turner Thomas Steele of the New England District. Turner Steele is a recipient of one of the Turner scholarships to the Normal College. He stated that the Turner College no longer has any affiliation whatsoever with any Turnverein and that its students are not receiving instructions in teaching gymnastics but in competing with other colleges and universities. He suggested that we take a long look and begin to organize and form another training program for instructors, and recommended that the National Council investigate the possibilities of instituting a new training program and determining a suitable location for this training. Motion to this effect was made by Jacquin (W.NY), seconded and carried.

The report of the Committee on Principles, Statutes, and Grievances was read by its secretary, Turner John Westermeyer.

REPORT OF PRINCIPLES, STATUTES, AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

Turner Strobel called the committee to order as temporary chairman, and proceeded to call for a chairman. Turner Louis Baker accepted as chairman of the committee. Turner Westermeyer was elected secretary.

Delegates in attendance were Theodore Strobel, Hans Wandscher, Arthur Hoyler, John Smocer, Herman Zweifel, Pressley P. Pippin, Adolph Zink, George J. Jacquin, Frank A. Lynch, Albert Udovich, Louis Baker, Elmer Crook, John A. Westermeyer, Ralph Noon, Cliff Anderson.

The following resolutions were passed:

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED that Article 20A be added to the Statutes of the American Turners to read as follows: "Members at large" shall be allowed one (1) Federal vote representing all of the members at large. The members at large who attend a National Convention shall caucus just prior to the opening of the Convention to elect one of their members as the delegate to the convention.
- (2) BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Article 27 of the Statutes of the American Turners be revised to read as follows: "At National Conventions, the elected officers of the National Council who are: the President, the First Vice President and the Second Vice President, shall have all the rights of delegates, except the right to vote and hold convention office, and for this reason they cannot represent a District. These officers may be sent to the National Convention at the expense of the American Turners."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Article 27A be added to the Statutes of the American Turners to read as follows: "The National Secretary, National Treasurer, the Chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee, the Chairman of the National Cultural Committee and the Chairman of the National Bowling Committee may be invited to attend the National Convention in the interest of their particular office or activity. If invited in this capacity, those individuals shall be governed by the same restrictions and privileges granted the elected officers in Article 27. If those individuals attend the convention for any reason other than by invitation referred to above, then they shall be governed by the same restrictions and privileges granted any other Turner member and in this case they may represent a District and hold convention office, but their expenses may not be paid by the American Turners."

- (3) BE IT RESOLVED THAT: An executive committee is hereby established to be officially appointed by the National Council after each convention, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Section 44(d) of the Statutes of the American Turners be changed to Section 44(e) and a new section 44(d) be added to read as follows: "An executive committee shall consist of the elected officers of the National Council who are: the President, the 1st Vice President and the 2nd Vice President. This committee to meet from time to time during the interim between National Council meetings to conduct routine business needing immediate attention. The National Council must be informed of all non-routine action taken."

- (4) BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 18 of the Statutes of the American Turners be changed to read as follows: "All acts of the National Convention that are not subject to approval by a referendum shall take effect thirty (30) days after adjournment of the Convention."
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- (5) BE IT RESOLVED that Article 64 be changed to read as follows: "The National Secretary and the National Council shall keep, preserve and have custody of the records of the National Health and Physical Education Committee."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Article 69 be changed to read as follows: "The National Secretary and the National Council shall keep, preserve and have custody of, the records of the National Cultural Education Committee."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Article 73 be changed to read as follows: "The National Secretary and the National Council shall keep, preserve and have custody of, the records of the National Bowling Committee."

- (6) BE IT RESOLVED that Article 70 be rewritten to read as follows: "The National Bowling Committee shall be composed of at least one member from each Region of the American Turners, appointed by the National Council upon recommendation of their respective Regions. One woman at large shall be nominated by the members of the National Bowling Committee and elected by a majority vote of the committee members, with the approval of the National Council. The member at large of the National Bowling Committee shall serve for four (4) years."
- (7) BE IT RESOLVED That a new article 111 be included in the Statutes of the American Turners, to read as follows: "The American Turners shall publish an official organ, and the expense of publishing and placing every member of the American Turners on the subscription list of this organ, presently known as 'American Turner Topics', shall be allocated from the General Fund of the American Turners."
- (8) BE IT RESOLVED that the following sentence be deleted from Article 37:
- "The National President of the American Turners National Auxiliary shall have a seat with voice and vote on the Council with expenses borne by the Treasury of the Women's Auxiliary."
- (9) BE IT RESOLVED that Article 28A be added to the Statutes to read as follows: "The National President of the American Turners National Women's Auxiliary shall have a seat and vote on the National Council, with expenses to be borne by the treasury of the Women's Auxiliary."
- (10) BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the word "should" following "admission to another society", be changed to "must", in Article 98.
- (11) BE IT RESOLVED THAT the delegates of the 54th Convention do approve of the action taken by the National Council at its annual meeting on October 24, 1970, to raise the annual members at large dues to \$15.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Paragraph 108 of the Statutes of the American Turners be revised as follows: "The annual dues of members at large shall be \$15.00 payable in advance to the American Turners on the first day of January."

- (12) BE IT RESOLVED that Section 131 of the Statutes of the American Turners be revised to read as follows: "Society Instructors are eligible for participation in competitive events in a National Festival."

The following resolutions were rejected:

That article 109 be supplemented by the following resolutions: "Widows of 40 and 50-year Honorary Members may assume their deceased husband's membership and will be exempt from payment of per capita tax. The minimum age for receiving Honorary membership is fifty-eight years."

and

"Widows of members of the American Turners may assume their deceased husband's membership and may be accredited the years of their husband's membership toward achievement of 40-year Honorary Membership. The minimum age for receiving Honorary Membership is fifty-eight years."

That all ladies involved in the American Turners National Ladies Auxiliary be included in the mailing lists to receive the American Turner Topics as of the coming National Convention, in St. Louis, in August, 1972.

That Article 28B be added to the Statutes, to read: "The officers of the American Turners shall be the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the National Secretary and the National Treasurer."

That consideration be given to lowering the senior eligibility age to 25 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis Baker, Chairman
John A. Westermeyer, Secretary

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Inasmuch as the report of the Principles, Statutes and Grievances Committee involved statute changes, each was considered in turn.

Resolution #1: Motion to concur by Zweifel (Ill.) and seconded. Passed with 141 affirmative Federal votes.

Resolution #2: Motion to concur with first part by Zweifel, seconded and passed with 141 affirmative Federal votes. Motion to concur with 2nd part also made by Zweifel, seconded and passed with 141 affirmative Federal votes.

Resolution #3: Motion to concur by Dau (Upper Miss.) Seconded and carried with 124 affirmative Federal votes, 17 negative.

Resolution #4: Motion to concur by Zweifel (Ill.), seconded and carried by 141 affirmative Federal votes.

Resolution #5: Motion to concur by Diamant (NY), seconded and carried by 141 affirmative Federal votes.

Resolution #6: Motion to concur by Huth (W.NY), seconded and carried by 141 affirmative Federal votes.

Resolution #7: Motion to concur by Kesper (NY), seconded and carried by 141 affirmative Federal votes.

Resolutions #8 and 9: Motion to concur by Kovaly (W.Pa.), seconded and carried by 141 affirmative votes.

Resolution #10: Motion to concur by Diamant (NY) and seconded. Motion was defeated with 124 negative Federal votes against 17 affirmative.

Resolution #11: Motion to concur by Turner Daisy Pippin and seconded. Defeated by a Federal vote of 75 affirmative and 66 negative. (Two-thirds majority vote was needed.)

Resolution #12: Motion to concur by Daisy Pippin, seconded and carried by 141 affirmative Federal votes.

At this time a minority report was presented by Turner Jacquin on the following resolution which had been rejected in committee:
RESOLVED that Article 28B be added to the Statutes, to read: The officers of the American Turners shall be the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the National Secretary and the National Treasurer.

Turner Jacquin made a motion, which was seconded, that the Convention adopt the above minority report. Motion was defeated.

Motion was made by Diamant (NY), seconded and carried, to accept the balance of the Report of the Principles, Statutes and Grievance Committee. Turner Pippin questioned why consideration was not given to resolutions submitted by the Middle Atlantic District. These had apparently been lost in the mails and were not received within the statutory time limit. Ruling was made by the Parliamentarian, Turner Jacquin, that consideration of these statute changes would be out of order. Turner Diamant's motion was then passed.

Motion was made by Kovaly (W.Pa.), seconded and carried, to continue the session until all business has been completed, rather than to break for lunch.

At this time the Convention rose for a moment of silence in memory of those Turners who have passed away during the past two years. Three former National figures were among those who were lost during this period: Turner Carl Weideman, past president; Turner Eugene Mitchell, former Health and Physical Education Chairman; and Turner Al Warr, former Region VI Councilor.

Under New Business, motion was made by Moran (NE), seconded and carried, that the 1974 National Convention be held at Springfield, Massachusetts.

Turner Robert Dau (Upper Miss.) extended the invitation of the Moline Turners for a National Convention in 1976. This will be voted upon at the next Convention.

Turner Wilfred Racker announced that he will work closely with the new Bowling Chairman, Robert St. Peters, in planning the Junior Bowling Tournament, but that all correspondence should continue to be addressed to him.

Turner Pauline Stephens extended an invitation to the 1973 Bowling Tournament being sponsored by North St. Louis.

Turner Schuler of the Central States District asked that all delegates and guests rise and join in giving a vote of thanks to the National officers for the past two years.

Turner Erwin Schrader suggested that the secretary be instructed to send a letter to Turner Rudolph Schrader of Northwest-Chicago, a 77-year member, expressing the Convention's regret that he was unable to attend the Convention as he had planned. Turner Pressley Pippin asked that a similar letter be sent also to Turner A. Herman Niehaus of the Western Pennsylvania District, who was prevented from attending because of ill health.

Turner Pevler (Wisc.) congratulated Concordia Turners for the wonderful job they had done in every phase of conducting this Convention. He pleaded for greater unity in the Turner movement, and urged that in future, reports being presented should stress the positive and good results that were obtained rather than dwell too heavily on mistakes which were made.

Turner Schroeder (NY) asked that members of the National Health and Physical Education be named and introduced, if present. Turners Woehrle, Buehler, Gunther were introduced by Turner Trummer. The committee also includes Turners Duda, Calhoun, Rigby, Roethlisberger, and Beckner, who were not present.

Turner Thane expressed the thanks of the New York Turn Verein in having the Honor Key awarded to their Turner Omar Gagmon.

Turner Adolph Zink asked that the National office conduct a survey to determine how many societies still bar women as members. He urged all delegates to take the message back to their societies that they should change their by-laws to allow women members.

Turner Arnold Trummer announced that the new Golf Chairman for the next two years will be Turner Richard Schlund.

Turner Daisy Pippin thanked the members of the National Council who voted to give her society \$500.00 for the purchase of new gym mats.

Turner Woehrle extended an invitation to attend the New Ulm Regional Invitational Turnfest next June.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M., upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille B. Bothfeld

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Secretary to the 54th National Convention