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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE 1989 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE RACV CLUB, MELBOURNE
ON SATURDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1989

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association
Queensland Athletic Association
Victorian Athletic Association
Athletic Association of South Australia
Athletic Association of Western Australia
Athletic Association of Tasmania
Australian Capital Territory Athletic Association
Northern Territory Athletic Association

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Australian Track & Field Coaches Association
Australian Universities Sports Association
Australian Association of Veterans' Athletic Clubs
Australian Little Athletics Union
Australian Athletic Confederation

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Minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Australian Athletic Union held at the RACV Club, Queen Street, Melbourne on Saturday, 5th August, 1989 commencing at 9.07am.

First Session - 9.07am - 12.30pm

Second Session - 1.25pm - 4.00pm

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES:

Officers: President - G.T. Briggs, AM, JP (Chairman); Honorary Treasurer - S.M.L. Guilfoyle; General Manager - R.W. Pannell.

Delegates:

Queensland - J. Cross, R. Brandis

New South Wales - R.M. Durie OAM, C.D. Lee

Victoria - K. Farrance, Dr. B. Hodgson

Tasmania - N.J. Ruddock AM, B. Roe

South Australia - D. Prince, K. Edwards

Western Australia - J. Hancy, J. Baguley

Australian Capital Territory - D. Wilson, P. Hamilton

Northern Territory - R. Ralph

Aust. Track & Field Coaches Assn. - T. Rice

Also present: National Coach - T. Benson; Minute Secretary - J. Brown.

Life Members: M. Robinson, MBE, L. Neville, OAM, M. Ebzery OAM.

Observers: M. Mahony OAM, (Director), A. Batchelor (NSWAAA), G. Mason (VAA), M. Mathews (AT & FCA)

Apologies: D. Magee MBE, B. Gardner, F. Wrighter OAM, BEM, M. McQuiston, BEM.

2. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING MEETING

2.1 The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

2.2 The President declared open the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Union and extended a welcome to all members present, especially welcoming B. Roe, K. Farrance, Dr. B. Hodgson, J. Hancy and T. Rice to their first meeting as delegates.

3. ADMISSION OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

3.1 It was resolved to admit press and broadcasting representatives to the meeting subject to their not reporting the substance of any discussion held in camera and to submitting for approval any statements on controversial issues.

3.2 The Chairman welcomed R. Carter (Age).

4. OBITUARY:

4.1 The Meeting observed a one minute silence in memory of Mr. Jack Forrest, a long time official with the Queensland Athletic Association and Mr. R.P. Heathwood (NSWAAA).

5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

May I welcome you to this Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Australian Athletic Union Incorporated. You represent the shareholders of that company. I trust you accept that onerous responsibility.

When I spoke to you last year, I said that "Now is the time - more than ever - to adopt a national outlook because the Union is in a serious financial position - more than serious in fact and we are at the crossroads because of our collective approach over the past couple of years. If hard decisions are not taken this weekend then the sport is bankrupt and all the good work over the past ten years - and there has been a lot of progress made in all sorts of directions - will have been wasted.

Well I am delighted to be able to say that the hard decisions were taken and we now have in place an exciting change of name, a vigorous marketing plan and we have received most interesting data from a public relations research project. We are thus pointed in a new direction and I trust that each of your decisions here is reached in that context. I wish you well in your deliberations.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

6.1 Minute 9.2 Add the words:

.....and submitted to the Board of the Union for inclusion in the minutes of the Board Meeting.

6.2 Minute 12.4 That the 1988/89 Annual Report be amended to include the registrations figures of the NSWAAA.

6.3 Minute 14.1 Delete the words "it would appear".

6.4 Minute 14.6 That the following foreword be added to clarify the motion: The previous motion adopted at the 1986 Congress was found by the Honorary Solicitor of the Union not to be in accordance with the Articles of the Union.

6.5 It was moved by C. Lee (NSW), seconded by R. Durie (NSW) that the Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting be taken as a true and correct subject to the amendments shown in 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 & 6.4.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

7.1 Minute 14.2.1 re Permit Meetings - NSWAAA

7.1.1 Mr. Lee spoke to the meeting requesting that as the matter had now been put before 3 Annual General Meetings and was the subject of a Mail Vote and had been lost on all occasions, the matter not be raised again.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, LIFE MEMBERS, MERIT AWARDS AND TRUSTEES:

8.1 President

Nomination received for: D. Prince (SA)

8.1.1 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the nomination of D. Prince (SA) be accepted.

8.1.2 The motion was carried unanimously.

8.1.3 Mr. Prince responded thanking all delegates for their endorsement, stating that he was very honoured to be the 8th President of the Union and that all the work done by the delegates who had sat around the Annual Meeting tables over the last 50-60 years should be remembered.

8.2 Board of Management - 3 to be elected

Nominations received for: J. Baguley (WA), G. Briggs (Tas), J. Cross (Qld), K. Farrance (Vic), J. Hancy (WA), Dr. M. Lincoln (Vic), B. Stanton (SA), D. Wilson (ACT).

8.2.1 A ballot resulted in the following persons being elected to the Board of Management: J. Baguley (WA), G. Briggs (Tas) and D. Wilson (ACT).

8.2.2 A ballot resulted in D. Wilson (ACT) being elected Vice President.

8.3 Treasurer

Nominations received for: G.T. Briggs (Tas), Dr. M. Lincoln (Vic).

8.3.1 A ballot resulted in Dr. M. Lincoln (Vic) being elected as Treasurer.

8.4 Trustees - 2 to be elected for each Foundation

R.W. Clarke Foundation: Nomination received for: D. Wilson (ACT)

Alf Robinson Foundation: Nomination received for: D. Wilson (ACT)

8.4.1 The Chairman informed the Meeting that the Board of Directors had amended the Rules of the R.W. Clarke & Alf Robinson Foundations on 4th August, 1989 and that Trustees for these Foundations were no longer necessary subsequently no election was required.

8.5 Statistician

Nominations received for: Nil

8.5.1 A nomination for P. Jenes (Vic) was received from the floor and P. Jenes (Vic) was duly declared Statistician.

- 8.6 Selection Committee - Track & Field - 1 to be elected
Nominations received for: D. Cross (Qld), R. McFadden (SA), V. Stanton (WA), P. Turney (Vic).
- 8.6.1 A ballot resulted in P. Turney (Vic) being elected.
- 8.6.2 P. Jenes (Vic) was appointed Chairman.
- 8.7 Selection Committee - Road Running, Cross Country & Walks - 1 to be elected
Nominations received for: W. Bain (Qld), R.J. Gibb (NSW), V. Stanton (WA).
- 8.7.1 A ballot resulted in R.J. Gibb (NSW) being elected.
- 8.7.2 B. Roe (Tas) was appointed Chairman
- 8.8 Officials Committee - 8 to be elected, one from each State or Territory.
Nominations received for: M. Ebzery OAM (Tas), B. Pearl (SA), W.G. Tempest (WA), D. Wilson (ACT), F. Wrighter BEM (NSW).
- 8.8.1 Nominations were received from the floor for J. Bonwick (Qld), R. Ralph (NT) and J. Hines (Vic).
- 8.8.2 All of the above were appointed and Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSW) was appointed Convenor.
- 8.8.3 Executive of Officials Committee - 3 to be elected
Nomination received for: B. Pearl (SA) who was duly appointed.
- 8.8.4 All other members of the Officials were included in the ballot for the Executive and the final result was as follows:
B. Pearl (SA), D. Wilson (ACT) and F. Wrighter (NSW).
- 8.8.4.1 F. Wrighter (NSW) was appointed Convenor of the Executive.
- 8.9 Technical Committee - 3 to be elected
Nominations received for: D. Dohnt (SA), I. Galbraith (ACT), F. Napier (WA).
- 8.9.1 There being only three nominations D. Dohnt (SA), I. Galbraith (ACT) and F. Napier (WA) were appointed to the Technical Committee.
- 8.9.2 I. Galbraith (ACT) was appointed Convenor.
- 8.10 Women's Committee - 3 to be elected
Nominations received for: Nil

- 8.10.1 Nominations were called for and received from the floor for M. Koenan (ACT) and L. Appleby (Tas) who were duly appointed.
- 8.10.2 L. Appleby (Tas) was appointed Convenor
- 3.11 Walking Committee - 3 to be elected
- Nominations received for: M. Donahoo (Vic), T. Jones (WA), R. McFadden (SA), M. Patterson (Vic), M. Smith (WA), R. Smith (Vic), N.B. Stanton (WA), H. Summers (Vic), L.C. Waddell (ACT).
- A ballot resulted in the election of R. Smith (Vic) H. Summers (Vic) and L.C. Waddell (ACT). R. Smith was appointed Convenor.
- 8.12 Constitution Committee - 3 to be elected, all of whom shall be residents of the same State or Territory.
- Nominations received for: M.J. Macdermott, R.B. Macdermott, P. O'Brien (Qld.)
- 8.12.1 There being only three nominations Messrs. M.J. Macdermott, R.B. Macdermott and P. O'Brien (Qld) were appointed. Mr. P. O'Brien was appointed Chairman.
- 8.13 Records Committee - 3 to be elected all of whom shall be residents of the same State or Territory.
- Nominations received for: Nil
- 8.13.1 Nominations were called and received from the floor for R. Jenkins, G. Nicholls and M. McLaughlin (Vic) who were duly appointed. R. Jenkins was appointed Convenor.
- 8.11 Life Membership
- Nomination received for: N.J. Ruddock AM (Tas).
- 8.14.1 N.J. Ruddock AM was elected a Life Member of the Union and was presented with a Life Membership Badge by the Chairman.
- 8.14.2 Mr. Ruddock responded stating that he was honoured to join this elite band of people.
- 8.15 Merit Award - not more than two Awards may be granted in any one year.
- Nominations received for: R.K. Hood (Tas), P.W. Lucas (NSW), E.D. Murphy (Qld).
- 8.15.1 A ballot was conducted resulting in R. Hood (Tas) and P. Lucas (NSW) being awarded the Merit Award of the Union.

8.16 It was reported that D. Prince (SA) had resigned as a Director of the Union as of 4th August, 1989 and it was moved K. Edwards (SA), seconded B. Roe (Tas) that an election be held at this Annual General Meeting to fill the vacancy and that nominations be called from the floor.

The motion was carried.

8.16.1 Nominations were received for B. Stanton (SA), B. Roe (Tas) and Dr. M. Lincoln (Vic).

8.16.2 A ballot resulted in the election of Mr. B. Roe (Tas).

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9.1 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded K. Edwards (SA) that the Report of the Board of Directors for the year 1989 be adopted.

The motion was carried.

10. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

10.1 It was moved D. Prince (SA), seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the Report of the Treasurer and Financial statements for year ended 31st March, 1989 be received.

10.1.1 The motion was carried.

10.2 Recommendation: That the capitation fee for billing year 1990/91 be \$9.00. The recommendation was withdrawn.

10.3 Recommendation by NSWAAA: That the registration fees payable to the Union for Winter Athletes for the year ending 31st March, 1991 be \$2.00. (Refer Agenda Item 15.1) The recommendation was withdrawn.

10.4 Recommendation by NSWAAA: That the registration fees payable to the Union for all athletes under 14 for the year ended 31st March, 1991 be \$2.00. (Refer Agenda Item 15.3) The recommendation was withdrawn.

10.5 It was moved D. Prince (SA), seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the Budget 1989/90 as presented be adopted.

The motion was carried.

10.5 The Chairman stated that it is still anticipated that the Union would receive \$US10,000 from the IAAF which should eliminate the deficit presently shown under 1988 World 15km Road Race for Women.

10.6 It was moved J. Cross (Qld), seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the apportion of fees for 1989/90 be based on 1986 registration figures and adjusted annually by the CPI figure and the duration be for a period of ten years.

The motion was carried.

10.7 It was moved P. Hamilton (ACT), seconded R. Ralph (NT) that for the purpose of apportionment of fees that Northern Territory figures should be set at 13.

The motion was carried.

10.8 It was moved P. Hamilton (ACT), seconded R. Ralph (NT) that in the year ending 31/3/1991 an additional levy of \$20,000 be imposed.

The motion was carried.

11. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

11.1 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded R. Brandis (Qld) that the Report of the Secretary as submitted be received and adopted.

The motion was carried.

12. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COACH

12.1 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the Report of the National Coach as submitted be received and adopted.

The motion was carried.

13. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

13.1 Report of the Walking Committee

13.2 Report of the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee

13.3 Report of the Cross Country, Road Running & Walks Selection Committee

13.4 Report of the Track & Field Selection Committee

13.5 Report of the Technical Committee

13.6 Report of the Constitution Committee

13.7 Report of the Statistician

13.8 Report of the Distance Running Commission

13.9 Report of the Junior Development Commission

13.10 Report of the Women's Committee

13.11 Report of the Records Committee

13.12 Report of the Sports Science and Medicine Committee

13.13 Report of the Finance & Administration Commission

13.14 Report of the Information Systems Commission

13.15 Report of the Officials Committee

13.16 Report of the Athletes Commission

13.17 It was moved D. Prince (SA) seconded C. Lee (NSW) that the reports of all Standing Committee as listed above be received and adopted.

The motion was carried.

14. REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS

- 14.1 Report of the Victorian Athletic Association Inc.
- 14.2 Report of the Athletic Association of Western Australia
- 14.3 Report of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association
- 14.4 Report of the Athletic Association of Tasmania
- 14.5 Report of the Queensland Athletic Association Limited
- 14.6 Report of the Athletic Association of South Australia
- 14.7 Report of the Australian Capital Territory Athletic Association
- 14.8 Report of the Northern Territory Athletic Association Inc.

4.9 It was moved D. Prince (SA), seconded C. Lee (NSW) that he reports of the above Associations, with the exception of NTAAA where no report was tabled, be received and adopted.

The motion was carried.

15. MOTIONS UPON NOTICE

- 15.1 Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that new Article 2 (xxi) be adopted by special resolution:

Article 2 (xxi) "Winter Athlete" shall mean an athlete who has been accepted for membership by any Member Association whose Constitution permits that Association to admit such a person to membership under a separate class called "Winter Athlete". Such membership shall only permit that person to compete in competition organised or authorised by that Member Association, but not represent any Member Association in any competition. Such membership shall be restricted to the months of April to September of each year, and shall only permit such member to compete in cross country, road running or road walking".

The motion was withdrawn.

- 15.2 Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that if new Article 2 (xxi) is adopted existing Article 2 (xxi) to (xxiv) be renumbered (xxii) to (xxv) by special resolution.

The motion was withdrawn.

- 15.3 Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that Article 15(a) be amended by special resolution by deleting the words "except those (if any) under twelve years of age" in the first sentence.

The Article would then read:

Registration 15(a) All officials and competing athletes, irrespective of age, must be registered members of their respective associations and each Member Association shall pay annually to the Union such registration dues as may be determined from time to time by the Union in general meeting on the recommendation of the Treasurer for all of its registered members.
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The motion was withdrawn.

15.4 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded J. Cross (Qld) that Article 15(a) be deleted and replaced by special resolution with the following:

Registration 15(a) All officials and competing athletes, irrespective of age, must be registered members of their respective Associations. Each Member Association shall pay annually to the Union such fees as may be determined from time to time by the Union in general meeting on the recommendation of the Treasurer. Fees payable shall be determined in total, and the apportionment of this figure between Member Associations shall be determined in general meeting. Fees shall be payable in three equal instalments on the first days of April, October and December in each year in respect of the ensuing financial year.

The motion was carried.

15.5 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that Article 16 be amended by special resolution by deleting the second sentence "the payment of any such levy shall be determined by the Union in General Meeting on being furnished with a financial budget for the ensuing financial year. The payment of such levy shall be apportioned between the Member Associations pro rata to their respective registrations" and insert "the payment of such levy shall be determined by the Union in general meeting on being furnished with a financial budget for the ensuing financial year and shall be apportioned between the Member Associations on a basis determined in general meeting. In the absence of such determination, the basis of apportionment shall be that on which fees are set in Article 15.

The Article would then read:

Levies 16. The Union shall have authority to levy each of the Member Associations with such sums as may be necessary or required to provide funds for its normal administrative expenses in any financial year. The payment of such levy shall be determined by the Union in general meeting on being furnished with a financial budget for the ensuing financial year and shall be apportioned between the Member Associations on a basis as determined in general meeting. In the absence of such determination, the basis of apportionment shall be that on which fees are set in Article 15. A levy so imposed shall be paid within 60 days unless otherwise determined by the general meeting at which it was imposed.

The motion was carried.

15.6 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded J. Cross (Qld) that Article 37 be amended by special resolution by deleting the word "voting" in the first line.

The Article would then read:

Qualification for office. 37.

Each of the Directors shall be a member of a company, incorporated association or other body corporate or of an unincorporated association or body which is, during all such times as the Director remains in office, a Member of the Union.

The motion was carried.

15.7 It was moved by B. Hodgson (Vic), seconded R. Durie (NSW) that Article 40(a) be amended by special resolution by inserting the words "provided that the person so nominated has been approved by the Board of the member Association and such person is also a member of that member Association" after the word "Board" in the second line and adding the sentence "No person who is an employee or under a contract or arrangement with the Union or of any member Association shall be eligible to be nominated for the Board of Management."

The Article would then read:

Nominations and election to the Board 40 (a) Any member Association shall be at liberty to nominate any eligible person for election to the Board provided that the person so nominated has been approved by the Board of the member Association and such person is also a member of that member Association provided that the number of nominations by any one member Association may not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled. No person who is an employee or under a contract or arrangement with the Union or of any member Association shall be eligible to be nominated for the Board of Management.

The motion was lost.

15.8 It was moved B. Hodgson (Vic), seconded K. Farrance (Vic) that new Article 40(g) be added by special resolution:

Article 40(g) At any Annual General Meeting at which the Treasurer is due to retire by rotation in accordance with these articles, immediately following the election as aforesaid of the members of the Board of Management to fill the vacancies, an election shall be held to fill the office of the Treasurer from among the members of the Board. The Chairman shall call for and accept nominations for that office at the Annual General Meeting and the provisions of paragraph (e) of this Article thereupon shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to such election.

The motion was lost.

15.9 Submitted by the Victorian Athletic Association that if new Article 40(g) is adopted existing Articles 40(g), 40(h) and 40(i) be renumbered 40(h), 40(i) and 40(j) by special resolution.

The motion was withdrawn.

15.10 Submitted by the Victorian Athletic Association that if new Article 40(g) is adopted that Article 44(b) be deleted and existing Article 44(c) be renumbered 44(b) by special resolution.

The motion was withdrawn.

15.11 Submitted by the Victorian Athletic Association that new Article 46(b) be adopted by special resolution:

Article 46(b) To delegate to an Executive such matters as the Board of Management may from time to time approve.

The motion was withdrawn.

15.12 Submitted by the Victorian Athletic Association that if new Article 46(b) is adopted existing Article 46(b) be renumbered 46(g) by special resolution.

The motion was withdrawn.

15.13 Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Board that By-law 5 be amended by adding the words "which shall comprise the Executive of the Australian Federation of Amateur Race Walking Clubs" after the words "A Walking Committee".

The By-law would then read:

5 (4) A Walking Committee which shall comprise the Executive of the Australian Federation of Amateur Race Walking Clubs. Its duties shall be:

The motion was withdrawn.

15.13.1 It was resolved that C. Lee (NSW) and R. Durie (NSW) should investigate the structure of the Australian Federation of Amateur Race Walking Clubs and report his findings to the Board of Management.

15.14 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded C. Lee (NSW) that By-law 5 (4) be amended by adding the following:

5 (4)(g) to promote the development of Race Walking in Australia

The motion was carried.

15.15 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded C. Lee (NSW) that By-law 5 (6)(d) be amended by replacing the word "appoint" in the first line with the words "recommend to the Executive of the Board".

The Law would then read:

5 (6) (d) To recommend to the Executive of the Board all chief officials for Australian Championships

15.15.1 An amendment was put that 5(6) (d) be deleted, 5(6) (e) and 5(6) (f) be renumbered 5(6) (d) and 5(6) (e) respectively and the words "which shall appoint all Chief Officials at Australian Championships" be added after the word "Union" in the last sentence.

The amendment became the motion.

The motion was carried.

15.16 Submitted by the Secretary that By-Law 5 (7) be deleted and replaced with the following:

5 (7) A Selection Committee of four (4) members, one of whom shall be National Coach. It shall be responsible for the selection of all teams and individuals to represent Australia.

The motion was withdrawn.

15.17 Submitted by the Secretary that if new By-law 5 (7) is adopted By-law 5 (8) be deleted.

The motion was withdrawn.

15.18 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded P. Hamilton (ACT) that By-Law 5 (7) be amended by adding the words "with the National Coach as an additional member with full voting rights" after the word "members" in the first line.

The Law would then read:

5. (7) A Selection Committee of three members, with the National Coach as an additional member with full voting rights, which shall be responsible for the selections of teams and individuals to represent Australia; for events other than road running, cross country and road walking.

The motion was lost.

15.19 Submitted by the Secretary that By-Law 5 (8) be amended by adding the words "with the National Coach as an additional member with full voting rights" after the word "members" in the second line.

The Law would then read:

5. (8) A Road Running, Cross Country & Road Walking Selection Committee of three (3) members, with the National Coach as an additional member with full voting rights, which shall be responsible for the selection of teams and individuals to represent Australia in road running, cross country and road walking events.

The motion was withdrawn.

15.20 Submitted by the Victorian Athletic Association that current By-law 9 be deleted and replaced with:

By-law 9 Executive Committee

Executive of the Board will consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and if deemed necessary one other member of the Board who may have special qualifications or skills required by the Board of Management. The quorum of the Executive is three.

The motion was withdrawn.

15.21 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded D. Prince (SA) that By Law 20 be amended by replacing the word "preceding" with the words "on a convenient day at the time" in the third line.

The Law would then read:

20. SECRETARIES AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS MEETING

The Secretary shall convene a Meeting of Association Secretaries or their proxies which shall be held on a convenient day at the time of the annual general meeting. The President, or in his absence, his nominee shall act as Chairman. The Secretary of an Association shall submit any item of business that he desires to be discussed by the meeting to the Union and to other Associations at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

The motion was carried.

15.22 It was moved by the Secretary that Law 31 (3) (b) be amended by deleting the words "who has resided in Australia for a period of two years" in lines 4/5 and replace with "who has been granted permanent resident status by the Australian Government or is an Australian citizen"

The Law would then read:

31 (3) (b) An Australian National Record shall be one established at an accredited meeting conducted under IAAF Rules by a person who was born in Australia or by a person who has been granted permanent resident status by the Australian Government or is an Australian citizen prior to the date of the performance claimed as a record and who at the time of competition is a person accredited by the Union, or a relay team all of whose members meet the foregoing qualifications.

15.22.1 An amendment was put that the words "was born Australian citizen" be replaced with the following: is an Australian citizen or by a person who has been granted Australian citizenship by the Australian Government.

The Law would then read:

31 (3) (b) An Australian National Record shall be one established at an accredited meeting conducted under IAAF Rules by a person who is an Australian citizen or by a person who has been granted Australian citizenship by the Australian Government.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

15.23 It was moved by the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee, seconded by C. Lee (NSW) that existing By-Law 32 be renumbered By-Law 38 and that existing By-Laws 33 to 38 be renumbered By-Laws 32 to 37.

The motion was carried.

15.24 Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee that new By-Law 39 be adopted.

By-Law 39 Using Drugs

(1) A person shall be deemed to be using drugs if they -

(a) Are found by tests conducted by the IAAF, a member of the IAAF, the AAU or any member of the AAU to have any of the substances set out in IAAF Rule 144, in their body, blood, urine or other excrement;

(b) are found by tests conducted by any sporting body to have any of the substances set out in IAAF Rule 144, in their body, blood, urine or other excrement;

(c) are found by any medical authority, such as a Government Chemical Laboratory or hospital to have any of the substances set out in IAAF Rule 144, in their body, blood, urine or other excrement.

(2) Where the drugs are found pursuant to (b) or (c) above, the Board shall satisfy itself that the tests conducted are of sufficiently accurate and efficient standard.

The motion lapsed.

15.25 Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee that new By-Law 40 be adopted.

By-Law 40 Drug Involvement

(1) A person shall be deemed involved in drugs if they -

(a) are found other than on medical grounds, to supply or possess any of the drugs set out in IAAF Rule 144;

(b) are convicted by a Court of a criminal offence for the consumption, supply or possession of any of the drugs set out in IAAF Rule 144.

(2) Any administrator, coach, official, athlete found to be involved in drugs in accordance with (1) above, shall be ineligible to take part in athletics whether as an administrator, coach, official or athlete for the periods set out in the By-Laws.

The motion lapsed.

15.26 Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee that new By-Law 41 be adopted.

By-Law 41 Ineligibility Periods

(1) The period of ineligibility of the person concerned shall be:

(a) for offences involving ephedrine or its derivatives:

first offence - for a minimum period of 6 months
second offence - for 3 years
third offence - for life

(b) for offences involving other substances on the list of banned classes:

first offence - for 3 years
second offence - for life

(2) The period shall commence:

(a) where an athlete is discovered to have the substances from tests associated with competition - from the beginning of the competition involved;

(b) where a person is sentenced to jail in connection with a criminal conviction - from the date of release from jail;

(c) in any other case - on and from the day of conduct of the tests; and

(d) where these periods are longer than the periods determined by the IAAF Rules, these periods shall prevail.

The motion was withdrawn.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 It was resolved that the meeting move into camera and request the members of the press present not to record any discussion held whilst in camera.

16.1.1 It was moved D. Wilson (ACT), seconded C. Lee (NSW) that this Union strongly supports the proposals to be put before the IAAF Congress in Barcelona and instructs its delegates to vote accordingly. In addition, in line with the policy of the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Olympic Federation and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, will not select for any of its teams a person who has contravened the IAAF regulations.

The motion was carried unanimously.

16.2 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded D. Prince (SA) that this meeting appoint a Working Committee which should comprise a member of the Medical & Scientific Committee and that this Working Committee must consider the report from the IAAF Congress and prepare constitutional amendments which it should put before the Constitution Committee and the Board.

The motion was carried.

16.3 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded D. Prince (SA) that the Working Committee comprise Dr. Brian Sando (Medical & Scientific Committee), Mr. Paul O'Brien (Constitution Committee) and a member of the delegation to the IAAF Congress who shall be appointed by the Executive.

The motion was carried.

16.3.1 It was moved C. Lee (NSW) seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the Board make an appropriate allocation of funds for this Working Committee to carry out its duties.

The motion was carried.

16.4 It was moved D. Wilson (ACT), seconded P. Hamilton (ACT) "The Australian Half Marathon Championship be deleted from the schedule of Championships which are conducted by Athletics Australia".

The motion was lost.

16.5 Submitted by Athletics SA:

Preliminary: SA would like to see a change in the governing structure of Athletics Australia. Two bodies should make up the Corporate Management.

- (1) The Board of Management
- (2) Administrative Commission - Executive Directors

(1) The Board of Management

This Board should be responsible for National strategy and direction of the Sport of Athletics in Australia. The structure of this Board is as follows:-

1. PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN

2. VICE PRESIDENT

3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
GM	FIN.	MARK	DEVL	COACH	SPONS	GOVT	AA	ATHLETE		
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Appointments are by:

- (1) Elected at AGM - Athletics Australia for 3 year term
- (2) Elected at AGM - Athletics Australia for 3 year term
Note* This position is envisaged as a stepping stone to the Presidency and so is also for 3 years.
- (3) Ex Officio whilst holding this office - No voting rights

(4-8) Appointed by the "Special Executive" and the Administrative Commission from recommendations made by State Associations and the Special Executive.

Note* Each Executive Director should only recommend a short list of no more than 3 for each position after their State Board/Executive have prioritised their listings.

(9) Rep from ASC - appointment by that body

(10) Nominated at the AGM - one year term

(11) Appointed by the Athletes Commission

(12) This position is for observation by invitation of the President and will be issued to a representative from

- * AOF
- * Australian Commonwealth Games Association
- * Confederation of Australian Sport
- * Australian Institute of Sport

NO VOTING RIGHTS

(13) National Coaching Director - Ex-officio whilst holding their position - observation only

NO VOTING RIGHTS

The aim of this structure is to find the best person available in Australia for each position, therefore States may put forward contacts from anywhere in the nation. This means that an Executive Director may apply for any of the positions on the Board where qualified.

A special Executive comprising of:

- * The President
- * The Vice President
- * The General Manager
- * Rep from Administrative Commission

will meet when matters of an urgent nature are required.

Administrative Commission

Comprises of Executive Director/General Managers of each State. Chairperson to be a member of the Special Executive or their appointee.

SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(1) Board of Management (B.M)

The Board of Management should meet a minimum of three (3) times annually; but may meet at the discretion of the President more often.

The B.M. is responsible for the development and strategic planning of athletics in Australia.

The B.M.'s function is to receive reports from each portfolio, and to approve plans for the benefit of a successful National Athletic profile.

The B.M. should set short term and long term goals that the Administrative Commission can successfully implement:

- (i) eg. Operate Athletics Australia annually with a surplus of 20% above operating administrative costs.
- (ii) Harness the participation of athletics nationally to achieve better results.
- (iii) Provide the mechanism for elite athletes to represent in the International arena at the highest level.
- (iv) Enhance the profile of the sport by (a) promoting National and International meets in Australia and (b) promoting Junior Development of athletics.

(2) The B.M. has the responsibility for the overall structure and result of Athletics Australia.

(3) The B.M. will receive recommendations from the A.C. for adoption.

President - The President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia. Their term of office is for 3 years. The duty of the President is to preside at every Board of Management meeting and the AGM of AA. The President may only have a casting vote as Chairman of these meetings.

Vice President - The Vice President shall be elected at the AGM of AA. Their term of office is for 3 years. The duties of the Vice President is to deputise at any meeting of the B of M or AGM together with other such duties as directed by the Board.

Finance Director - The Finance Director is selected by the Executive and the Administrative Commission, and serves for 3 years. The duty of the Finance Director is to preside at the Finance Committee Meetings and to oversee the operations of the Treasurer and General Manager in relations dealing with AA finances.

The Finance Director will present at the last B of M Meeting preceding the new financial year, a budget for the ensuing Financial Year and herewith review the budget as directed by the Board.

The Finance Director will present at each B of M Meeting and the AGM of AA a statement of the financial position of the AA as at the last month prior to such meetings.

Marketing Director - The M.D. shall be selected by the "Executive" and the Administrative Commission for a 2 year period. The duty of the M.D. is to preside at Marketing Meetings of AA and report to the BM Meetings and the AGM. The MD will also liaise closely with any appointed Marketing/Public Relations Companies that AA may employ.

Sponsorship Director - Ex-officio representative of the appointed Sponsorship Management Company of AA. The duty is to report to the B of M and AGM on sponsorship activities of AA and be directed by the Board on Fund Raising requirements of AA.

Development Director - The D.D. shall be selected by the "Executive" and the Administrative Commission for a period of 2 years. The duty of the D.D. is to preside at meetings of the Schools, Junior Development, A.T. & F.C.A., A.I.S., and other Institutes and report to the B.M. and the AGM. The D.D. will also advise the B.M. on facilities and long term opportunities.

Government Executive - This position will be advised by the A.S.C. and will advise the B.M. on National policies and directions. Ideally a one year term will apply.

A.A. Director - The A.A.D. will be elected by the AGM of AA for a period of 1 year. The duty of the AAD will be to represent the registered members and the member Associations and to liaise with same.

Athlete Representative Director - The A.R.D. will be elected by the Athletes Commission for a period of 1 year. The duty of the A.R.D. will be to report to the B.M. upon matters relating to athletes and to report back to the Athletes Commission on issues from the B.M.

The General Manager - The G.M. is ex-officio and reports to the B.M. on the Administrative Commission Meetings and reports back to the A.C. on B of M matters.

The G.M. is responsible for executing and monitoring all matters from the B.M. unless otherwise directed.

Coaching Director - The C.D. is appointed at the A.G.M. and is for a 1 year period.

Any Member of the Board who is negligent in fulfilling their duties as outlined, shall cease to be a member of the Board.

Other functions of the Board of Management.

- Endorse the Budget of AA
- Set Drug Policy of AA
- Endorse National Team selection criteria
- Endorse Overseas Travel by AA Teams
- Set Policy on Participation Levels for AA
- Set Policy on Talent Levels for AA
- Set Policy on High Performance Levels for AA
- Develop facilities in conjunction with Government and State Associations
- Develop Coaching opportunities nationally

Executive Functions:-

- Recommend full-time personnel for National positions to the B of M.
- Appoint Managers and Coaches for National Teams

- Appoint AA delegates to IAAF, Government, AOF, ACGA, AIS, and other representative organisations

- Endorse National Team selection

Administrative Commission (A.C)

The A.C. shall execute the policies of the Board of Management. The link between both bodies will be via the General Manager, and the presiding Chairperson of the A.C.

The A.C. shall be responsible for the daily administration of the sport of athletics in Australia.

The A.C. shall deal with:

- Programming of all events
- National Events
- Rule Changes
- State Association issues
- Implementation of policy re:
 - Sponsorship
- Registration/Capitation fees
- Drug policy
- Selection Criteria
- Records
- Overseas Teams Travel
- Competitions
- National Squads
- Coaching
- Administration
- AIS Programmes
- State Institute Programmes

The A.C. shall meet quarterly in Melbourne, unless directed by the Board of Management to meet.

Implement policy of B of M through member Associations and Clubs for:

- participation levels
- developmental levels
- talent levels
- high performance levels

Ensure that competitions at State and Club levels are correctly administered and in keeping with IAAF and AA standards.

16.6 It was moved D. Prince (SA), seconded K. Edwards (SA) that it be recommended to the Board of Directors that a Working Committee be formed to review the government of Athletics Australia.

The motion was carried.

16.6.1 C. Lee (NSW) congratulated the AA of SA on instigating this long overdue review.

16.7 Permits - It was agreed that when allocating permits the dates of all State Championships should be taken into consideration.

16.8 The thanks of the AT & FCA were conveyed to the Chairman for his work for over the last six years.

16.9 R. Durie (NSW) thanked the Chairman for his hard work during his term of office. A plaque was presented to Mr. Briggs on behalf of the NSWAAA.

16.10 R. Durie (NSW) on behalf of the NSWAAA thanked Rick Pannell for his assistance and hard work on behalf of all athletes, officials and administrators throughout Australia and presented him with a NSWAAA plaque.

16.11 Rick Pannell thanked all those persons present and wished all delegates success in all future deliberations.

16.12 The Chairman thanked Rick Pannell for his contribution to athletics, firstly with the VAA and then the Union stating that he deserved the highest commendation and on behalf of the sport wishes him best of luck.

16.12.1 The Chairman stated that after 40 meetings Clive Lee would be retiring shortly and the fact that he is a Life Member of so many bodies shows the tremendous amount of time he has dedicated to the sport.

16.13 The thanks of the meeting were conveyed to the Chairman for his work over the last six years.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.