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Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association  
Victorian Amateur Athletic Association  
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Minutes of Half-Yearly Congress of the Union, the Fifty-Third Congress, held at the Sheraton Hotel, Spring Street, Melbourne on Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th September, 1979.

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First Session	-	Saturday, September 15th	-	9.31a.m. to 12.45p.m.
Second Session	-	Saturday, September 15th	-	1.45p.m. to 5.15p.m.
Third Session	-	Sunday, September 16th	-	9.35a.m. to 12.35p.m.
Fourth Session	-	Sunday, September 16th	-	1.25p.m. to 3.13p.m.

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There were present:-

Officers: President - A.W. McDonald, Q.C.; Vice-Presidents - Mrs. M. Robinson, MBE, M.R. Aitken, T.C. Blue; Honorary Treasurer - E.J. Sumner; National Executive Director - R.W. Pannell; National Coaching & Technical Director - Dr. Jean Roberts; Secretary - A.L. Morrison.

Delegates: New South Wales - Mrs. F.W. Wrighter, BEM, R.M. Durie, C.D. Lee  
Queensland - Mrs. S. McIninn, AM, T.C. Blue, J.D. Bailey  
South Australia - Mrs. W. Ey, BEM, M.R. Aitken, T.R. Anderson  
Tasmania - Mrs. M. Ebzery, OAM, G.T. Briggs, N.J. Rudduck  
Victoria - Mrs. M. McQuiston, BEM, Dr. F.P. Larkins, W. Hooker  
Western Australia - Mrs. G. Chester, J. Joyce, D. Peggs

Life Members: Mesdames J. Bonwick, E.I. Magee, MBE, Miss L. Neville,  
Mr. L.B. Curnow, OBE.

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1. The President declared open the Half-Yearly Congress of the Union and extended a welcome to all members present.

2. Advice was received from Mr. Peggs that the Western Australian A.A.A. and the Western Australian Women's A.A.A. have now, as separate bodies, ceased to exist and have amalgamated under the name of the Athletic Association of Western Australia.

2.1 It was resolved that the new Association in Western Australia be affiliated with this Union and be known as the Athletic Association of Western Australia, subject to approval of the Association's Constitution in accordance with Law 106.

### 3. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE CONGRESS

It was resolved that the Notice convening the Congress be taken as read.

### 4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President stated that he intended to deliver only one Presidential Address each year and that at the Annual Congress. However, he briefly commented to the Congress that while it remained important for the Union to maintain its rules and standards as to amateurism, it was clearly important to have the Union's affairs administered in a professional manner. He stated that it was a result of the expertise of the Union's salaried officers that the Union had been able to obtain sponsorship from Alcoa for the National Squad and Top 6 Meetings.

### 5. WELCOME TO MR. J. BOYD - NEW ZEALAND A.A.A.

A welcome was extended to Mr. Boyd and it was hoped that in conversation both during the Congress and outside between delegates it would be possible to achieve a strong bond between the two Associations in what is called the Oceania A.A.A. of the I.A.A.F. Mr. Boyd expressed appreciation for the invitation to attend Congress and reiterated the comments made by the President.

## 6. ADMISSION OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

It was resolved that the press and broadcasting representatives be admitted to the Congress, subject to their not reporting the substance of any discussion held in camera, and to submitting for approval any statements on controversial issues.

## 7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

7.1 The Secretary advised that he had spent some time recently with Mr. A.J. Hodsdon looking through Union records held by him and all relevant information would be delivered to the Union office within the next few weeks.

7.2 The Secretary reported that whilst in Italy one month ago attending the European Cup he had taken the opportunity to speak to as many people as possible regarding the 1982 Congress of the I.A.A.F. in Sydney. A favourable response had been received. The President advised that a formal application had now been made in this regard.

7.3 It was resolved that the Secretary's verbal report be received.

## 8. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET FOR 1980

It was resolved that the Administration Budget for 1980 be received and that debate be adjourned until later in the meeting.

## 9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

A brief report was received. The full minutes of the July Board Meeting had been distributed to States.

9.1 Matters to be submitted to Congress for consideration.

9.1.1 It was resolved that the action of the Board in taking steps to have the history of the Union written be endorsed.

9.1.2 It was resolved that the Trustees for the A.A.U. of Australia Superannuation Trust Fund be the Union Trustees.

9.1.3 It was resolved that discussion on the structure of the Jury of Appeal for the 1982 Commonwealth Games be adjourned.

9.1.4 It was resolved that for the 1982 Commonwealth Games there be a Chief Official for each field games event.

9.1.4.1 It was resolved that there be a sub-committee of four appointed from this Congress to recommend to the Board the names of Chief Officials for the 1982 Commonwealth Games and the Board make the appointments on receipt of such recommendations; nominations to be called for forthwith.

9.1.4.2 It was resolved that Mrs. F.W. Wrighter and Messrs. J.D. Bailey, M.R. Aitken and G.T. Briggs be duly appointed as members of the sub-committee; Mr. Briggs to act as Convener.

9.1.5 It was resolved that the formula for the distribution of funds received from athlete advertising be amended to the following:

Category A:	Union 50%
	Association 30%
	Clubs 20%
Category B:	Union 33.1/3%
	Association 33.1/3%
	Clubs 33.1/3%

## 10. REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND STANDING COMMITTEES

10.1 Oceania A.A.A. Congress: It was resolved that the report of delegates to the Oceania Congress be received.

10.2 Constitution Committee: Report received. It was resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to the Committee for the work done during the last six months.

10.2.1 It was resolved that State Associations look at the new Union Constitution and put recommendations to the Constitution Committee.

10.3 Technical Committee: Report received. The Technical Director reported on meetings held with the Commonwealth Games Foundation. Another strip for the pole vault approach to be laid on the opposite side of the ground. It had been recommended that the University Oval be used for hammer and discus training for the Games - grass strip for warm-up track. Work being done on the programme for the Games - problem with the starting time for the Marathon. Information on electronic timing equipment required had been handed over to Mr. Lowe. Mr. Bailey requested that copies of correspondence to the Commonwealth Games Foundation be made available to him.

10.3.1 It was resolved that a ruling be sought from the I.A.A.F. as to whether a take-off board covered with Rekotan is suitable under I.A.A.F. Rules. It was agreed that States be advised that the Union is seeking a ruling on this matter and be requested to submit comments.

10.3.2 A ruling was sought regarding new high jump standards. Deferred for referral to the Technical Committee.

#### 11. REPORT FROM NATIONAL COACHING AND TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Report received. Congratulations were extended to Dr. Roberts on the work being done. Dr. Roberts thanked all States for co-operation received.

11.1 There was general discussion on the National Squad.

11.2 Report received that the Board had resolved to send Dr. Roberts to Europe for a three week period in October in order that endeavours be made to arrange pre-Olympic Games competition, and also to arrange for about three European countries to send athletes to Australia.

#### 12. REPORT FROM NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

12.1 Report received. There was general discussion on the promotion by Alcoa and the Executive Director advised that Channel 2 had been accepted by the Board to televise the National Track and Field Championships.

12.2 It was resolved that congratulations be extended to Mr. Pannell on the work done during the past six months. Mr. Briggs expressed disappointment that an agreement had not been reached on a National Airline.

#### 13. REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

13.1 Ad Hoc Committee re A.C.T.: Report received. It was resolved that discussion be deferred until later in the meeting.

#### 14. REPORTS ON COMPETITIONS

14.1 Australian Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Cross-Country Championships: Report received. Mr. Lee spoke to the report and further comments were made by Mrs. Wrighter and also Mr. Briggs who had attended the meeting as the Union's representative.

14.2 Women's Team to New Zealand: Report received. It was resolved that the question of inviting a New Zealand women's team and a junior men's team to the Australian Cross-Country Championships be referred to the Board with a recommendation from this Congress that favourable consideration be given to this matter.

14.3 XIth Commonwealth Games - 1978: Report from Athletics Sectional Manager received.

14.4 I.A.A.F. World Cross Country Championships: It was resolved that the report and financial statement be received.

14.5 It was resolved to refer to the Board for action the question of the format of the Manager's Report and the inclusion of other matters including the team captain's report.

14.6 It was resolved that appreciation be extended to the Manager's of the 1978 Commonwealth Games and the I.A.A.F. Cross-Country teams for their reports.

#### 15. CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 Queensland A.A.A.: Advice received that the 1982 Australian Track and Field Championships would be held on the 18, 19, 20 and 21 March.

15.2 International Public Relations: Advice received that Mars sponsorship would not be affected if International Public Relations Company was not retained by State Associations or the Union.

15.3 A.A.A. of N.S.W.: Request received for the 20Km Olympic Walk Trial to be held at Centennial Park Sydney, regardless of the venue for the Australian Track and Field Championships.

15.3.1 Reference was made to the fact that the Track and Field Championships had been allocated to Sydney and advice had been received that tenders had been let for work to be done to bring the Sydney Athletic Field up to the standard which would be considered appropriate and necessary to conduct the Australian Championships. Arrangements have been made for Canberra to be a back-up venue in the event of it being established that Sydney will not have the appropriate facilities for the conduct of the Championships.

15.3.2 It was resolved that debate on 15.3 and the action to be taken be adjourned until later in the meeting.

15.4 A.A.A. of N.S.W.: Query received regarding the Little Athletics Association conducting over-age competitions. It was resolved that no further action be taken.

15.5 South Australian A.A.A.: Request received for 3,000m, 4 x 400m. Relay and an intermediate hurdle event to be added to the programme for the Shell Charles Hansen U/17 National Athletic Meet. It was resolved that the recommendation from the Secretaries Conference be adopted and the following events and times included in the programme:

3,000 Metres	-	1st event on 1st day.
4 x 400m Relay	-	1st event on 2nd day.
400m Hurdles	-	2nd event on 2nd day.

15.7 South Australian A.A.A.: It was resolved that the request to change the date for the Australian Marathon from the 26th to 27th July 1980 be granted.

15.8 A.A.A. of N.S.W.: Letter received regarding the position of Chief Track Judge. The N.S.W. delegates contended that according to I.A.A.F. Rules there was no position for a Chief Track Judge and they considered that therefore there should be no-one appointed to this position for the Commonwealth Games. There was general discussion on the responsibilities of the Chief Track Judge, it being mentioned that there was a need for someone to be in charge of the judges. It was emphasised that according to I.A.A.F. Rules, the Referee was the only person who could arbitrate on disagreements between track judges. It was resolved that the Union proceed with the appointment of a Chief Track Judge but Associations be reminded of the I.A.A.F. Rules which do not permit anyone other than the Referee to decide and arbitrate on disagreements between track judges.

#### 16. HIGH JUMP STANDARDS:

16.1 Mr. Curnow referred to the question of the second upright as previously referred to in 10.3.2 and indicated that in his opinion there was an element of danger involved in its use. It was resolved to refer the question of the second upright to the Technical Committee before putting it into practice.

#### 17. AD HOC COMMITTEE RE A.C.T.

7.1 Report received. Dr. Larkins spoke to the report. It was resolved that the report be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

7.2 Appreciation was expressed by members of the Ad Hoc Committee for the leadership of Dr. Larkins in the conduct of the meeting in Canberra and the chairmanship of the Committee.

17.3 Dr. Larkins advised that a draft Constitution had been received from the A.C.T. and final affiliation will be subject to the acceptance of this Constitution.

#### 18. VENUE FOR AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

18.1 It was resolved that the venue for the 1980 Australian Track and Field Championships be watched very closely by the Executive Director, the National Coaching & Technical Director and the President in close conjunction with the A.A.A. of N.S.W. and keep the Board and State Associations fully advised. A final decision to be taken by the President in consultation with the Executive Director, National Coaching & Technical Director and N.S.W. and in the event of Sydney being unavailable the Championships to be held in Canberra and State Associations to be advised immediately.

#### 19. 20km OLYMPIC WALK TRIAL

19.1 It was resolved that the 20km Olympic Walk Trial be held on Sunday, 23rd March at the venue at which the National Track and Field Championships are to be staged.

#### 20. NOTICES OF MOTION

20.1 Law 102 (L1.2.1 and L1.2.2) On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Working Committee appointed by the 1979 Annual Congress it was resolved that the law be amended (a) by inserting after "New South Wales" in the first paragraph "the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association", (b) by deleting "and the Australian Capital Territory" from the second paragraph; (c) inserting "Athletic Association of Western Australia" after "New South Wales" in the second line and (d) deleting "the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association" and "the Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association". The law would then read:

"102. The Union shall consist of the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales, the Athletic Association of Western Australia, the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association, the Queensland Amateur Athletic Association, the South Australian Amateur Athletic Association, the Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association, the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, the New South Wales Women's Amateur Athletic Association, the Queensland Women's Amateur Athletic Association, the South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association, the Tasmanian Women's Amateur Athletic Association, the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association. (These bodies are hereinafter referred to as "Associations".)

Until otherwise determined by the Union in Congress, Norfolk Island shall be considered to fall within the jurisdiction of the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales and the New South Wales Women's Amateur Athletic Association, and the Northern Territory within the jurisdiction of the South Australian Amateur Athletic Association and the South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association."

20.2 Law 156A (L7.8.7) On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the working committee appointed by the 1979 Annual Congress it was resolved that the following new law be adopted:

156A. Athletes and officials living outside the Australian Capital Territory but members of an Australian Capital Territory Club during the 1978/79 season may register as members of the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association. Similarly, residents of the Australian Capital Territory registered with clubs outside the Australian Capital Territory during the 1978/79 season may retain such membership. However, for all interstate competition or National Championships such members must compete for their state or territory of residence.

This law would cease to have effect if the athlete or official changed his/her place of residence or joined another club."

20.3 Law 126 On a notice of motion from the Queensland Women's A.A.A. it was resolved that the law be amended by adding the following paragraph:

"(i) Life members received the privilege of being placed on the A.A.U. of Australia mailing list."

20.4 Law 159 (L4.6.1) On a notice of motion from the Victorian Women's A.A.A. it was resolved that the law be deleted and the following substituted:

"159. At a Congress of the Union each Association shall be represented by two delegates; if a State is amalgamated there shall be four delegates."

20.5 Law 159 As a consequential amendment to item 20.4 it was resolved that on a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee the law be deleted and the following substituted:

"At a Congress of the Union Associations shall be entitled to be represented by delegates in accordance with the schedule below:

Four delegates:	Athletic Association of Western Australia
Two delegates:	AAA of NSW, QAAA, SAAAA, TAAA, VAAA, ACTAAA, NSWAAA, QWAAA, SAWAAA, TWAAA, VWAAA

Delegates shall be members of the association they represent at Congress.

In the event of all the delegates from an association not being present, those attending shall be entitled to exercise the number of votes allocated above.

A quorum shall consist of delegates whose voting entitlement represents not less than two thirds of the votes entitled to be cast."

20.6 Law 159 (L4.6.1) Notice of motion received from the Queensland Women's A.A.A. that the law be amended by deleting the words "At a Congress of the Union each Men's Association shall be entitled to be represented by two delegates and each Women's Association by one delegate; and substituting the words: "At a Congress of the Union each Association shall be entitled to two delegates". The motion lapsed.

20.7 Law 159. Notice of motion received from the Secretary on behalf of the working committee appointed by the 1979 Annual Congress that the law be amended by inserting after "delegates" in the second line a comma and the words "the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association". The motion lapsed.

20.8 Law 128(g), 129, 132 On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that Law 128(g), Law 129 and Law 132 be deleted and the following heading and Laws 128A - 128I be adopted:

#### "DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

128A. At the annual congress in 1980 two delegates, not necessarily from among the congress delegates, shall be appointed to the Australian Olympic Federation.

128B. At the annual congress in 1981 and every fourth year thereafter two delegates; not necessarily from among the congress delegates, shall be appointed to the Australian Olympic Federation.

128C. At the annual congress in 1980, 1981 and 1982 two delegates, not necessarily from among the congress delegates, shall be appointed to the Australian Commonwealth Games Association.

128D. At the annual congress in 1983 and every fourth year thereafter two delegates, not necessarily from among the congress delegates, shall be appointed to the Australian Commonwealth Games Association.

128E. At the annual congress to be held in 1975 and every fourth year thereafter two delegates, not necessarily from among the congress delegates, shall be appointed to the Pacific Conference Games Permanent Committee.

128F. At each annual congress two delegates, not necessarily from among the congress delegates, shall be appointed to the Confederation of Australian Sport.

128G. At the annual congress held in each year preceding a year in which an International Amateur Athletic Association Congress is scheduled to be conducted three delegates, not necessarily from among the congress delegates, shall be appointed. It shall be competent for the congress to decide that a lesser number of delegates shall be appointed.



128H. At the annual congress held in a year preceding a year in which an Oceania Amateur Athletic Association Congress is scheduled to be conducted three delegates, not necessarily from among the congress delegates, shall be appointed. It shall be competent for the congress to decide that a lesser number of delegates shall be appointed. At the same congress a person, who may be one of the delegates, shall be appointed as the representative of Australia on the Council of the said Association.

128I. Nominations for the positions specified in Laws 128A, 128B, 128C, 128D, 128E, 128F, 128G and 128H shall be in writing, stating the qualifications of each nominee, and shall close with the Secretary at least forty-two days before the date fixed for such congress, and shall be mailed by him to each association at least twenty-eight days before the congress.

20.9 Law 133. On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that Law 133 be amended to read:

"133. The persons appointed pursuant to Laws 128A, 128B, 128D, 128E, 128G and 128H together with any members of associations who are members of the IAAF Council or of any of the Committees of the IAAF shall comprise the International Affairs Committee which shall report to the Union annually as to the international affairs of the Union and make such recommendations appertaining to these matters as it considers appropriate."

20.10 Law 139 (L3.10.4) On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the law be amended by inserting the following after the first sentence:

"All valid nominations shall include the written acceptance of the nominee, either on the original nomination paper or through a separate statement of acceptance."

the amended law will read:

"139. Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President or Treasurer of the Union, or for membership of the Board or of Union Statutory Committees, or for Delegates from the Union to the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, the Australian Olympic Federation or the International Amateur Athletic Federation, may be made by Associations or life members, provided that the number of nominations by an Association may not exceed the number to be elected. All valid nominations shall include the written acceptance of the nominee, either on the original nomination paper or through a separate statement of acceptance."

20.11 Law 159 (L4.6.1) On a notice of motion from the Victorian A.A.A. it was resolved that the law be amended by adding:

"One salaried officer of a member association may attend congress as an observer."

20.12 Law 183. On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that Law 183 be amended by deleting the words "Not more than one nomination ..... as the case may be" and substituting the following words: "The Special Selection Committee referred to in Law 182 shall select suitable nominations and lodge them with the Australian Olympic Federation or the Australian Commonwealth Games Association or other body as the case may be".

The law as amended will read:

"183 Nominations for Headquarters Staff positions with an Australian Olympic Games, British Commonwealth Games or other team shall be invited from member associations. Such nominations shall be in writing stating the qualifications of the nominee and shall close, if practicable, with the Secretary forty-two days prior to the closing date of nominations with the Australian Olympic Federation the Australian Commonwealth Games Association or other body as the case may be. The Special Selection Committee referred to in Law 182 shall select suitable nominations and lodge them with the Australian Olympic Federation or the Australian Commonwealth Games Association or other body as the case may be."

20.13 Law 186A. A notice of motion was received from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee that the law be amended by deleting "4000 metres" and substituting "4000 metres minimum, 5000 metres maximum". The motion was lost.

20.14 Law 186C(L6.2.5) On a notice of motion from the N.S.W. Women's A.A.A. it was resolved that the law be amended by deleting "1500 Metres" and substituting "2000 Metres". The amended law will read:

"186C. The 2000 Metres Sub-Junior Cross Country Championship of Australia for Women shall be held annually."

20.14.1 As a consequential amendment it was resolved that Law 186B be amended by changing the Junior Women's distance from 3000 Metres to 4000 Metres.

20.15 Law 188A(L6.3.4) A notice of motion from the Victorian Women's A.A.A. - that the law be amended by deleting "5000 Metres" and substituting "3000 Metres" - was withdrawn.

20.16 Law 188A(L6.3.6) On a notice of motion from the N.S.W. Women's A.A.A. it was resolved that the law be amended by deleting "1500 Metres" and substituting "2000 Metres". The law as amended will read:

"188A. The 5000 Metres Open, the 3000 Metres Junior and the 2000 Metres Sub-Junior Road Walking Championships of Australia for Women shall be held annually."

20.17 Law 190A. On a notice of motion from the Victorian A.A.A. it was resolved that the first sentence of the law be amended by deleting "nineteen" and substituting "twenty". The law as amended will read:

"190A. A male junior for the purpose of championships of Australia shall be an athlete who is under the age of twenty years on the date of his event."

20.18 Law 192. On a notice of motion from the Victorian A.A.A. it was resolved that the first sentence of the law be amended by deleting "nineteen" and substituting "twenty". The law as amended will read:

"The Union shall also recognise as Australian Junior records, performances registered by athletes under the age of twenty years on the date of the performance for such events as are recognised ....."

20.18.1 The President ruled all present junior records would continue to be recognised as junior records until such time as they were bettered. No backdated performances by Under 20 year olds would be considered.

20.19 GR 201. On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following sub-paragraph be added to paragraph (a) of the rule:

"(v) Dependants resident with Australian defence services personnel shall be considered to be within the jurisdiction of the association with which they are registered."

20.20 GR 204. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that Rule 204 be amended by (a) deleting "the" in the second line and substituting "all" and (b) by deleting "controlling" in the fourth line and substituting "host" and (c) by deleting "and place".

20.20.1 Mr. Blue raised a point of order that the Executive Director did not have the right to submit notice of motion to the Congress. The President stated that his previous ruling in this regard still stood - that the officers entitled to submit notices of motion included the Executive Director. Mr. Blue moved a motion of dissent to this ruling. It was resolved that the President's ruling be maintained.

20.20.2 The rule as amended will read:

"(a) Entries for all championships events shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the Union and shall close, in the case of all track and field championships, with the Union and in the case of any other championships, with the Secretary of the host association/s eighteen days before the proposed date of the first day of the

championship meeting unless a shorter period is specified by such association. All entries shall state the date of birth. No entry fee shall be charged.

20.21 GR 207A. The Victorian A.A.A. submitted a notice of motion that clause (c) of the rule be amended (a) by deleting sub-clause (f) and substituting:

(i) The duty of the Jury of Appeal shall be to receive and decide protests.

(ii) An application to the Jury of Appeal must be in writing, signed by a responsible official on behalf of the athlete and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$10.00 or its equivalent before the appeal is heard.

(iii) The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is considered to be frivolous.

(iv) To arrive at a fair decision, the Jury of Appeal shall consult all available evidence including interviewing those officials and athletes directly involved with the incident under review.

(v) In accordance with the procedures for Investigations and Appeals conducted by the Union Laws 173 and 174 an athlete shall have the right to be represented at the hearing by another person.

(vi) The Jury of Appeal shall inform in writing the responsible official lodging the protest of its decision.

(b) by amending the existing sub-clause (iv) to read:

"Subject to compliance with other clauses of this rule a decision of the Jury of Appeal shall be final."

(c) by re-numbering sub-clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) to read (vii), (viii) and (ix).

The motion was lost.

20.22 GR 207B On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that the following rule be adopted:

"207B. The Board shall appoint a person to represent the Union at each Championship meeting."

20.23 GR 227A. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that Rule 227A be amended (a) by deleting "the control of", (b) by deleting "Controlling" and substituting "host" and (c) by deleting the final sentence and substituting "Postponement for any reason shall be a matter for determination by the organising committee of the host association/s in consultation with the Union representative."

The rule as amended will read:

"227A. The Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Track and Field Championships shall be held in the territory of the association to which the meeting has been allocated. The championships shall be conducted on two consecutive days. At least three months clear notice of the proposed dates and place of the championships shall be given by the host association/s to the Union and to each other association. No alteration to the proposed dates or place may then be made without the approval of the Union. Postponement for any reason shall be a matter for determination by the organising committee of the host association/s in consultation with the Union representative."

20.24 GR 227C. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that paragraphs 2 - 5 be deleted and the following substituted:

2. The host association/s shall be entitled to include other invitation events in the programme with the approval of the Union.

3. Entries shall be in accordance with rules 202 and 204.

4. General rules 213, 214, 215 and 216 shall apply to the championships.

5. The Union shall provide suitable awards or trophies to the winner and placegetters in each event.

20.25 GR 227D. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that the following rule be adopted:

227D. The host association/s shall within three months submit to the Union a detailed written report upon the organisation and conduct of the meeting."

20.26 GR 228. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that the rule be amended by (a) deleting "the control of" and (b) deleting "controlling" and substituting "host". The rule as amended will read:

"228. The 12000 metres Cross Country Championship of Australia for Men shall be held in the territory of the State of the association/s to which the event has been allocated. At least three months clear notice of the proposed date and place of the championships shall be given by the host association/s to the Union and to each other association.

20.27 GR 234. A notice of motion was received from the Executive Director that the rule be amended (a) by deleting "ten" and substituting "fifty" and (b) by deleting "controlling" in the second and fourth lines and substituting "host". The motion was lost.

20.28 GR 237. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that the rule be amended by deleting "association controlling the race" and substituting "host association". The rule as amended will read:

"237. A plan of the proposed course for a cross country championship shall be submitted by the host association to the Union and to each other association at least two calendar months prior to the proposed date of the race, and the course shall be approved prior to the race by a majority of a committee consisting of the appointed representative of the Union and one representative of each association represented. The representative of the Union shall be the Chairman of the committee, and shall have a casting as well as an ordinary vote."

20.29 GR 230. A notice of motion from the Victorian A.A.A. that the rule be amended by deleting the sentence "Three emergencies only may be named when the team is entered" was withdrawn.

20.30 GR 249 A notice of motion from the Victorian A.A.A. that the rule be amended by deleting the sentence "Three emergencies only may be named when the team is entered" was withdrawn.

20.31 GR 252 and 255. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that rules 252 and 255 be deleted.

20.32 GR 257FA. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that the rule be amended (a) by deleting "the control of" and (b) by deleting "controlling" and substituting "host". The rule as amended will read:

"257FA. The Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls" Cross Country Championships shall be held in the territory of the association/s to which the meeting has been allocated. At least three months clear notice of the proposed dates and place of the Championships shall be given by the host association/s to the Union and each other association. No alteration to the proposed dates or places may then be made without the approval of the Union."

20.33 GR 257FD. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that the rule be amended by deleting "The controlling associations" and substituting "The Union". The rule as amended will read:

257FD. The Union shall provide suitable awards or trophies to the winner and placegetters in each event."

20.34 GR 258. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that the rule be deleted.

20.35 GR 236. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that the rule be deleted and the following substituted:

"236. The Union shall have the financial and administrative responsibility in relation to the conduct of Australian Cross Country Championships. The Association/s to which the championships are allocated shall submit to the Secretary not later than three months before the first day of the championships estimates of outgoings in relation to the conduct of the championships and shall obtain approval before committing the Union to any expense.

The host association/s shall be responsible for the following items and such other matters as may be agreed upon by the Secretary, and the association/s.

- (a) Fixing the dates and recommending the place of the championships.
- (b) Booking the area and essential staff.
- (c) Ground preparation.
- (d) Provision of sports equipment.
- (e) Provisions for ground communications.
- (f) Public address system.
- (g) Results processing.
- (h) Appointments of sports officials.
- (i) Attendance of medical and first-aid personnel.
- (j) Attendance of police and security personnel if considered necessary.
- (k) Facilities for entertainment of special guests at the meeting.
- (l) Submission to the Union of a draft timetable.

20.36 GR 257M. On a notice of motion from the Executive Director it was resolved that the following heading and rule be adopted:

MANAGEMENT FEE FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS OTHER THAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA.

"257M. The Union shall pay a fee of two hundred dollars to the host association/s of any championship or of any group of championships conducted in its/their territory during the same weekend, such fee to cover the cost of administrative services."

20.37 GR212. Notice of motion received from the Queensland Women's A.A.A. that the second sentence of clause (a) be amended by deleting the words "a representative" after the word "comprise" and substituting the words "six (6) representatives". The motion was lost.

20.38 GR 212. Notice of motion received from the Queensland Women's A.A.A. that clause (c) of the rule be deleted and the following substituted:

"(c) Closing Ceremony: The President shall conduct the last victory ceremony of the championships, and after a march past by all competing athletes from all States he shall present the winning States with the shields or trophies as won by the State. He shall declare the championships closed." The motion was lost.

20.39 GR 217. On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that the rule be deleted and the following substituted:

"217(a) Subject to the provisions of Law 188B (a) each association may enter two competitors as its team in each event.

(b) A third competitor may be entered in the team provided that all three have reached the standard provided for in General Rule 218.

(c) Individual competitors may be entered provided that, where the total number of entries made by the association exceeds two, all entrants shall have reached the standard.

(d) In the event of a member of the team being scratched he/she may be replaced by an individual entrant not later than 60 minutes prior to the time of commencement of the event.

(e) The members of the team of each association shall wear the uniform of that association and each individual competitor shall wear the uniform of the club with which he/she is currently registered."

20.40 GR 217. A notice of motion from the Victorian A.A.A. that the rule be amended by deleting clause (b) and re-numbering the succeeding clauses, was withdrawn.

20.41 GR 227B. On a notice of motion from the Technical and Coaching Director it was resolved that the rule be amended by inserting "Decathlon" after "Hammer Throw" in the list of events for boys under 19 and by inserting "Heptathlon" after "Javelin Throw" in the list of events for girls under 19.

20.41.1 It was resolved that this rule not take effect until 1980.

20.42 GR 257A Notice of motion received from the Western Australian Women's A.A.A. that the rule be amended to read:

"257A. The Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women shall be held on the same weekend and at the same venue as the 12000 metres Cross Country Championships of Australia for Men. The order of events for women shall be Sub-Junior 1500m, Junior 3000m, Open minimum 4000m. maximum 5000m.". The motion lapsed.

20.43 GR 257A. On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the rule be amended by deleting "1500 metres" and substituting "2000 metres". The rule as amended will read:

"257A. The Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women shall be held on the same weekend and at the same venue as the 12000 metres Cross Country Championships of Australia for Men. The order of events for women shall be 2000 metres Sub-Junior, 3000 metres Junior, 4000 metres Open."

20.44 GR 257G, A notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee - that the rule be amended by deleting "5000 metres" and substituting "3000 metres" - was withdrawn.

20.45 GR 257G. On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the rule be amended by deleting "1500 metres" and substituting "2000 metres". The rule as amended will read:

"257G. The Road Walking Championships of Australia for Women shall be held on the same weekend and at the same venue as the Road Walking Championships of Australia for Men. The order of events for women shall be 2000 metres Sub-Junior Road Walk, 3000 metres Junior Road Walk, 5000 metres Open Road Walk."

20.46 GR 271. On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee it was resolved that paragraph (a) of the rule be amended to read, in part:

"If such outside body is another association, the athlete shall tender a clearance from his or her existing association certifying that he or she is an amateur of good standing or a statutory declaration ..... the aforesaid clearance form or satisfy the association ..... to do so."

20.47 Law 161A. Notice of motion received from the Secretary that the law be deleted.

20.47.1 It was resolved that this matter be set aside and referred to the Board and be considered again at the next Congress with a report from the Board.

20.48 Law 153. Notice of motion received from the Treasurer that the law be amended by deleting "ninety cents" and substituting "two dollars and fifty cents".

20.48.1 It was resolved that debate on this subject be adjourned until the financial budget has been dealt with.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Sumner submitted the budget for consideration. It was resolved that the budget as put before the meeting be received.

20.48.2 It was resolved that notwithstanding that the Treasurer did not submit this notice of motion to the Secretary by the 1st July, having regard to the fact that it was distributed with the notices of motion to all delegates, it now be dealt with.

20.48.3 Law 153. The Treasurer will move that the law be amended by deleting "ninety cents" and substituting "two dollars and fifty cents".

If so amended the relevant part of the law would read:

"153. All officials and competing athletes, irrespective of age, must be registered member of their respective associations and each association shall pay annually to the Union registration dues of two dollars and fifty cents per registered member of such association, except those under twelve years of age, ..."

The motion was lost.

20.48.4 It was resolved to recommit the above motion in the following form:

That Law 153 be amended by deleting "ninety cents" and substituting "two dollars". The relevant part of the law will now read:

"153. All officials and competing athletes, irrespective of age, must be registered members of their associations and each association shall pay annually to the Union registration dues of two dollars per registered member of such association, except those under twelve years of age, .....

The motion was carried.

20.49 Constitution Laws and General Rules: On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee it was resolved that Congress adopt the restructured Constitution Laws and General Rules of the Union as distributed and with the amendments adopted by the Congress.

20.49.1 It was resolved that the Constitution now be re-printed in the format as distributed together with alterations as circulated and amendments before Congress.

20.49.2 It was resolved that appreciation be expressed to Dr. Larkins and his committee for the work done on the Constitution.

20.50 Notice of motion received from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. that the Union in future recognise only the following age groupings and classifications:

<u>Men</u>		<u>Women</u>	
Open	U/16	Open	
U/20	U/15	U/18	Junior
U/18	U/14	U/16	
U/17	U/13	U/14	
		U/13	

The motion was lost. ✓

20.51 Notice of motion received from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. that under competition rules pertaining to the hammer throw there be set down competition rules for women's hammer with weight 4kg and overall length 1 metre. The motion was lost.

## 21. NATIONAL MEDIA AWARD

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. P. McMahon who had recently won the W.D. & H.O. Wills National Media Award for sports reporting with a story on Athletics.

## 22. SPECIFICATIONS FOR UNDER-AGE AND IMPLEMENTS

22.1 It was resolved that a recommendation from the Victorian A.A.A. regarding specifications and heights for men's hurdle events be not adopted.

22.2 It was resolved that the following hurdle specifications for under-age women, as set out in the submission received from Dr. Roberts, be adopted.

Age	Distance	No. of Hurdles	Height	Start	Between	Finish
U16	90m	9	84cm	13m	8m	13m
U15	90m	9	76cm	13m	8m	13m
U14	80m	9	76cm	12m	7m	12m
U13	80m	9	76cm	12m	7m	12m

22.3 It was resolved that weights of implements for under-age women, as submitted by Dr. Roberts, be adopted.

- Discus - 1k for all ages
- Javelin - 600 grams for all ages
- Shot - 4k - Seniors and Juniors  
2,724k - Sub-Juniors  
(61b)

### 23. CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN SPORT ANNUAL MEETING

23.1 S.A.W.A.A.A. nomination of Mrs. W. Ey for membership of the Executive Board.

It was resolved that the Congress endorse Mrs. Ey's nomination for membership of the Executive Board for the Confederation of Australian Sport.

23.2 The following motion was received from the Victorian Women's A.A.A.:

"When an athlete represents Australia financial support be given to that person when they are not paid by their employer and that such person not be required to take their annual leave for the period of such representation."

23.2.1 There was general discussion on this subject and it was finally resolved that the Union put before the Confederation of Australian Sports Annual Meeting the motion that the Confederation use its best endeavours to achieve an Australian sporting policy that persons representing Australia can be financially supported.

### 24. GENERAL BUSINESS:

24.1 Athlete Advertising (W.A.W.A.A.A.) Already dealt with.

24.2 AAU/Association Mailing (W.A.W.A.A.A.) It was agreed that sufficient notice should be given by the Union for State Associations to deal with and answer letters. Further attention should be given by the Union to the method of mailing - size of envelopes, etc.

24.3 Track and Field Championships Administration Fee (A.A.A. of N.S.W.)

It was resolved that the matter of the amount allowed for the annual Track and Field Championships of Australia for administration costs be looked at by the Board at its November meeting.

24.4 Separate Membership for the Northern Territory: Information received that interest shown in Darwin in setting up a separate State Association. It was agreed that the Executive Director should endeavour to travel to Darwin, accompanied by the South Australian Executive Director if possible, in order to discuss this matter. Mr. Blue indicated that he would be visiting Darwin in the near future and it was agreed that he meet with interested persons and report back to the Executive Director.

24.4.1 It was resolved that as a matter of policy the sport of Athletics be actively encouraged in the Northern Territory in conjunction with the South Australian Associations.

24.5 Inclusion of the word "Amateur" in the name of an affiliated association:

There was general discussion on the question of whether the word "Amateur" should be obligatory in the name of an affiliated association. A motion was received - that all affiliated associations should include the word "Amateur" in their name. The motion was lost.



24.5.1 It was resolved that the Constitution Committee be asked to investigate the question of the amateur definition and that the Union should set down this definition in order that all States can include it in their Constitutions.

24.6 Australian Schools' Sports Federation: The Executive Director reported that Mr. Brian Mahoney, Secretary of the Federation, had attended the recent Secretaries Conference.

24.6.1 It was resolved that the following recommendation from the Secretaries Conference be adopted:

"That the question of an Australian Schools' Athletic Association incorporating State Schools' (all schools) Athletic Associations, be placed on the agenda for the Annual Congress and that Secretaries in attendance at this meeting do everything in their power within the next six months to get the various school groups within their State together in the hope of forming an Association and their delegates be asked to report on the progress of this formation at the next meeting of Congress."

24.6.2 The Secretaries Conference had also discussed the question of two separate schools' championships being held for both Track and Field and Cross-Country Championships. It was resolved that the following recommendation from the Secretaries Conference be adopted:

"That two representatives from the A.A.U. of Australia and two representatives from the Australian Secondary Schools Federation, plus a representative from the N.S.W. Secondary Schools Athletic Association, meet and draw up a proposal outlining the steps to be taken to bring about the conduct of just one National Schools' Track and Field Championships and one National Schools' Cross-Country Championships, and present a paper to the March Annual Congress; such paper to be distributed to State Associations by the 1st February, 1980."

24.6.3 It was resolved that the meeting to discuss National Schools Championships be held in Melbourne at the time of the Board Meeting in November. The Executive Director, the Coaching & Technical Director and Mr. C.D. Lee to represent the Union on this occasion.

24.7 Sequence of Events for National Championships: The Executive Director advised that a copy of the timetable for the 1980 Championships as received from the A.A.A. of N.S.W., had been circulated to all States.

24.8 Trophy Case: Advice received that the ladies who were members of the Women's Union were combining together to raise funds to provide a trophy case for the Union office.

24.9 Officials to Commonwealth and Olympic Games: It was resolved that the importance and desirability of women officials being appointed to women's touring teams be referred to the Board of Management for consideration and report back to the next Congress.

24.10 Trophies: Mr. Lee advised that Mr. John Marshall had arranged for the case used to display the Samurai Warrior Trophy in Canberra to be donated to the Union. Arrangements now to be made to transport the trophy from Canberra to Melbourne.

24.11 Athletes Advertising: Mrs. Wrighter requested that stricter control be placed on athletes with regard to advertising. The Chairman reported on investigations being carried out regarding a current advertisement.

24.11.1 It was resolved that question of endorsement be referred to the Board in conjunction with the Athlete's Association.

24.12 Australia Day Meeting in Canberra: The Executive Director reported that it may not be possible to conduct the proposed athletic meeting in Canberra on the Australia Day week-end as the series of meetings to be conducted by KV International Sports had been put back and would not commence until after this date. It was stressed that there was a great deal of interest at Government level in this meeting and it was agreed that the Executive Director should contact Mr. Elphick to discuss the whole matter.

24.13 Dates for Championships and Trials: It was resolved that the dates for Australian Championships be as follows:

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
1/17 Match - Men	19 & 20 January Melbourne	17 & 18 January Tasmania	16 & 17 January Brisbane
1/15 Match - Women	19 & 20 January Tasmania	17 & 18 January N.S.W.	-
Track & Field Ch'ships	20-23 March N.S.W.	19-23 March S.A.	18-21 March Queensland
C.C. & Road Relay	6 & 7 September Victoria	12 & 13 September S.A.	-
Marathon & Walk	27 July S.A.	- Victoria	-
Schools C.C.	Victoria	15 & 16 August Tasmania	-
Schools Track & Field	17 & 18 December Tasmania	12 & 13 December Queensland	-

24.13.1 It was resolved that Selection Trials be conducted as follows:

- 24.13.1.1 1980 Olympic Games - Moscow - July 18 to August 3  
21 - 23 March, 1980 - N.S.W.
- 24.13.1.2 1981 P.C.G. - Christchurch - January 31 & February 1  
21 & 21 December 1980. - States to apply.
- 24.13.1.3 1981 World Cup - Rome - Early August  
To be decided.
- 24.13.1.4 1982 Commonwealth Games - 30th September - October 9  
September 4 & 5 1981 - Brisbane.

24.14 Jury of Appeal: It was resolved that the form of protest be available at all Australian Championships.

24.15 Alcoa All-Stars Meet: It was resolved to invite the New Zealand Association to send two senior and two junior men and two senior and two junior women to compete in the Decathlon and Pentathlon events to be held in Sydney on the 29th and 30th December 1979.

24.16 Australian Track and Field Championships: It was resolved that the sequence of events for the 1980 Championships, as tabled and circulated, be adopted.

24.16.1 Mr. Hooker requested that the N.S.W. Association ensure that there be at least two hours between semi-finals and finals in events other than 100m, 110m Hurdles and 100m Hurdles. It was agreed that the N.S.W. delegates note Mr. Hooker's comment and refer it back to the Organising Committee.

24.17 Financial Budget: It was resolved that the Board review the manner in which the Financial Budget is to be submitted to the Half-Yearly Congress and report to the next Congress.

24.18 Jury of Appeal - 1982 Commonwealth Games: It was resolved that the matter of the Jury of Appeal for the 1982 Commonwealth Games be referred to the Board.

24.19 Secretary of the Union: The Chairman referred to the fact that at the end of this month Mr. Morrison's employment as paid Secretary of the Union would terminate. It was resolved that sincere appreciation be extended to Mr. Morrison for the work done during the past five years and it was hoped that he would continue to be closely associated with the Union. Mr. Morrison responded and expressed his gratitude for the confidence which had been vested in him over the years.

24.19.1 Advice was received that the position of Secretary had been advertised but that it would be necessary to appoint an Acting Secretary until a final appointment was made. It was resolved that Mr. Pannell be appointed Acting Secretary.

The President thanked all members for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 3.13 p.m.