

THE
AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION
OF AUSTRALIA

CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS:

Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales
Queensland Amateur Athletic Association
South Australian Amateur Athletic Association
Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association
Victorian Amateur Athletic Association
Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
Twenty-Seventh Conference
of the Union

held at

222 HINDLEY STREET, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

on

FEBRUARY 3rd and 4th, 1955

A. J. HODSDON
Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNION

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FEBRUARY 3rd and 4th, 1955

FIRST SESSION - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 9.40 a.m. to
12.45 p.m.
SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2.10 p.m. to
5.50 p.m.
THIRD SESSION - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 9.30 a.m. to
11.30 a.m.
FOURTH SESSION - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 2.00 p.m. to
6.00 p.m.

F I R S T D A Y - F E B R U A R Y 3 r d .

1. OPENING OF CONFERENCE

The Conference was declared open by the President, and the notice convening same was read by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

2. ROLL-CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

There were present:-

Officers: President - H.R. Weir, O.B.E., Vice-President - C.R. Aitken; Honorary Secretary - Treasurer - A.J. Hodsdon.

Delegates: A.A.A. of New South Wales - G.C. Marshall, G. Soper; Queensland A.A.A. - E.C. Barnacle, W.J. Lightbody, South Australian A.A.A. - D.V. Selth, V.B. Sharp; Tasmanian A.A.A. - E.W. Barwick, N.G. Hutton; Victorian A.A.A. - L.B. Curnow, S.A. Embling; Western Australian A.A.A. - D.C. Rapley, F.T. Treacy.

3. ADMISSION OF THE PRESS AND OF OBSERVERS

It was decided to admit the representatives of the Press to the Conference subject to their not reporting the substance of any discussion held in camera, and to submission for approval of any statement on highly controversial issues.

Mr. E.W. Barwick sought permission for Mr. P.G. Hadlow, the newly appointed Honorary Secretary of the

Tasmanian A.A.A. to be present at the Conference as an observer. After debate, a motion that observers be admitted to the Conference was lost.

4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President opened his address by extending a hearty welcome to the Delegates. He hoped that Messrs. Embling, Selth and Soper, who were attending an A.A.U. Conference for the first time, would find the proceedings both interesting and educational. Meeting old colleagues again and making the acquaintance of new ones were among the most pleasant features of conferences of this kind.

The sport, he continued, had experienced a mixed year. There had been brilliant performances of a standard not previously attained by Australian athletes, notably those of John Landy of Victoria and Hector Hogan of Queensland. They - and others - have really put Australia on the World Athletics Map. Landy in particular had won richly deserved renown; not only for his athletic feats but also for his sportsmanship and modesty. Some really fine performances had been registered also by our athletes at the British Empire Games, thus again advertising Australia to the world.

At the same time, it would appear that the general standard of athletics in Australia has suffered some deterioration. This may be merely a transition phase, especially in Victoria where there is a serious temporary lack of facilities owing to major reconstruction work necessitated by the Olympic Games of 1956.

In order to improve the standing of athletics in the community, the President added, we must improve administration within our Associations. Memberships must be built up and the sport presented as attractively as possible to the public. We have tended to adhere too slavishly to stereotyped competitions. This criticism applies especially to our Inter-Club Track and Field Competitions. These have served a very valuable service and must continue to be a feature of our athletic life. But, whilst maintaining them, we must introduce other forms of competition, which, supported by showmanship, will make the sport more popular with the public. For financial reasons this is of tremendous importance.

Reference was made to the many notices of motion in the Agenda for the Conference which sought to amend existing laws and rules. The President felt that a lesser application of energy to the alteration of rules and greater effort in the organisation of competitions would benefit the sport. Particularly must we cultivate the art of showmanship to

develop public interest, and this should be backed by good organisation and administration. Inter-Club competitions should be interspersed at short intervals with special meetings. The President added that he was fully appreciative of the many difficulties that faced the States, but he was anxious to think constructively.

To Mr. Aitken, to the Directors of his Company, and to his South Australian A.A.A. colleagues, the President expressed the thanks of the Union for the splendid arrangements made for the Conference. He concluded with the hope that the Conference as it developed would bring forth much thought of constructive value.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 26th CONFERENCE

It was resolved that the Minutes of the 26th Conference, held at Sydney on February 10th and 12th, 1954, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 26th CONFERENCE

Matters arising from the Minutes of the 26th Conference are referred to under the appropriate headings.

7. REPORT ON REGISTRATIONS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer submitted a statement of Actual Registrations for the period of 9 months ended December 31st, 1954 and Estimated Additional Registrations for the Period of 3 Months ending March 31st, 1955, together with Actual Registrations for each of the preceding seven years. These details are given below:-

	N.S.W.	Qld.	S.A.	Tas.	Vic.	W.A.	TOTAL
9 Months to 31/12/54 (Actual) ..	1215	243	304	60	2516	443	4781
3 Months to 31/3/55 (Estimated) ..	85	50	20	60	250	60	525
1954-55 (Part Estimated)	1300	293	324	120	2766	503	5306
1953-54	1640	316	274	119	2424	500	5273
1952-53	1601	371	302	177	2541	548	5540
1951-52	1572	325	330	103	2446	495	5271
1950-51	1682	450	310	136	2491	500	5569
1949-50	1925	301	266	115	2864	485	5956
1948-49	1817	390	324	157	2885	461	6034
1947-48	1586	350	282	136	2637	391	5381

Discussion followed upon the reasons for the fact that Registered Memberships had become almost stationary. In fact, relative to total population, they are falling. It was generally agreed that the main contributing cause was the lack of facilities. Another material factor was the incidence of national service. On the administrative side,

there were indications, in particular cases, of an over-emphasis on and preoccupation with alterations to rules to the detriment of developmental activity. It was suggested that the holding of special sports meetings at night was an activity which could be much developed. The athletes themselves, should be encouraged to undertake basic work during the winter months.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORT

It was resolved to record appreciation of the work of Mr. D.K. Donald, who, by Mail Vote of the Executive Committee, had been appointed Acting Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Union during the absence overseas of Mr. Hodsdon. It was directed that a suitable letter be sent to Mr. Donald.

Other matters dealt with during the year by Mail Vote of the Executive Committee are referred to in these Minutes under the following headings: (1) International Amateur Athletic Federation, (2) Amateur Status; (3) Australian Track and Field Championships; (4) Australian Cross-Country, Marathon and Walking Championship; (5) Olympic Games; (6) British Empire and Commonwealth Games; (7) Observance of Union Rules.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer tabled a report on the recording of votes by Executive Members. Of a total of 12 votes taken, the members had returned their votes by the due dates as follows: J.B. Barlow - 8; L.B. Curnow - 12; N.G. Hutton - 9; J.P. Metcalfe - 7; C.H. Morgan - 12; D.C. Rapley - 11. The report was received.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer raised the question of whether certain matters of a routine nature at present ordinarily referred to the Executive Committee could appropriately be dealt with by the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. The Conference decided that it did not favour any alteration of policy in this regard.

9. INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

Executive Report: The action of the Executive Committee is appointing Mr. A.J. Hodsdon as Delegate from the Union to the 19th Congress of the I.A.A.F. at Berne, Switzerland on August 23 and 24, 1954 was endorsed.

19th Congress of the I.A.A.F.: The report of the Union's delegate to the 19th Congress of the I.A.A.F. was tabled and received. Arising therefrom the following decisions were made:

(1) To support the suggestion that the number of competitors at an Olympic Games be restricted by allowing each country one competitor in each event as a matter of right, and up to two additional entries if competitors of a certain standard are available.

(2) To invite the Australian Women's A.A.U. to again nominate a member for appointment to the Women's Commission of the I.A.A.F.

(3) To reappoint Mr. Hodsdon the Union's representative on the Rules and Records Committee.

(4) To submit to the Commonwealth Government a case for financial assistance to send a Delegate to Congresses held between Olympic Games.

(5) To address the President of the I.A.A.F. on the matter of competition at professional meetings, pointing out the particular conditions obtaining in Australia.

Mr. Hodsdon was thanked for having attended the Congress as the Union's Delegate, and for his report.

20th Congress of the I.A.A.F.: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised: (1) That, in discussion with the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the I.A.A.F., the following dates for the Melbourne Congress had been decided upon; Nov. 21, Dec. 3 and Dec. 4; (2) That the Olympic Games Organising Committee had undertaken to allocate a suitable hall for the Congress; (3) That the provision of special Agenda Folders for the Delegates was receiving the consideration of the President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

It was resolved to seek financial help from the Olympic Games Organising Committee to help provide entertainment and hospitality for the Officers and Council of the Federation and the Delegates to the Congress.

World Record Plaques: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised having ordered World Record plaques for H.D. Hogan and J.M. Landy for their respective World Records. It was resolved that the cost thereof should be borne by the Union.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to place with the I.A.A.F. an order for all World Record plaques due to Australian Women athletes and to debit the cost thereof to the A.W. A.A.U.

10. AMATEUR STATUS

Amateur Status Laws: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the direction of the 1954 Conference to raise with the I.A.A.F. the question of the permissibility of the concessions granted by A.A.U. Laws 13 (b), 13 (c) and 14 had not been carried out, as investigation disclosed that similar

concessions were common among I.A.A.F. member nations.

Broken-Time Payments: The matter of Broken-Time Payments, raised at the 1954 Conference, is referred to in the Report of the Delegate to the Berne Congress of the I.A.A.F.

Executive Report: On the basis of submissions by the A.A.A. of New South Wales and the South Australian A.A.A. respectively, reinstatements as amateurs were granted to D.G. Edwards and J. Fryar, with effect in each case on January 10, 1955. G.J. Hogan (29/6/54) and H.J. Lowe (28/7/54) were granted reinstatement as "non-competing amateurs" on the basis of applications by the Western Australian A.A.A. and the South Australian A.A.A.

Spécial Presentations: The matter of special presentations to athletes is referred to in the Report of the Delegate to the I.A.A.F. Congress.

Non-Competing Amateurs: The Victorian A.A.A. moved unsuccessfully to rescind Law 15 (ca) of the Constitution of the Union.

Reinstatements: It was moved successfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that Law 15 (f) of the Constitution be amended by deleting the word "Special" and substituting the word "nominal", and by adding, after "nominal", the words "as described in Law 15 (c)."

Definition of a Professional: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. to renumber Law 11 as Law 11A and to add the following Law 11B to the Constitution: "A professional is a person who is ineligible to take part in competition under the rules of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, or of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, or of any other governing body of Amateur Sport recognised by the Union."

(End of First Session of the Conference)

11. AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

Confirmation of Records: It was resolved to confirm as Australian Records in the categories indicated the following performances which had already been adopted provisionally by the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer:-

(a) Australian Open and National Records:

RUNNING

100 Yards: 9.5s. by Hector D. Hogan (Queensland) on March 7, 1953 at Sydney Sports Ground, New South Wales.

- 100 Yards: 9.5s. by Hector D. Hogan (Queensland) on February 11, 1954 at Sydney Cricket Ground, New South Wales.
- 100 Yards: 9.3s. by Hector D. Hogan (Queensland) on March 13, 1954 at Sydney Sports Ground, New South Wales.
- 1 Mile: 4m.02.0s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on December 12, 1953 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 2 Miles: 8m.58.2s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on January 9, 1954 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 3 Miles: 13m.55.8s. by E. Geoffrey Warren (Victoria) on March 4, 1954 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 6 Miles: 29m.27.8s. by L.J. Perry (Victoria) on October 17, 1953 at Scotch College Oval, Glenferrie, Victoria.
- 6 Miles: 29m.26.4s. by Neil J. Robbins (Victoria) on March 24, 1954 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 1500 Metres: 3m.44.4s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on December 12, 1953 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 10000 Metres: 30m.23.0s. by Leslie J. Perry (Victoria) on October 17, 1953 at Scotch College Oval, Glenferrie, Victoria.
- 1 Hour: 10 Miles 1581 Yards 2 Feet by G.C.B. Campbell (New South Wales) on August 30, 1952 at Sydney University Oval, New South Wales.
- 440 Yards Hurdles: 52.5s. by David F. Lean (Tasmania) on March 1, 1954 at North Hobart Oval, Tasmania.
- 400 Metres Hurdles: 52.5s. by David F. Lean (Tasmania) on March 1, 1954 at North Hobart Oval, Tasmania.
- 3,000 Metres Walk: 12m.34.6s. by Donald M. Keane (Western Australia) on January 2, 1954 at Leederville Oval, Western Australia.
- Hammer Throw: 174 ft. by Thomas L. Mullins (New South Wales) on November 8, 1952 at E.S. Marks Athletic Field, New South Wales.
- 4 Miles Relay: 17m.44.4s. by Western Suburbs A.A.C., N.S.W. (D.W. Power, V.J. Plummer, K. Ollerenshaw, A.P. Melhuish) on December 8, 1953 at E.S. Marks Athletic Field, New South Wales.

(b) AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RECORDS:

RUNNING:

880 Yards and 800 Metres: 1m.52.1s by Leonard S. McRae (Victoria) on January 16, 1954 at Olympic Park, Victoria.

HURDLING:

440 Yards and 400 Metres: 53.1s by Geoffrey C. Goodacre (New South Wales) on January 10, 1953 at E.S. Marks Athletic Field, New South Wales.

440 Yards and 400 Metres: 53.0s by David F. Lean (Tasmania) on January 13, 1954 at Sydney Cricket Ground, New South Wales.

PUTTING AND THROWING

Shot Put: 48ft. 5½ins. by R. Peter Hanlin (New South Wales) on February 11, 1954 at Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, New South Wales.

Shot Put: 49ft. by Barry W. Donath (Victoria) on February 23, 1954 at Olympic Park, Victoria.

Javelin Throw: 216ft. 5ins. by James D. Achurch (Queensland) on February 11, 1954 at Sydney Cricket Ground, New South Wales.

(c) Australian Junior Records

RUNNING:

2 Miles: 9m.39.2s. by Leslie B. Wakefield (New South Wales) on January 23, 1954 at E.S. Marks Athletic Field, New South Wales.

2 Miles: 9m.28.2s. by Leslie B. Wakefield (New South Wales) on February 1, 1954 at E.S. Marks Athletic Field, New South Wales.

HURDLING:

120 Yards: 15.1s by Keith D. Short (New South Wales) on January 9, 1954 at E.S. Marks Athletic Field, New South Wales.

220 Yards and 200 Metres: 24.3s by David F. Lean (Tasmania) on March 1, 1954 at North Hobart Oval, Tasmania.*

WALKING:

1500 Metres: 6m 30.6s by Colin W. Francis (South Australia) on November 21, 1953 at Adelaide Harriers' Ground, South Australia.

PUTTING:

Shot Put (12lbs): 50 ft. 9½ ins. by John L. Gallagher (New South Wales) on March 7, 1953 at Sydney Sports Ground, New South Wales.

RELAY RUNNING:

1 Mile Medley: 3m. 40.4s by St. George A.A.C., New South Wales (D. Wilson, M. Miles, K. D. Short, C. Clark) on December 10, 1953 at E.S. Marks Athletic Field, New South Wales.

National Records Not Retrospective: Arising from the amendment effected to Law 56 at the 1954 Conference, it was resolved not to accept as a National Record any performance which, prior to amending the Law, had not been eligible for recognition as a Native Record.

Records Made Outside Australia: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer moved unsuccessfully that Law 56A be re-numbered as Law 56B, and the following new Law 56A be introduced: "Performances made outside Australia may be recognised as Australian, Australian National and/or Australian Junior Records."

Placing of Junior Athletes : It was moved unsuccessfully by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that the last sentence of Law 55 of the Constitution be deleted.

Age of Junior Athletes: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that Law 55 be amended by deleting the word "nineteen" and by substituting therefor the word "twenty".

Relay Records: The following motion, moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, was lost: "That the following new Law 54A be added to the Constitution: 'Relay records shall be in three categories - those made by Club teams, those made by Association Teams, and those made by National Teams'".

12 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships Organisation Manual: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the action directed by the 1954 Conference in relation to the Draft Championships Organisation Manual prepared by Messrs. F.H. Pizzey and F.S. Tobias had not been taken because of his own absence for a period from Australia and because the draft loaned during his absence to the South Australian A.A.A. for use in connection with the current championships, had not been returned to the Union. The report was received.

Executive Report: Conference endorsed the action of the Executive Committee in declaring D.R. Macmillan, R.E. Price and E.G. Warren, each recently returned to Australia after varying periods of absence overseas, eligible to represent Victoria at the Australian Track and Field Championships of 1955.

Supplementary Events: A motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales to amend General Rule 4 by deleting the word "Athletics" in the first line and substituting therefor the word "Sports" was lost.

Entries: It was resolved, on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, to amend General Rule 5 by deleting the words 'on the official entry form of the Union.'

Eligibility: A notice of motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to amend General Rule 1 was, by permission of the Conference, withdrawn, the proposed amendment having been recently effected by a Mail Vote of the Constituent Associations (The amendment referred to entailed the deletion of the following from the first sentence of General Rule 1: "provided that the Union may, in a particular case, declare that the period of six months need not be consecutive when that period is broken by an absence from such jurisdiction not exceeding six months for a temporary purpose known to such Association"; and the substitution of the following for the words deleted: "In the event of an athlete returning to Australia from overseas within six months before a Championship Meeting, the Union may, upon an application by him setting out the facts of his case and indicating the Constituent Association he desires to represent, declare him eligible to represent such Association, such application to be lodged with the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Union seven clear days before the closing of entries.")

13. AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS =====

Executive Report: The following actions of the Executive Committee in relation to the 1955 Championships were approved: (a) Dates: Saturday, February 5th and Monday, February 7th, were approved; (b) Supplementary Events: 220 Yards and 880 Yards Junior Championships of South Australia (February 5th) and 100 Yards, 440 Yards and 1 Mile Junior Championships of South Australia (February 7th) were authorised; (c) Jury: Messrs. F.E. Andrews (New South Wales), F.W. Humphreys (Western Australia) and F.H. Pizzey (Victoria) were appointed.

Reports on 1954 Championships: The Reports of the A.A.A. of New South Wales and of the Jury on the Track and Field Championships of 1954 were tabled and received. Attention was drawn by the New South Wales Delegates to the fact that the Jury's Report had not been submitted to two of its members - namely, the Manager and the Referee of the Meeting - before being forwarded to the Union. The Conference felt that such a procedure was hardly fair to the Controlling Association.

Allocation of 1956 Championships: The allocation of the 1956 Championships to the Victorian A.A.A. was confirmed.

Additional Event - 1 Mile Relay: A proposal by the Tasmanian A.A.A. to amend General Rule 9 by inserting the words "1 Mile relay" after the words "440 Yards relay" was defeated.

Report of Jury: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that Law 56A (4) (f) of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted therefor: "To submit a full report within one month of the Championships to the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, who shall submit a copy to the Constituent Association which conducted the Championships for its comments, which shall be supplied within one month. He shall then send a copy of the report and of the comments to each Constituent Association."

Championship Dates: A motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales to amend Law 50 of the Constitution by deleting the word "December" in the second line and substituting the word "March" was lost ... A further motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales to amend General Rule 7 by deleting from the second sentence the words "and if possible during the Australia Day week-end" was carried.

Number to Qualify: It was moved unsuccessfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that General Rule 3A be deleted and the following substituted: "Where practicable, the number of representatives of Constituent Associations qualifying for a final from each heat shall be the same."

Representation of Championships: The A.A.A. of New South Wales was permitted to withdraw a motion to amend General Rule 14 in favour of the following proposal of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer: "That General Rule 14 be amended by deleting the first sentence thereof and substituting the following: 'Each Constituent Association may enter three representatives in each event by right, and in addition may also enter any other representatives who have attained a prescribed standard'". The proposal was rejected. (The motion withdrawn by the A.A.A. of New South Wales was the following: That General Rule 14 be amended by deleting the first sentence thereof and substituting the following: "Each Constituent Association may enter in each event any representatives who have in the previous twelve months attained a prescribed standard of performance in that event. Such standard performance shall be determined by the Union from time to time.)

Richard Coombes Shield - Scoring of Points: The South Australian A.A.A. was permitted to withdraw the following motion: That General Rule 15 be deleted and the following substituted:

"A perpetual Challenge Shield to be known as the Richard Coombes Shield shall be awarded to the Constituent Association whose representatives gain the greatest number of points in the Championships according to the positions in which they finish. For the purpose of calculation, seven

points shall be awarded for first place, five for second place, four for third place, three for fourth place, two for fifth place and one for sixth place. If two or more competitors tie for any place, the points for places shall be aggregated and divided equally between the competitors so tying. In the case of a tie by teams on points, the team whose representatives scored the greatest number of first places shall be the winning team. If two or more Associations tie with an equal number of first places, the Association gaining in addition the greatest number of second places shall be declared the winner of the said Challenge Shield. Should the result still be unresolved, the tie shall remain."

Metric Distances: A motion by the Honorary Secretary Treasurer to amend General Rule 9 by substituting Metric for English distances in the running, hurdling and walking events was lost.

Title of Event: It was resolved, on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to amend General Rules 9 and 11, by substituting the words 'long jump' for the words 'broad jump'.

14. AUSTRALIAN CROSS-COUNTRY, MARATHON AND
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WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS
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Executive Report: Executive action as follows in relation to the above events was approved: (1) the holding of the 10 Kilometres Cross-Country and the 50 Kilometres Road Walking Championships on August 28th and September 18th respectively; (2) the holding of the 5 Kilometres Junior Cross-Country Championship of Western Australia as a supplementary event at the Australian C.C.C. Meeting.

Reports on Championships: The reports of the Western Australian A.A.A. on the 10 Kilometres Cross Country Championship of 1954 and of the A.A.A. of New South Wales on the 50 Kilometres Road Walking Championship of 1954 were tabled and received.

Allocation of Future Championships: It was resolved, on a motion moved by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, that Law 51 of the Constitution be suspended to permit the Australian 10 Kilometres Cross-Country Championship roster for 1956 to be held in 1955, and the Australian Marathon Championship rostered for 1955 to be held in 1956. The following allocation of future championships was then made (1) 10 Kilometres Cross Country: 1955 - Tasmania; (2) Marathon: 1956 - Melbourne; (3) 50 Kilometres Road Walk: 1956 - Melbourne (The 10,000 Metres Track Walk was allocated at the 1954 Conference to Queensland).

Cross-Country, Marathon and Walking Championships - Minimum Representation: It was resolved, on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, to amend General Rule 18 by deleting the word "send" and substituting the word "start" and by further deleting the words "to compete not less than twenty-eight days prior to the proposed date of the race."

Rules for Cross-Country, Marathon and Walking Championships: A request by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that the Conference define exactly what is meant by the words "insofar as they are applicable" in General Rule 26 was deferred pending consideration of four notices of motion in the name of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. These notices of motion sought to clarify the meaning of the Rules governing the Cross-Country, Marathon and Walking Championships. Messrs. Weir, Hutton and Hodsdon were appointed a Sub-Committee to examine the wording of the four notices of motion, and were instructed to report thereon at the Third Session of the Conference.

Proposed Decathlon Championship: It was moved unsuccessfully by the South Australian A.A.A. that the following new Law 52A be added to the Constitution: "A Decathlon Championship of Australia shall be held biennially during the month of March in each year in which the 10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship of Australia is held"... A consequential motion to introduce the words "and Decathlon" after the words "Road Walking" in Law 53 was withdrawn by permission of the Conference.

15. BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Executive Report: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that Executive Members had been asked to vote on the nominations received by the Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association to determine the Union's order of preference for the candidates for Honorary General Manager, Honorary Assistant General Manager and Honorary Manageress.

Report of Delegates to Australian B.E. & C.G.A.: Messrs. L.B. Curnow and C.R. Aitken, deputising for the Union's elected delegates, Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon and D.C. Rapley, had attended a meeting of the A.B.E. & C.G.A. held in Melbourne on December 4th, 1954. The report of the General Manager of the Australian British Empire Games Team of 1954 was presented. The meeting adopted in principle a motion to form a committee in each State.

Report of Selection Committee: A comprehensive report by the A.A.U. Selection Committee (Messrs. D.K. Donald, C.H. Gardiner and J.P. Metcalfe) on the various

phases of the Selection of the Track and Field Team for the British Empire Games at Vancouver was tabled and received. The report dealt with (1) the setting of selection standards, (2) the nominations received from Constituent Associations and from the Australian Women's A.A.U. (3) the selection of the team, and (4) the grading of the team to determine finance priority.

Reports on the Vth British Empire & Commonwealth Games:

The Reports of the Athletics Sectional Manager and the General Manager on the participation of Australia at the Vth British Empire Games were tabled and received. It was resolved to record the Union's appreciation of the splendid work of Mr. Treacy as Athletics Manager and of Mr. Eve as General Manager, and to congratulate the two gentlemen upon their respective Reports. The failure of the A.B.E. & C.G.A. to make available to the Union for distribution to Constituent Associations a reasonable number of copies of the General Manager's Report was the subject of unfavourable comment. It was resolved to convey to Mr. Eve that the Union, which had raised a very large sum of money to send the team, expected to be placed in a position, on a future similar occasion, of being able to distribute copies to some of those who had made generous and substantial contributions.

16. BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH RECORDS
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It was resolved that the Union should press for more active administration of the organisation which dealt with British Empire and Commonwealth Records, and to request, inter alia, that provision be made for the issue of certificates for records granted.

17. AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S A.A.U.
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Affiliation Fees and Administration Expense: It was resolved, on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, that the Australian Women's A.A.U. be asked to contribute annually as from January 1st, 1955 one-third of the Union's Affiliation Fees to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the Australian Olympic Federation and the Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association.

A further motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that a charge be made to the A.W.A.A.U. to cover administration expense incurred on its behalf was lost.

(End of Second Session of the Conference)

18. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

Mr. Barwick sought permission to re-open the question of admitting Mr. P.G. Hadlow to the Conference as an observer. After discussion it was decided to adhere to the previous decision. Mr. Barwick thereupon asked for leave for Mr. Hadlow to attend in place of himself. This request was granted on the understanding that he would not be allowed to vote.

19. AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S A.A.U. (RESUMED)

I.A.A.F. Congress - Delegates: It was resolved that the Congress agrees in principle to the inclusion of one woman on the Union's panel of five Delegates to the 1956 Congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

World Record Applications: It was resolved to indicate to the Australian Women's A.A.U. that, in view of the requirements of I.A.A.F. Rule 24 (2) any future application by the A.W.A.A.U. for recognition of a performance as a world record must be forwarded to the A.A.U. of Australia within four months of the performance.

20. AUSTRALIAN CROSS-COUNTRY, MARATHON AND WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP (RESUMED)

Rules for Cross-Country Marathon and Walking Championships: The Sub-Committee appointed at the Second Session of the Conference to examine the wording of four notices of motion in the name of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer affecting the rules for the above events reported that, with slight adjustment, the proposals were suitably drafted. It was thereupon resolved:- (1) That the second and subsequent sentences of General Rule 17 be deleted; (2) That General Rule 24 be deleted; (3) That the following new General Rule 17A be adopted: "In addition to individual placings, the Championship shall decide a Teams Contest. Each Association may be represented by only one team consisting of not less than four nor more than six competitors, the first four of whom shall count for points. If an Association does not start a team, it may have individual representatives. Such representatives and also individual members of a team shall be eligible to win individual places in the championship. The method of scoring the teams contest shall be as set out in Rule 32 - 5(c) of the International Amateur Athletic Federation;" (4) That the following new General Rule 17B be adopted: "A perpetual Challenge Shield to be known as the E.S. Marks Shield shall be awarded to the Constituent Association whose team wins the Team Race"; (5) That General-Rules 25 and 26 be deleted and the

following new General Rule 25 adopted: "With the substitution, where appropriate, of the words "10,000 Metres Track Walking Championship of Australia" for the words 10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship of Australia", General Rules 17, 17A, 18, 19, 20 and 23 shall apply to the 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championship of Australia; (6) That General Rules 27 to 37 be deleted, and the following new General Rules substituted: 27. With the substitution, where appropriate of the words "Marathon Championship of Australia" for the words "10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship of Australia", General Rules 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 shall apply to the Marathon Championship of Australia; 28. In addition to the individual placings the Championship shall decide a Teams Contest. Each Association may be represented by only one team consisting of not less than three nor more than six competitors, the first three of whom shall count for points. If an Association does not start a team, it may have individual representatives. Such representatives and also individual members of a team shall be eligible to win individual places in the championship. The method of scoring the teams contest shall be as set out in Rule 32 - 5(c) of the International Amateur Athletic Federation; 29. No person under the age of 18 years shall be eligible to compete in a Marathon Championship of Australia; 30. There shall be awarded for each Championship, the Gilded Bronze Medallion of the Union to the winner, the Silver-Plated Bronze Medallion of the Union to the runner-up, and the Bronze Medallion of the Union to the competitor finishing in third place. The Gilded Bronze Medallion of the Union shall be awarded also to the first three members of the winning team, the Silver Plated Bronze Medallion of the Union to each of the first three members of the team gaining second place, and the Bronze Medallion of the Union to each of the first three members of the team gaining third place; (7) That the following new General Rule 31 be adopted: "With the substitution, where necessary, of the words "50,000 Metres Road Walking Championship of Australia" for the words "10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship of Australia" or "Marathon Championship of Australia" as the case may be, General Rules 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29 and 30 shall apply to the 50,000 Metres Road Walking Championship of Australia.

21. OLYMPIC GAMES

Expenses of Olympic Games of 1956 Co-ordinating Committee: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that he had written in July 1954 to the Honorary Secretary of the Olympic Games Organising Committee advising that the Union would seek reimbursement of essential expenses incurred by its Co-ordinating Committee up to a limit of

£25 in 1954. No reply had been received. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to advance a sum of £5 to the Committee from A.A.U. funds on an imprest basis. Efforts are to be made to obtain reimbursement of any amounts spent.

British Empire & Commonwealth v. United States of America, 1956: It was resolved to request the A.A.A. of New South Wales, in collaboration with the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Union, to immediately approach the requisite authorities in Sydney for a definite undertaking that the necessary facilities will be provided for the adequate staging of the British Empire & Commonwealth v. United States of America Match in Sydney immediately after the conclusion of the Olympic Games Track and Field programme in Melbourne ... It was further resolved to appoint a Committee of six members - three to be nominated by the Union and three by the A.A.A. of New South Wales - plus the President of the Union as Chairman to carry out the necessary work of organisation and co-ordination. Messrs. D.K. Donald, A.J. Hodsdon and J.P. Metcalfe were named as the three representatives of the A.A.U..

Report of A.O.F. Delegates: The Report of the Union's Delegates to the A.O.F. (Messrs. L.B. Curnow and J.P. Metcalfe) was tabled and received. The main matters of direct interest to the Union arising therefrom were the following: (1) The re-election of Mr. H.R. Weir to the A.O.F. Executive Committee; (2) A decision to approach the Commonwealth Government at the appropriate time for a grant to help finance the training of the Australian Team for the 1956 Games; (3) A resolution to recommend that the travelling and accommodation expenses of officials for the 1956 Games be paid by the Organising Committee... There was submitted to the meeting a long report by Messrs. Grange, Metcalfe and Weir on suggested methods of financing and selecting future Australian Olympic Teams for Overseas. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was directed to endeavour to obtain sufficient copies of the report for circulation to Constituent Associations.

Report of Olympic Games of 1956 Co-ordinating Committee: A comprehensive report from the Union's Olympic Games Co-ordinating Committee (Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Chairman), T.B. Dodds, S.A. Embling, C.W.H. Grant and F.H. Pizzey) outlining activity and progress since the 1954 Conference in the organisation of the Track and Field Section of the Olympic Games of 1956 was tabled and received.

Arising from matters raised in the report, it was resolved:

(1) To invite the Australian Women's A.A.U. to nominate to the A.A.U. one judge for Track events and two judges for field events.

(2) To instruct the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to ask the I.A.A.F. for formal approval of the Melbourne Cricket Ground layout.

(3) To adopt a recommendation by Dr. P.H. Cook, Assistant Secretary to the Department of Labour and National Service, that medical examination of each major official as to blood pressure, diabetes, epilepsy, nervous reaction and eyesight be made; such examination to be carried out by appointing in each State a medical board of two, one of whom shall be an oculist. The lower age limit for officials, excepting Stewards, is to be 25 years.

(4) To instruct that the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer renew the Union's previous request, made to the Games Technical Director, to reserve accommodation for 100 officials, such renewal to be directed to the Chief Executive Officer, and to include the suggestion that a convenient military establishment might be made available for the purpose.

(5) To leave to the discretion of the Committee the arrangement of distinctive dress for the starters.

Consideration of the Section of the report dealing with the Appointment of Officials was deferred to the Fourth Session of the Conference.

Mr. Embling paid tribute to the work of Mr. Curnow as Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee - without his great knowledge of Athletics and his organising ability, the excellent progress made towards the efficient organisation of the Track and Field Section of the Olympic Games could not possibly have been achieved.

.... Mr. Curnow, in responding, paid tribute to the members of his Committee.

The Report of the Committee was adopted.

(End of Third Session of the Conference)

The President, on re-assembly of the Delegates, had occasion to refer to attacks concerning the appointment of Olympic Games Officials made since the Morning Session of the Conference, at a civic reception to teams visiting Adelaide for the Track and Field Championships, upon members of the Co-ordinating Committee. He spoke of the great difficulties of the task entrusted to the Committee by the Union, and emphasised that further attacks of this nature would not be tolerated.

Report of Officials' Instructional Sub-Committee:

Mr. Treacy reported, on behalf of the Western Australian

A.A.A. that little had been achieved since the 1954 Conference by the Olympic Games of 1956 Officials' Instructional Sub-Committee, and recommended that it be not re-appointed. This was agreed to.

Reports on Olympic Games of 1956 Torch Relay: Verbal reports, given by the Queensland, New South Wales and Victorian Delegates, indicated that satisfactory progress was being made in the respective States in the organising of the Olympic Games Torch Relay Run from Cairns to Melbourne.

Pre- and Post - Games Appearances of Visiting Athletes: It was resolved that all negotiations for the Pre - and Post Games appearance of visiting athletes should be originated through the Union.

Expenses of Officials: It was moved successfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that the A.A.U. recommend to the A.O.F. that the travel, accommodation and uniform expenses of all athletics officials appointed to act at the Olympic Games of 1956 be paid by the Organising Committee.

Selection Trials: A motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, that National Track and Field Olympic Trials be held in Sydney in October or November 1956 and that General Rule 10 be suspended to the extent that it is inconsistent with such a proposal, was lost... It was resolved that Olympic Trials be not held except at the request of the Selectors in respect of particular events.

Selection Policy: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that the means of selection of the Track and Field Team for the Olympic Games of 1956, be outlined as soon as possible, and that it be clearly set out what meetings athletes will be required to attend and that steps be taken to ensure that such attendance will be without unnecessary expense to athletes.

The following motions submitted by the A.A.A. of New South Wales were, by permission of the Conference, withdrawn:-

(a) That the Union take steps to ensure that arrangements are made to accommodate officials at the Olympic Games of 1956 at no cost to such officials to ensure that those most proficient irrespective of the Constituent Association from which they come, will act at the Games.

(b) That the Composition of the Officials Instructional Sub-Committee appointed at the 1954 Conference be changed so as to allow the head body of such Committee to be closer to the seat of the Games and closer to the Executive Officers of the Union.

22. COMPETITION RULES

Official Titles of Certain Events: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that action has still to be taken in respect of a resolution of the Union's 1954 Conference to suggest to the I.A.A.F. some minor corrections to the Official Titles of certain events, e.g. Javelin Throw instead of Javelin Throwing.

Amendments to I.A.A.F. Competition Rules: The action of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer in issuing in the form of a Circular Letter amendments to the Constitution and the Athletic Rules of the I.A.A.F. adopted at the Berne Congress of 1954 and in declaring these amendments effective throughout Australia on and from the 1st January 1955 was endorsed.

Interpretation of Starting Rules: The Conference was advised that copies of the latest amended version of Mr. Embling's Bulletin on interpretation of the Starting Rules had been circulated to Constituent Associations and to the Australian Women's A.A.U. This action was approved.

Trials in Jumping and Throwing Events: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. to recommend to the I.A.A.F. that, in order to make Rules 34 (13) and 40 (2) of the I.A.A.F. consistent with Rule 18(1), the two first named rules be deleted and the following substituted: "Provided no arrangement has been made to the contrary (See Rule 18(1)), each competitor shall be allowed three trials, and, as long as one of his trials was a fair jump (throw), the six best shall be allowed three additional trials".

Stations and Lanes: It was moved successfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that the following General Rule 48 be adopted by the Union and that the Union recommend to the I.A.A.F. its addition to I.A.A.F. Rule 11 (2):
 "(1) Stations in all events shall be numbered from the side of the track nearer to the centre of the ground;
 (2) The lane number should be marked on the track in white five yards behind each starting position in figures at least twelve inches long and one inch wide.

Marking of Tracks: It was resolved, on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, to delete General Rule 11B of the Union (General Rule 11B: "The standard marking of tracks shall be: (1) In white - starts, finishes and lanes; (2) In yellow - hurdle positions for 120 yards and 220 yards hurdles; (3) In brown - hurdle positions for 440 yards hurdles; (4) In red - relay zone extremities. Where lines coincide, they shall be half one colour and

half the other")

Marking and Measuring of Tracks: It was resolved on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales to delete General Rule 45 of the Union (General Rule 45: "In the case of a running track without a raised border, flags shall be placed at intervals of five yards on the inner edge of the track, and the track shall be measured twelve inches from the inner edge. In the case of lanes the inner lane shall be measured as above and any subsequent lanes shall be of the width and measured in accordance with the I.A.A.F.rules. The flags marking the inner edge of the track shall be of pennant type at least nine inches long and six inches wide on a spike or pole not less than fifteen inches long").

23. COLOURS BADGE & COSTUME

Union Lapel Badge: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that for financial reasons the matter of the manufacture of the Union's Lapel Badge was still in abeyance. He considered it most desirable that the project be proceeded with prior to the Olympic Games in Melbourne.

Proposal to Alter Colours, Badge and Costume: It was resolved, on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, to set up a Committee to consider whether Laws 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 of the Constitution should be amended and more distinctive colours, badge and costume adopted, such Committee to consider the advisability of conferring with the Australian Olympic Federation and the Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association as to whether a more distinctive blazer should be adopted for Australian Representative Teams.

Messrs. H.R. Weir, A.J. Hodsdon and G. Soper were appointed to the Committee.

24. OBSERVANCE OF UNION RULES

Executive Report: It was reported that during the year the Executive Committee had invoked Law 32A against the Victorian A.A.A. for failure to supply essential information to assist the Selection Committee in its work of choosing the British Empire Games Team, and that the Queensland A.A.A., having incurred automatic suspension at June 30th by failure to pay Affiliation Fees and Registration Dues, had been reinstated upon application being made to the Union. The Report was received.

It was decided that in future cases of automatic suspension arising from failure to pay Affiliation Fees and/or Registration Dues, a fine of 10% of the amount in

arrears would be incurred.

Secretary's Report: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that, as in previous years, there had been several instances of late submission of reports, voting papers and the like, that a number of the notices of motion for the Conference had not been framed as required by the Union's rules and that Constituent Associations continued to neglect the requirements of Law 5 of the Constitution. The report was received.

25. UNION PUBLICATIONS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was authorised: (1) to issue a new edition of the Union's Handbook of Constitution Laws and General Rules; (2) to continue publication of the Union's Almanac of Records and Results; and (3) to publish the Minutes of the 1955 Conference in the usual booklet form.

With respect to (1), authority was given to the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to suitably re-number the Constitution Laws and General Rules.

26. FINANCE

Financial Statements for 1954: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer submitted an audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended December 31st, 1954, and an audited Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1954. It was resolved that these be adopted. (The Statements referred to are printed as an Appendix to these Minutes).

Financial Budget for 1955: A Budget of Income and Expenditure for 1955 was submitted by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. Following are the details:

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Affiliation Fees	35	Affiliation Fees	26
Registration Dues	265	Bank Charges	3
	£300	Cables	10
Deficiency	80	Duplicating, Printing & Stationery	80
		Entertainment Expenses	10
		General Expenses	35
		Honoraria	63
		Insurance	2
		Library	10
		Officers' Expenses Reserve	85
		Postages & Telegrams	30
		Telephone	16
		Trophies	2
		Depreciation	8
	<u>£380</u>		<u>£380</u>

The budget was adopted.

I.A.A.F. Congress 1956: It was left to the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to investigate the matter of expenses that the Union might have to meet in connection with the 1956 Congress of the I.A.A.F.

27. REPORTS OF CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

The Annual Reports for 1953-54 of each of the Constituent Associations were tabled and received.

28. CORRESPONDENCE

South Pacific Championships: It was resolved to indicate to the New Zealand A.A.A. in reference to its request for the views of the Union on a proposal to organise South Pacific Track and Field Championships, that, in view of our already heavy commitments, especially in relation to Olympic and British Empire Games, it is felt that such a regional meeting would not be practicable at this stage, especially in view of the great cost of travel to the South American Countries.

Modern Pentathlon Cross Country Race: Arising from an enquiry from the Amateur Modern Pentathlon Union of Australia as to whether the Union would undertake to conduct the Olympic Games Modern Pentathlon Cross-Country Race in 1956, it was resolved to assist in the way required.

29. NOTICES OF MOTION

Motions submitted by Constituent Associations and not elsewhere given in these Minutes are set out hereunder:

Reports of Constituent Associations: It was resolved, on a motion by the Tasmanian A.A.A. to recommend that Constituent Associations exchange with one another such documents as Annual Reports and Agenda and Minutes of Meetings, and that copies of same be sent also by Constituent Associations to the Union.

Amendments to Constitution - Method: It was resolved, on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, to add the following at the end of Law 58 of the Constitution: "or by a unanimous Mail Vote of the Constituent Associations."

Reports of Delegates and Managers: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that the following new Law 17A be added to the Constitution: "Delegates from the Union to any other organisation and Managers and persons whose duty it is to make reports to the Union shall, within three months of any meeting of such other organisation or occasion in respect of which a report should be made, submit to the Union a written report. A copy of such report, or of extracts therefrom, shall within

a further period of one month be forwarded by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to each Constituent Association, if considered advisable by the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer".

The following motions moved by the A.A.A. of New South Wales were lost:-

(1) That Law 17 of the Constitution be amended by "may" for "shall" in the first line.

(6) That Law 60 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted:

"A motion to amend this Constitution shall refer to the article and paragraph concerned and shall quote the paragraph sought to be amended as it would appear if amended."

(7) That Law 32 of the Constitution be amended by adding in line six the word "equally" after "apportioned", and by further deleting the words "on the basis of their Registrations" from lines six and seven.

Permission was given by the Conference to the A.A.A. of New South Wales to withdraw the following motions:-

(1) That Law 22 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted:

"In the event of a vacancy occurring between Annual Conferences in the Executive Committee, a substitute shall be appointed by and from the Constituent Association in respect of which the vacancy exists."

(2) That Law 29 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "all matters referred to it by the Union" and with".

(2) That Law 19 of the Constitution be amended by adding the word "urgent" before "affairs" in the first line, and by substituting "appointed at Conference and" for "elected at Conference" in the fourth line.

(3) That Law 34 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted: "A Conference of the Union shall be held annually in Melbourne between the first day of January and the thirtieth day of April. The A.A.A. of New South Wales and the Victorian A.A.A. shall contribute £6 and £12 respectively to the expenses of each delegate attending the Conference from the Western Australian A.A.A."

(4) That Law 40 of the Constitution be amended by inserting in line three, after "cast", the words "provided that when the delegates from the A.A.A. of New South Wales and the Victorian A.A.A. agree their votes shall be doubled".

(5) That Law 42(d) be amended by inserting the words "voting details and" before "result".

(3) That Law 41 of the Constitution be amended by inserting after "voting" in line eight the words "provided further that when the A.A.A. of New South Wales and the Victorian A.A.A. agree then votes shall be doubled."

(4) That Law 62 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted: "A motion to amend a General Rule shall refer to the article and paragraph concerned and shall quote the paragraph sought to be amended as it would appear if amended".

30. GENERAL BUSINESS

Olympic Games Officials: It was resolved that the list of Olympic Games Officials be held in abeyance until it had been reconsidered in the light of the representations made in the course of the Conference.

British Empire Games Team-Travel Costs of Athletics Sectional Manager: It was resolved that the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer should raise with the Australian British Empire Games Association the amount of travel costs allowable to the Athletics Sectional Manager of the Australian British Empire Games Team in view of his having separated from the team at conclusion of the Vancouver Games.

Honoraria: The Conference instructed the appreciation be recorded in the Minutes of the service rendered throughout the year to the Union by the Honorary Typist and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. It was resolved to grant honoraria of £12/12/0 and £50/0/0 respectively to Mrs. Heeley and Mr. Hodsdon.

31. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Officers: Messrs. H.R. Weir (New South Wales), C.R. Aitken (South Australia) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-elected unopposed to the offices of President, Vice-President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer respectively.

Delegates: Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Victoria) and J.P. Metcalfe (New South Wales) were elected Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation and Messrs. C.R. Aitken (South Australia) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were elected Delegates to the Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association.

Executive Committee: The following were elected to the Executive Committee: Messrs. J.B. Barlow (Queensland), E.W. Barwick (Tasmania), L.B. Curnow (Victoria), J.P. Metcalfe (New South Wales), C.H.F. Morgan (South Australia) and D.C. Rapley (Western Australia).

Special Committee: Messrs. J.P. Metcalfe (New South Wales), R.C. Corish (New South Wales) and C.H. Gardiner (Victoria) were appointed members of the Selection Committee. It was resolved that these appointments would be for a period of two years.

32. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND TRUSTEES

Auditor: Mr. H.G. Carruthers was re-appointed Honorary Auditor.

Trustees: Messrs. H.R. Weir and A.J. Hodsdon were re-appointed Trustees to the Union.

33. ADDITIONAL CHEQUE SIGNATORY

The authority of Mr. J.P. Metcalfe to act as cheque signatory in the absence of either the President or the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was renewed.

34. FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS

It was resolved that the Headquarters of the Union for the ensuing year be fixed at Sydney, New South Wales.

35. APPRECIATION

A vote of appreciation was moved to the President for the able and impartial manner in which the business of the Conference had been conducted.

Votes of thanks were passed to the South Australian A.A.A. for its very excellent Conference arrangements and for its hospitality to the visiting Delegates and to the Directors of the South Australian Brewing Company Ltd. for having made the Company's Board Room available for the meetings.

36. CLOSURE

The President in closing the Conference thanked the Delegates for their concentration and for the cordial manner in which they had debated the matters under consideration.

ARTHUR J. HODSDON

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES OF 1954
AUSTRALIAN TRACK & FIELD TEAM

Statement of Amounts contributed by Constituent Associations and by the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union for disbursement to the Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association.

<u>LEVY RE SECTIONAL MANAGER (Mr. F.T. Treacy)</u>				
	A.A.A. of New South Wales	£143	0	0
	Queensland A.A.A.	30	0	0
	South Australian A.A.A.	27	0	0
	Tasmanian A.A.A.	13	0	0
	Victorian A.A.A.	242	0	0
	Western Australian A.A.A.	65	0	0
				£520 0 0
<u>A.A.A. OF NEW SOUTH WALES</u>				
	J.J. Bailey	445	0	0
	P.M. Denton	445	0	0
	R.K. Gosper	45	13	2
	R.W. Guy	445	0	0
	A.C. Lawrence	445	0	0
	K.B. Mackay	445	0	0
	K.J. McMahon	445	0	0
	H.T. Oliver	26	17	6
	D.G. Stuart	45	13	2
				2788 3 10
<u>QUEENSLAND A.A.A.</u>				
	J.D. Achurch	445	0	0
	H.D. Hagon	26	17	6
	B. Poever	445	0	0
				916 17 6
<u>TASMANIAN A.A.A.</u>				
	D.F. Lean			26 17 6
<u>VICTORIAN A.A.A.</u>				
	K.L. Doubleday	26	17	6
	J.M. Landy	26	17	6
	D.R. Macmillan	250	0	0
	N.J. Robbins	445	0	0
	J.B. Vernon	26	17	6
	E.C. Warren	350	0	0
				1125 12 6
<u>AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S A.A.U.</u>				
	C.E. Bernoth	445	0	0
	W. Cripps	445	0	0
	N.A. Fogarty	445	0	0
	M. Jackson-Nelson	26	17	6
	V.D. Lawrence	445	0	0
	M.J. Matthews	445	0	0
	M. Middlemiss	445	0	0
	G.L. Wallace	26	17	6
				2723 15 0
<u>GROSS AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED</u>				£5101 6 4
Loss Amounts not paid through A.A.U.				350 0 0
<u>AMOUNT PAID BY A.A.U. TO A.B.E.G.A.</u>				<u>£7751 6 4</u>

A.J. HODSDON
Honorary Treasurer

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954

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<u>Expenditure</u>	£	s	d.
Affiliation Fees:			
International Amateur Athletic Federation	18	16	8
Australian Olympic Federation	2	2	0
Australian British Empire Games Association	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Almanac		34	8
Bank Charges		5	8
Cables		23	0
Depreciation		7	10
Duplicating, Printing & Stationery			
Minutes of 1954 Conference	22	10	0
Sundries	<u>66</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Entertainment Expenses		7	16
General Expenses			
Publications-Complimentary Issues	3	11	0
Almanac - Complimentary Issues	20	5	0
Sundries	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>
Honoraria;			
Typist	12	12	0
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Insurance		1	8
Library		7	16
Postages and Telegrams		29	14
Presentations		20	16
Telephone			
Rental	11	12	6
Calls - Local & Trunk	<u>4</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>
Trophics - Record Certificates		2	12
		<u>376</u>	<u>17</u>
		<u>9</u>	

<u>Income</u>	£	s	d.
Affiliation Fees of Constituent Associations			25
Registration Dues of Constituent Associations			4
A.A.A. of New South Wales	68	16	0
Queensland A.A.A.	13	1	0
South Australian A.A.A.	16	12	0
Tasmanian A.A.A.	5	9	0
Victorian A.A.A.	123	8	0
Western Australian A.A.A.	<u>24</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>
Almanac Sales			28
Reinstatement Fees			5
Fines			4
Donation			11
Sundry Receipts			25
Deficiency for Year transferred to Accumulated Fund			25
			18
			8
		<u>376</u>	<u>17</u>
		<u>9</u>	

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 31st DECEMBER, 1954

<u>Liabilities</u>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	<u>Assets</u>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<u>Affiliation Fees Prepaid</u>		6 6 0	<u>Cash: In Hand</u>	6 7 7	
<u>Officers Expenses Fund:</u>			Commonwealth Trading		
Balance as at Jan. 1, 1954	2 1 7		Bank of Australia	308 15 2	315 2 9
Transfer from Accumulated Fund	<u>75 0 0</u>	77 1 7	<u>Debtors: South Australian AAA</u>		2 17 2
<u>Provision for Presentations</u>		20 0 0	<u>Accrualments; Registration Dues</u>		239 1 0
<u>Sundry Creditors</u>		7 6	<u>Stocks: Certificates</u>	21 17 1	
<u>Accumulated Fund</u>			Medallions	53 15 9	
Balance as at Jan. 1, 1954	712 18 6		Medallion Cases	9 4 9	
Transfer to Officers' Expense Fund	<u>75 0 0</u>		Publications	10 18 8	
	<u>637 18 6</u>		Stationery	<u>24 17 9</u>	120 14 0
<u>Loss Deficiency for year as per</u>			<u>Equipment Blocks - Certificates</u>	17 10 0	
<u>Income & Expenditure Account</u>	<u>25 18 8</u>	611 19 10	Dies - Medallion	12 10 0	
		<u>£715 14 11</u>	Typewriter	<u>8 0 0</u>	38 0 0
					<u>£715 14 11</u>

A. J. HODSDON
Honorary Treasurer

I have examined the Books of Account and relative documents of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and certify that the above Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account correctly set out the financial position of the Union as at the 31st December, 1954.

H. G. CARRUTHERS, F.A.S.A.,
Honorary Auditor