

**THE AMATEUR
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OF AUSTRALIA**

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OF THE

1981 ANNUAL CONGRESS
(56TH CONGRESS)

AND

EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS

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ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA
ON
17TH AND 18TH MARCH, 1981.

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Minutes of the Annual Congress, the fifty-sixth Congress, held at the Town House, Hindley Street, Adelaide, South Australia on Tuesday and Wednesday, 17th and 18th March, 1981.

First Session	-	Tuesday, March 17	-	9.55a.m. to 1.05p.m.
Second Session	-	Tuesday, March 17	-	2.10p.m. to 5.17p.m.
Third Session	-	Wednesday, March 18	-	9.30a.m. to 1.00p.m.
Fourth Session	-	Wednesday, March 18	-	2.00p.m. to 4.30p.m.

There were present:

Officers: President - A.W. McDonald, Q.C.; Vice Presidents - Mrs. M. Robinson, MBE, Mrs. E. Wrighter, BEM, M.R. Aitken; Honorary Treasurer - E.J. Sumner; National Executive Director - R.W. Pannell; National Coaching Director - Dr. J. Roberts.

Delegates: New South Wales - Mrs. F. Wrighter, BEM, Mrs. D. Magee, AM, MBE, R.M. Durie, C.D. Lee.

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Victoria - Mrs. M. Mahoney, Mrs. M. McQuiston, BEM, Dr. F. Larkins, W. Hooker

Tasmania - Mrs. E.A. Gray, Mrs. M. Ebzery, OAM, G.T. Briggs, N. Ruddock.

South Australia - Mrs. W. Ey, BEM, Mrs. N. Sheppard, M.R. Aitken, L. Snelling.

Western Australia - Mrs. G. Chester, Mrs. N. Christensen, G. Tempest.

Australian Capital Territory - Mrs. J. Cross, D. Wilson.

Observers: Victoria - J. Bruce; New South Wales - T. Rice

Life Members: Miss L. Neville, Miss N. Gould, BEM, Miss G. Buŕl, Mrs. M. Cahill, F.T. Treacey, OBE, C.H. Gardiner, C.R. Aitken, CBE.

1. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE CONGRESS

1.1 The Executive Director read the Notice convening the Congress.

2. The President declared open the Annual Congress of the Union and extended a welcome to all members present, especially welcoming Mrs. E.A. Gray (Tas.) and Mrs. N. Christensen (WA) to their first Congress of the Union.

3. OBITUARY

The Congress observed a silence in the memory of Mr. Vivian Chalwin (NSW) and Mr. J.C. Draper (Vic).

4. ADMISSION OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

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

5. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Since the time that we met at the last Annual Congress of this Union, a great deal has happened which has affected amateur athletics for Australians.

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There were present:

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1. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE CONGRESS

1.1 The Executive Director read the Notice convening the Congress.

2. A discussion was held on L4.4.3 on the posting and receiving of the Notice convening the meeting and as the necessary fourteen clear days notice was not received, the President declared the Congress to be unconstitutional and said that the Extra-Ordinary Congress would be called at a time and place to be decided. There was some discussion as to a convenient date in May.

The Congress closed at 9.50a.m.

The question of whether Australia should be represented at the Moscow Olympics caused controversy of a breadth and depth through the community of a nature that had not been experienced in Australia before in sporting matters. Our athletes necessarily became involved in this conflict because it was they who would be representing Australia on the international scene.

If the Olympic movement is to continue we must use our best endeavours to ensure that those responsible for the continuation of the Olympic ideal take steps to prevent the Games becoming an arena of political rivalry rather than sporting rivalry.

As if to make the year complete, decisions had to be recently made whether it would be safe to send our cross country team to Madrid because of the military coupe that had taken place there this year. I am happy to report to Congress that from information received by the Union it is safe to send our Team and they will go to Madrid.

During this year, the Olympics for Melbourne Committee considered whether they could host the Olympics in 1988. As is known, the cost of staging the same prohibited this City going ahead with this project.

It is a great pity that the International Olympic Council has allowed the Olympics to so develop that the cost of conducting the Games is prohibitive to a country such as Australia, whereas in 1956 we were able to stage the same and the Olympic Games immediately before that were able to be conducted by countries that had recently felt the perils of war.

I believe that unless the International Olympic Committee looks closely at the Olympic Movement, both as to how and where the Games are staged, there is a risk that this movement might destroy itself. We should take steps to prevent this occurring.

On reporting on the matter of the Olympics, I am pleased to report that there is a motion on the notice paper that we should conduct the World Cup in 1985. Such competition is important to our sport and if considered by the Union to be within our capabilities, I am sure that we can again demonstrate to the World that we have the knowledge and expertise to conduct this meeting as I am sure we will conduct the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

It should also be pleasing to Delegates when they come to read their papers which accompany the notice paper that in this year we have been able to show a surplus of revenue over expenses. The fact that we have been able to show a profit this year has been to a very large extent due to the very good management and housekeeping by the Executive Director/Secretary. He has worked extremely hard this year and has served us well. We should be pleased to have his services when you look at other sporting bodies.

During this year the Board has met frequently and has conducted the affairs of the Union between Congresses. The concept of the Board of Management was thought of many years ago. During the last twelve months it has worked very well for the benefit of the Union. I thank those members of the Board of Management who have worked both at Board Meetings and on Sub-Committees. They have served extremely well.

On reporting on the activities of the Board I believe that the relationship existing with competitors and this Union to be very good. By the Union establishing and publishing a criteria for selection, the athletes are able to plan their programmes. I report to the Congress that the Board has already established a practice of reviewing the performances of athletes who represent this country overseas. This reviewing has been conducted with the Pacific Conference Games and Olympic Games Teams. I hasten to add that when I use the word review, it is not intended to be witch-hunting or seeking out of matters which do not affect us.

We must assess from time to time the performances of our athletes as we would if we were in production when seeking to assess the performances of that which we produce. These reviews have been very beneficial and have enabled the Union to assist many athletes in many ways.

It is with regret that we cannot deal with the matters of the Extra-Ordinary Congress papers. I will use my best endeavours to have this brought to you as soon as possible.

I wish to again welcome you all and I hope that you will participate in this Congress with good spirit without any ill-feeling to any other Delegates.

I look forward to chairing this Congress for the next two days and watching good competition for the next four days and thank the Amateur Athletic Association of South Australia for hosting this Congress and Championships.

6. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 1980 HALF-YEARLY CONGRESS.

6.1 It was resolved that as Minutes 10.7.2 to 10.7.5 were held in camera, in lieu thereof it be recorded that there was held in camera a discussion as to the selection of the athletic Olympic Team and that during that discussion a Report was received from Mr. May and at the conclusion of that discussion a motion was put by the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association that:

"The policy of this Union in relation to the selection of the Track and Field Section for future Australian Olympic Games Teams shall be as follows:

1. The Union, through its Selection Committee, with the approval of the Board, shall negotiate with the A.O.F. Executive and seek approval for criteria to provide the basis for the selection of the Track and Field section team.
2. These negotiations should take place at such a time as to allow the criteria to be agreed to and published 12 months prior to team selection.
3. The selectors shall select the Track and Field team consistent with the criteria established and provide evidence to the Board and to the A.O.F. that athletes have bettered agreed standards in bona fide competition.
4. The A.O.F. shall be advised of the team, as a team, and provided with the supporting evidence that the agreed criteria has been satisfied. (The need for ranking and for further negotiations with the A.O.F. regarding eligibility of these athletes should be unnecessary.)

5. A special request may be made to the A.O.F. Executive for the inclusion of an additional athlete or athletes if the selectors can demonstrate to the Board that exceptional circumstances have prevailed in the case of the individual concerned."

10.7.6.1 The motion was carried.

6.2 It was resolved that with the above amendments the Minutes of the 1980 Half-yearly Congress be adopted as a true record.

6.3 The Congress resolved to go into camera and while in camera resolved a motion being the addendum to the minutes as appearing in the minute book.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1980 HALF-YEARLY CONGRESS

7.1 Minute 6.3.2 Feasibility Study for World Cup Four by Victoria.

7.1.1 It was reported that this study would no longer be conducted.

7.2 Minute 7.1 Funding for preparation for international competition.

7.2.1 The Executive Director reported that nothing further was coming from this.

7.3 Minute 10.6.2.1 Officials Training Schemes.

7.3.1 The Executive Director reported that a reply had been received from England and they are conducting a course shortly and will forward a full set of papers on the course and these will be sent to all Member Associations.

7.3.2 Minute 10.6.4 Uniform for National Titles only refers to Officials.

7.4 Minute 10.7.8 1982 Commonwealth Games.

7.4.1 The Executive Director reported that the Executive of the Commonwealth Games Association would meet in Melbourne on Saturday, 21st March and this matter would be discussed at that meeting.

7.5 Minute 16.1.1 Follow-up on performances of athletes in Australian Teams.

7.5.1 It was reported that the Board of Management had conducted a full review of all athletes in the Pacific Conference Games Team. It was pointed out that these were not negative reviews and all aspects of performances were studied.

8. ELECTIONS

8.1 Officers, Delegates and Committees

8.1.1 President: Mr. A.W. McDonald (Vic) - nominated by VAAA, NSWAAAA, TAAA, AAA of NSW - was elected unopposed to the office of President.

8.1.2 Vice-Presidents: Nominations were received for M.R. Aitken (SA), G.T. Briggs (Tas), R.M. Durie (NSW), Mrs. E. McMinn (Qld), Mrs. M. Robinson (Vic), Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSW). Mesdames M. Robinson (Vic) and F. Wrighter (NSW) and M.R. Aitken (SA) were elected. Mr. M.R. Aitken was elected Vice-President to act in the absence of the President.

- 8.1.3 Board of Management: Nominations were received for M.R. Aitken (SA), G.T. Briggs (Tas, Mrs. W. Ey (SA), Dr. F.P. Larkins (Vic), C.D. Lee (NSW), Mrs. E. McMinn (Qld), Mrs. D. Magee (NSW), Mrs. M. Mahoney (Vic), Mrs. M. Robinson (Vic), D.P. Wilson (ACT), Mrs. E. Wrighter (NSW).
- An exhaustive ballot resulted in the following persons being elected to the Board of Management: M.R. Aitken (SA), G.T. Briggs (Tas), Mrs. W.M. Ey (SA), Dr. F.P. Larkins (Vic), C.D. Lee (NSW), Mrs. M. Mahoney (Vic) and Mrs. E. Wrighter (NSW).
- 8.1.4 Honorary Treasurer: Nominations were received for Mrs. J. Cross (ACT) and E.J. Sumner (Vic).
- Mr. E.J. Sumner was elected to the office of Honorary Treasurer.
- 8.1.5 Honorary Statistician: Mr. P. Jenés (Vic) nominated by VAAA and NSWVAAA was elected unopposed to the office of Honorary Statistician.
- 8.1.6 Scoring Tables and Standards Committee: There being only three nominations received, Messrs. N.J. Ruddock (Tas), R.K. Hood (Tas) and R. Morris (Tas) were elected. N.J. Ruddock was elected Convenor.
- 8.1.7 Selection Committee: Nominations were received for E. Bartha (Qld), Mrs. W. Ey (SA), P. Jenés (Vic), J.L. Masters (NSW), P. May (Vic), Mrs. J. Petfield (Qld), Mrs. E. Wrighter (NSW). The following were elected: Mrs. W. Ey (SA), P. Jenés (Vic) and P. May (Vic) Chairman and Convenor.
- 8.1.8 Technical Committee: Nominations were received for J.W. Chugg (Vic), K.L. Dynan (Vic), R.C. Frith (NSW), H.J. Lowe (SA), R.P.B. White (NSW), J.C. Waller (NSW). An exhaustive ballot resulted in the following persons being elected: J.W. Chugg (Vic), R.C. Frith (NSW) and H.J. Lowe (SA). Mr. H.J. Lowe was elected convenor.
- 8.1.9 Coaching Committee: Nominations were received for L. Hudson (Qld), A. Watson (Qld), L. Warry (Qld), J. Boas (Vic), N.R. Osborne (Vic), Mrs. P. Turney (Vic). The following were elected: J. Boas (Vic), N.R. Osborne (Vic) and Mrs. P. Turney (Vic). Dr. J. Boas was elected Convenor.
- 8.1.10 Officials Committee: Nominations were received for Mrs. J. Bonwick (Qld), Mrs. A. Burrow (Vic), D. Cross (ACT), Mrs. M. Ebzery (Tas), D.G. Ferrier (Vic), J.D. Forrest (Qld), Mrs. S. O'Dea (SA), Mrs. E. Wrighter (NSW).
- 8.1.10.1 As the Constitution calls for one member from each State and no nomination was received from Western Australia, the Chairman called for a nomination from the floor of a representative from Western Australia and G. Tempest was nominated.
- 8.1.10.2 The South Australian delegates asked for permission for the name of M. Finn to be substituted in lieu of Mrs. S. O'Dea.
- 8.1.10.3 A ballot resulted in the election of D. Cross (ACT), Mrs. M. Ebzery (Tas), D.G. Ferrier (Vic), J.D. Forrest (Qld), M. Finn (SA), G. Tempest (WA), and Mrs. E. Wrighter (NSW). Mrs. E. Wrighter (NSW) was elected Convenor.

- 8.1.11 Walking Committee: Nominations were received for Mrs. D. Clark (NSW), P.T. Fletcher (Tas), Miss M. Patterson (Vic), Mrs. J. Petfield (Qld) and Mrs. B. Sockhill (Qld). A ballot resulted in the election of Mrs. D. Clark (NSW), P.T. Fletcher (Tas) and Miss M. Patterson (Vic). Miss H. Patterson was elected Convenor.
- 8.1.12 Constitution Committee: There being only three nominations being received, Mrs. M. Robinson, Dr. F. Larkins and Dr. I.K. Jones all of Victoria were elected. Dr. I.K. Jones was elected Convenor.
- 8.1.13 Schools Committee: There being only three nominations received, C.D. Lee (NSW), Mrs. E. Wrighter (NSW) and Mrs. M. Mahoney (Vic) were elected. Mrs. E. Wrighter was elected Convenor.
- 8.1.14 Delegates to Confederation of Australian Sport: Nominations were received from Mrs. W. Ey (SA), W.B. Hooker (Vic) and Mrs. J. McMinn (Qld). Upon the withdrawal of Mrs. McMinn's nomination, Mrs. W. Ey (SA) and W.B. Hooker (Vic) were elected.
- 8.1.15 Delegates to Australian Olympic Federation: Nominations were received from Mrs. J. Gell (Vic), C.D. Lee (NSW), Mrs. D. Magee (NSW) and N.J. Ruddock (Tas). C.D. Lee (NSW) and N.J. Ruddock (Tas) were elected.
- 8.1.16 Delegates to Australian Commonwealth Games Association: G.T. Briggs (Tas) and Mrs. D. Magee (NSW) were declared elected.
- 8.1.17 Oceania Council Member, 1981: Nominations were received from Mrs. J. Harmey (NSW) and C.D. Lee (NSW). A ballot resulted in the election of C.D. Lee (NSW).
- 8.1.18 Delegates to Oceania Amateur Athletic Association: Nominations were received from D. Cross (ACT), C.D. Lee (NSW), Mrs. M. McQuiston (Vic), Mrs. E. Wrighter (NSW). Upon the withdrawal of the nomination of C.D. Lee (NSW), D. Cross (ACT), Mrs. M. McQuiston (Vic) and Mrs. E. Wrighter (NSW) were elected.
- 8.1.19 Delegate to International Amateur Athletic Federation Council: Nominations were received from D. Goosey (Qld), C.D. Lee (NSW) and A.L. Morrison (Vic). A ballot resulted in the election of A.L. Morrison (Vic).
- 8.1.20 Delegates to International Amateur Athletic Federation Congress: Nominations were received for D. Goosey (Qld), Dr. F.P. Larkins (Vic), C.D. Lee (NSW) and A.W. McDonald (Vic).
- 8.1.20.1 The President stated that he may not now be able to attend this Congress and it was resolved to proceed with the election and if the President later found it necessary to withdraw, this matter could be put before the Extra-Ordinary Congress.
- A ballot resulted in the election of Mr. A.W. McDonald (Vic), Dr. F. Larkins (Vic) and C.D. Lee (NSW).

- 8.1.21 Delegate to International Amateur Athletic Federation Women's Committee: Nominations were received for Mrs. S. de la Hunty (WA), Mrs. W. Ey (SA) and Miss M. Mathews (NSW). A ballot resulted in the election of Miss M. Mathews (NSW).
- 8.1.22 Delegate to International Amateur Athletic Federation Walking Committee: Nominations were received for Mrs. S. Miller (Vic) and V.B. Sharp (SA). Upon the withdrawal of the nomination of Mrs. S. Miller, V.B. Sharp (SA) was elected.
- 8.1.23 Delegate to International Amateur Athletic Federation Technical Committee: It was resolved that the name of Mr. H.J. Lowe (SA) be forwarded as an Australian nomination for the International Amateur Athletic Federation Technical Committee.
- 8.1.24 Merit Award: Nominations were received for G.T. Briggs (Tas), Mrs. L. Burton (SA), D. Ferrier (Vic), J.D. Forrest (Qld), Mrs. R. Frith (NSW), J. Gilmour (WA), Mrs. A. Kelly (NSW), W. Montgomery (SA) and Miss M. Patterson (Vic).
- 8.1.24.1 A ballot was conducted and the President announced that a Merit Award had been conferred upon G.T. Brigg (Tas) and the presentation of such Award was duly made.
- 8.2 Life Membership: Nominations were received for Mrs. G. Chester (WA), J. Gilmour (WA), Mrs. E.Y. McMinn (Qld) and Mrs. E. Wrighter (NSW).
A ballot resulted in no nomination gaining the necessary three-fourths majority of votes by Delegates.
- 8.3 Honorary Auditor: Mr. J. Barbour of Priestley & Morris (Vic) was elected to the position of Honorary Auditor.
- 8.4 Trustees:
- 8.4.1 Union: Messrs. A.W. McDonald (Vic) and M.R. Aitken (SA) were elected Trustees of the Union.
- 8.4.2 R.W. Clarke Foundation: There being only two nominations, Mr. A.W. McDonald (Vic) and M.R. Aitken (SA) were elected Trustees of the R.W. Clarke Foundation.
- 8.5 Jury of Appeal: The following nominations were received after being called from the floor: Mrs. M. Cahill (SA), R.M. Durie (NSW), Mrs. M. Ebzery (Tas), Mrs. D. Magee (NSW), Mrs. E. McMinn (Qld), Miss L. Neville (Vic), Mr. G. Tempest (WA), Mr. D. Wilson (ACT).
A ballot resulted in the election of the following:
R.M. Durie (NSW) (Foreman), Mrs. D. Magee (NSW), Mrs. E. McMinn (Qld), Miss L. Neville (Vic), Mr. G. Tempest (WA) and Mr. D. Wilson (ACT).
9. REPORTS:
- 9.1 Board of Management Report: (Appendix 1)
- 9.1.1 It was resolved that this Report be received.
- 9.1.2 Item 8.1.3.1 It was resolved that the Constitution be set aside for 1982 so that the 1982 Australian Cross Country Championships can take place in June as recommended.
- 9.1.3 Item 8.1.3.2 It was resolved that the 1982 Half-yearly Congress of the Union be held on Thursday and Friday, 2nd & 3rd September, 1982 in Brisbane, prior to the Commonwealth Games Trials.

9.1.4 Item 8.1.3.3 It was resolved that the Union would recognise records created by women in track and field events in which they are competing with men.

9.1.5 Item 8.1.3.4 It was resolved that as Mr. P.S. McCavanagh and Mr. J. Larkin exceed the age limit for IAAF Walking Judges, their names be removed from the Panel.

9.1.6 Item 8.1.3.5 It was resolved that the Walking Committee's offer to establish a Trust to be named "The Alf Robinson Memorial Race Walking Foundation" be accepted.

9.1.6.1 It was resolved that the funds for the above Foundation should be in the control of the Union.

9.1.7 Item 8.1.3.6 It was resolved that in future, perpetual trophies should not be named after commercial companies.

9.1.8 Item 8.1.3.7 It was resolved that an award be made from time to time in recognition of an athlete's contributions to athletics in Australia on a national level. This award would be made by the Board of Management and be made whilst an athlete is still active in the sport.

9.1.9 Item 8.1.3.8 After discussion, it was resolved that a submission be made to stage the World Cup in Canberra in 1985.

9.1.9.1 It was resolved that a letter be written to Mr. J. Marshall thanking him and his Committee for the work done to date and advising that the Congress has decided to go ahead with this invitation and to encourage them to help the Union in the future.

9.1.10 A discussion was held on a proposal put to the Union by Global Sports Promotions.

9.1.10.1 It was resolved that the Board be authorised to pursue negotiations and enter an agreement with this Company to implement international meetings for January, 1982 and a further two years.

9.1.10.2 It was resolved that the Associations concerned with the international meetings should be contacted for their views as to the percentage of profit they require, etc., and this should then be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of Management.

9.1.11 Report by Mr. Denis Wilson re Veteran's Championships.

9.1.11.1 It was resolved that this Report be received and that the matter be deferred to the intended Extra-ordinary Congress and that the President be asked to place this matter on the Agenda of such Extra-ordinary Congress.

9.2 Secretary's Report: (Appendix 2)

9.2.1 It was resolved that this report be received.

9.2.2 It was resolved that items 8.2.1, 8.2.3 and 8.2.4 be received.

9.2.3 The Secretary read a letter from the IAAF stating that this Union could not reinstate athletes for competition, however, applications should be forwarded to the IAAF for consideration.

9.2.3.1 It was resolved that the names of David Robert Marsh, James Edward Claxton and Daryl Richard Anderson be forwarded to the IAAF for reinstatement as competing amateurs.

9.2.3.2 It was resolved that Allan Ivor Millhouse be reinstated as a non-competing amateur.

9.3 Treasurer's Report: (Appendix 3)

9.3.1 It was resolved that the Income and Expenditure Account be received and adopted but it be further represented in columnar form at the intended Extra-ordinary Congress.

9.3.2 It was resolved that the Balance Sheet be received but adoption be deferred until the intended Extra-ordinary Congress at which time matters can be further attended to.

9.3.3 The Treasurer read a letter from Mr. J. Barbour, Auditor (Appendix 3.1).

9.3.3.1 It was resolved that the matters raised in the Auditor's letter be referred to the Board of Management.

9.3.4 It was resolved that the Board be asked to investigate, implement and report to the next Congress on the establishment of a procedure for approving all items of expenditure.

9.3.5 It was resolved that the Board of Management should receive and confirm a Statement of Receipts and Payments at each meeting and this should then become an appendix of that meeting's minutes.

9.4 Executive Director's Report: (Appendix 4)

9.4.1 It was resolved that this Report be received.

9.4.2 It was resolved that Items 1, 2, 3 & 4 be received.

9.4.2.1 The Executive Director agreed to have discussions with the ACTAAA concerning the Australia Day Relays.

9.4.3 Item 5 National Calendar

9.4.3.1 It was resolved that this be received after amending the publication date to September 1 and the closing date for applications to August 1.

9.4.4 The Executive Director reported that \$35,000 has been granted to the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia by the Commonwealth Games Association for pre-Games preparation.

9.4.4.1 The Executive Director recommended the following allocations be made:

\$2,000 Technical Officials to New Zealand
\$10,000 Three Day Camp. Mt. Gravatt, last weekend in July
\$10,000 Elite athletes - distribution to be handled by the Board of Management
\$13,000 be set aside for Oceania Team for pre-Games competition for World Cup Three. This \$13,000 would be added to the elite athletes grant of \$10,000 should the Oceania AAA meet expenses involved in the pre-Games competition for World Cup Three.

9.4.4.2 Mr. Briggs and Mr. Bailey reported that it was not the impression gained by them at the Commonwealth Games Foundation Meeting that the Union would pay for Mr. Ian Wilson (Technical Official) to attend the Pacific Conference Games.

9.4.4.3 It was resolved that subject to the clarification of that money allotted to Mr. Ian Wilson, that the recommendations as to the use of the \$35,000 by the Executive Director be agreed to.

9.4.4.4 The proposed application for a Commonwealth Grant was discussed.

9.5 Coaching Director's Report (Appendix 5)

9.5.1 It was resolved that this Report be received.

9.5.2 The Coaching Director congratulated the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales and the Queensland Women's Amateur Athletic Association on their appointing Coaching Directors and strongly recommended to other Associations that they do likewise.

9.5.3 It was resolved that recommendation 1 be carried but no figures should be put forward.

9.5.3.1 It was resolved that the figures for each group in the Alcoa National Squad should be based on Commonwealth Ranking lists.

9.5.4 It was resolved that recommendations 2, 3 and 4 be carried.

9.6 Reports of Standing Committees (Appendix 6)

9.6.1 It was resolved that these Reports be received.

9.6.2 Report of Selection Committee

9.6.2.1 It was resolved that items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 be received.

9.6.2.1.1 Selection Criteria: It was resolved that the Board of Management be empowered under special circumstances to exempt athletes from Selection Trials.

9.6.3 Report of Technical Committee

9.6.3.1 It was resolved that items 1, 2 and 3 be received.

9.6.3.2 It was resolved that if item 4 was dealt with as a matter of urgency, it could be dealt with at the IAAF Technical Committee Meeting in May.

9.6.4 Report of Coaching Co-ordinating Committee

9.6.4.1 It was resolved that all items be received.

9.6.4.2 It was resolved that all Associations be asked to assist in any survey undertaken by Committees.

9.6.5 Report of the Statistician

9.6.5.1 It was resolved that all items be received.

9.6.6 Report of the Constitution Committee

9.6.6.1 It was resolved that all items be received.

9.6.6.2 It was resolved that the matter of recognition of records be referred to the Board to consider and report to the Half-yearly Congress and that further debate on this be adjourned.

9.7 Report of Walking Committee

9.7.1 It was resolved that Mr. Palle Lassen, Chairman of the IAAF Walking Committee, be invited to conduct an international judges' course prior to the Commonwealth Games to be held in Brisbane in 1982.

9.7.2 It was resolved that the name of Mr. Allan Johnston be forwarded to the IAAF for inclusion on the IAAF Walking Panel.

9.8 Report of Delegates to Pacific Conference Games Permanent Committee

It was resolved that the minutes of the PCG Permanent Committee be received.

9.8.1.1 It was noted that the minutes had been forwarded to the Union and were available from Mr. Lee.

- 9.9 Report of Oceania Council Delegate
- 9.9.1 It was resolved that this report be received.
- 9.9.2 It was resolved that this Union extend its congratulations to the Australians who are officials in the World Cup Team; namely Mrs. W. Ey, Messrs. R. Pannell, R. Rigby, G. Knoke and Dr. J. Daly.
- 9.9.3 It was resolved that Mr. Lee be congratulated on his appointment of Acting President of the Pacific Conference Games Permanent Committee.
- 9.10 Report of Delegate to Confederation of Sport (Oral)
- 9.10.1 It was resolved that this Report be received.
- 9.11 Report of Team Manager, 1980 Tokyo International Sports Games
- 9.11.1 It was resolved that this Report be received and the thanks of the Congress were extended to Mr. Briggs on the Management of this Team.
- 9.12 Report of Australian Cross Country and Road Relay Championships
- 9.12.1 It was resolved that this Report be received.
- 9.13 Report of the Australian Women's 10K. Road Running Championship
- 9.13.1 It was resolved that this Report be received.
- 9.14 Report on the Marathon & 20K. Walking Championships
- 9.14.1 It was resolved that this Report be received together with the addendum also submitted to the Congress.
- 9.14.2 It was resolved that the Amateur Athletic Association of South Australia be informed that that part of the addendum starting with the word "Future" and ending with the word "time" under the heading "Liaison", is not acceptable to the Congress.
- 9.15 Report of Team Manager, 1980 Olympic Team, Moscow
- 9.15.1 It was resolved that this Report be received.
- 9.15.2 It was resolved that firm arrangements be made with the supplier of uniforms to have these available to athletes at least seven (7) days prior to departure.
- 9.15.3 It was resolved that the Union should inform the Australian Olympic Federation about special requirements in uniforms for particular athletes.
- 9.15.4 It was resolved that the views expressed in Penny Gillies & Mrs. Ey's Reports re uniform style should be referred to the Board of Management and the Board should report to the next Congress.
- 9.15.5 It was resolved that this Union recommends that a doctor and/or physiotherapist accompany Australian Track & Field Teams journeying overseas when such services will not be otherwise readily available to them.
- 9.15.6 It was resolved that this Congress should convey to the Australian Olympic Federation that when dealing with the largest or near largest team competing in Olympic Games that a member of the medical panel or para medical team should accompany that team throughout its entire tour. If this is not possible, this Union should undertake to do this.
- 9.15.7 It was resolved that the Board of Management should give consideration to seeing how our team members can be covered for medical expenses overseas and report back to the next Congress.

9.15.8 It was resolved that a list of Australian instrumentalities such as Embassies, Trade Commissioners, Emigration Offices, etc., in the cities to be visited by any touring team be made available to Team Management.

9.15.8.1 It was resolved to accept the offer of Mr. Denis Wilson to provide this Union with contact numbers for any team, delegate or other person going overseas and that Union administration ensure any such team, delegate or person be given that information before leaving Australia.

9.15.9 It was resolved that all States should endeavour to have time clocks in use if possible.

9.15.10 It was resolved that recommendations 6 and 7 be referred to the Technical Committee for drafting of a suitable Rule for forwarding to the IAAF.

9.15.11 Mr. Durie thanked all concerned and the Union for the confidence shown in appointing him Manager.

9.16 Report of Team Manageress, 1980 Olympic Team, Moscow

9.16.1 It was resolved that in future arrangement be made for an interpreter to be available when a team is staying in a non-English speaking country.

9.16.2 It was resolved that the Organising Committee of the next Olympic Games be informed that the Australian team wishes to be housed all together.

9.16.3 It was resolved that if female accommodation is to remain segregated then sufficient female managerial staff be appointed for all female members of the Australian team. If not, then the structure of the management of the sections of the team be re-examined.

9.16.3 It was resolved that this Union express its thanks and confidence in the management of the Team by Mr. Durie and Mrs. Ey in the 1980 Olympic Games.

9.17 Reports of Team Captains and Coach

9.17.1 It was resolved to refer to the Board of Management the reports of Dr. Daly and the two team captains for its consideration.

9.18 Reports on National Championships

9.18.1 Report of Australian Schools Track & Field Championships, 1930

9.18.1.1 It was resolved that this report be received.

9.18.2 Report of Australian Track & Field Championships, 1980.

9.18.2.1 It was resolved that this report be received.

9.18.3 Report of Pacific Conference Games Selection Trials

9.18.3.1 It was resolved that this report be received.

9.18.3.2 The recommendation that major national athletic meetings not be held so close to Christmas/New Year holiday period was noted.

9.18.3.3 It was resolved that consideration be given to having invitation events to fill gaps in the track programme at such a meeting.

9.18.3.4 It was resolved that the recommendation that where standards are set for eligibility to compete in Trials, these standards should be adhered to thus minimising any criticism from athletes, should be administratively looked at.

10 Mrs. Chester informed the Congress that several entries had been omitted from the Western Australian Entry Form for the National Championships and sought permission to have them included.

10.1 A motion was put that the following Western Australian entries be accepted: 8 relay teams, Wade Clews - Junior 1,500 metres, Phillip Treloar - Junior Discus, Julie Rennie - Women's 3,000 metres.

10.1.1 An amendment was put and carried that the relays be dealt with separately.

10.1.2 It was resolved that Western Australia be permitted to enter those relays specified.

10.1.2.1 It was further resolved that Western Australia should compete in the outside lane in all relays.

10.1.3 It was resolved that Wade Clews be permitted to compete in the Junior 1,500 metres.

10.1.4 It was resolved that Phillip Treloar not be permitted to compete in the Junior Discus.

10.1.5 It was resolved that Julie Rennie be permitted to compete in the Women's 3,000 metres.

10.1.6 It was resolved that Stewart Tempest be permitted to compete in the Men's 1,500 metres.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Mr. Klaus Roth - re affiliation of Northern Territory as a member Association.

- requesting, pending the above, that Northern Territory be permitted to enter athletes in Australian Championships for year 1981-82.

11.1.1 It was resolved that this item of correspondence be received.

11.1.2 It was resolved that a Sub-Committee be formed to investigate the matter of affiliation of the Northern Territory.

11.1.3 It was resolved that the Sub-Committee should comprise Dr. F. Larkins, Mr. G. Briggs and Mr. L. Snelling. Mr. L. Snelling to be Convenor.

11.1.4 It was resolved that the matter of Northern Territory athletes competing in Australian Championships should be put before the Half-yearly Congress.

11.2 A.T. & F.C.A. - requesting affiliation status and that the following be considered:

1. That if the AAU wishes to retain the AAU Coaching Committee, the National Executive of the AT & FCA be appointed as this Committee and that all matters relating to coaching be referred to this Committee.

2. That a representative of the AT & FCA be present at the Half-yearly and Annual Congresses of the Union and that this member be given the power to vote on all matters relating to coaching of athletics in Australia.

11.2.1 It was resolved that this item of correspondence be received and consideration be held over until the intended Extra-ordinary Congress.

11.3 AAA of NSW - application to stage the trials for the selection of the Australian Team to the 1983 World Cross Country Championships.

11.3.1 It was resolved that this item of correspondence be received.

11.3.2 It was resolved to allocate the staging of the trials for the selection of the Australian Team to the 1983 World Cross Country Championships to the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales.

12. Motions upon Notice

11.1 Submitted by the A.C.T.A.A.A. that Rule 10.4.2 be deleted and replaced with other specifications.

12.1.2 The motion was lost.

12.2 Submitted by the N.S.W.W.A.A.A. that the Scoring Tables Committee follow a points scoring system for the Under 15 multiple event.

12.2.1 An amendment was put that this should read the Technical Committee

12.2.2 The motion would read: "That the Technical Committee follow a points scoring system for the Under 15 years multiple event."

12.2.3 The motion was carried.

12.3 Submitted by the AA of WA:

"Selection Trials for International Teams"

Recognising that it is now established Union policy that unless there are exceptional circumstances, athletes must compete in Selection Trials for international teams, consideration be given by the Board to the establishment of a Travel Assistance Fund to ensure that the most able athletes in Australia participate in such Trials.

Criteria for eligibility for assistance from the Fund to include:

- (a) The athlete's closest point of interstate airways departure must be at least 2,000km. from the venue at which the Trial is to be conducted;
- (b) The Selectors be consulted on the standard of the athlete requesting assistance before a decision is made.

12.3.1 The motion was carried.

12.3.2 It was resolved that the Board of Management should consider this matter.

13 Australian Championships

13.1 It was resolved that the venue allocations for 1984, with the exception of ACT for the Track & Field Championships be accepted.

13.2 It was resolved that the 1984 Track & Field Championships be listed as the Olympic Games Trials.

14. International Competition

14.1 1981 IAAF World Cup, Rome, 4, 5 & 6 September. For information.

14.2 1981 Montreal Marathon, 13 September

14.2.1 It was noted that three Australian athletes would be funded by the Montreal Marathon Committee and it had been decided to send a team of six. Selection policy for this team will be announced by the Selection Committee in the near future.

14.3 1981 IAAF Walking World Cup for the Lugano Trophy & Eschborn Cup, 3 & 4 October.

14.3.1 It was resolved that the Walking Committee's recommendation be accepted in relation to this competition in that this team should find its own finance other than that funding by Government and Union sources.

14.4 1981 Mini Games, 2, 3, 4 October, Brisbane

14.4.1 It was resolved that the Executive Director should seek information on who is responsible for the running of the Games.

14.5 1982 Aust. vs. New Zealand Multiple Events Match

14.5.1 It was reported that it is hoped funds would be available from Government grants to finance this Team.

14.6 1982 Relay Tour, West Coast, U.S.A., May. Information.

14.7 1982 Commonwealth Games, 30 September - 9 October.

14.7.1 It was noted that the selection criteria has been set and standards will be published after the European season in September, 1980.

14.8 1982 Montreal Marathon.

14.8.1 It was noted that if the Australian Team is successful this year we should endeavour to send an Australian Team to the 1982 Montreal Marathon.

14.9 1983 World Cross Country Championships.

14.9.1 It was resolved to re-affirm the decision to send a Team every two years to the World Cross Country Championships.

14.10 1983 IAAF Track & Field Championships.

14.10.1 It was noted that information on these Championships would be available shortly.

15. Financial Budget, 1981

15.1 It was resolved that this Budget be received.

16. General Business

16.1 Discussion was held re the date of the intended Extra-ordinary Congress and it was decided that the President should endeavour to fix a date which would be suitable to most delegates.

16.2 Discussion was held re fares equalisation and the ACTAAA was asked to draw up a motion regarding this to be put to the Extra-ordinary Congress.

16.3 Mrs. Chester referred to Schools teams and requested that Associations should try to accommodate boys teams in a different location to girls teams.

17. Fixing Headquarters

17.1 It was resolved that the Headquarters of the Union for the ensuing year would be Melbourne, Victoria.

18. Closure

18.1 The President thanked all members for their co-operation during the Congress.

18.2 Mr. Aitken thanked the President for his able chairing of the Congress.

The Congress closed at 4.30p.m.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

APPENDIX 1

- 8.1.1 The Board met in Melbourne on 5th October, 1980, in Canberra on 20th & 30th November, 1980 and in Melbourne on 7th & 8th February, 1981.
- 8.1.2 Matters of immediate interest to Associations or requiring their attention have been brought to notice in the course of the normal administrative procedures. A copy of the minutes of the 13th, 14th & 15th Board Meetings were distributed to all Associations.
- 8.1.3 The Board resolved to put the following matters before the Annual Congress for consideration:
- 8.1.3.1 Minute 6.6 (14th Meeting, 28-29/11/80) It is recommended that the Constitution be set aside for 1982 so that the 1982 Australian Cross Country Championships can take place in June as recommended.
- 8.1.3.2 Minute 6.7 (14th Meeting, 28-29/11/80) It is recommended that the 1982 Half-yearly Congress be held on Thursday and Friday, 2nd & 3rd September, 1982 in Brisbane, prior to the Commonwealth Games Trials.
- 8.1.3.3 Minute 17.9.1 (14th Meeting, 28-29/11/80) It is recommended that a policy be adopted that where women create new Australian records in events in which they are competing with men, such records will be recognised.
- 8.1.3.4 Minute 6.1.1 (15th Meeting, 7-8/2/81) It is recommended that as Mr. P.S. McCavanagh and Mr. J. Larkin exceed the age limit for IAAF Walking Judges, their names be removed from the panel.
- 8.1.3.5 Minute 6.3.1 (15th Meeting, 7-8/2/81) On the recommendation of the Constitution Committee, the Board of Management recommends that we accept the Walking Committee's offer to establish a Trust to be named "The Alf Robinson Memorial Race Walking Foundation".
- 8.1.3.5 Minute 6.4.3 (15th Meeting, 7-8/2/81) It is recommended that in future, perpetual trophies should not be named after commercial companies.
- 8.1.3.6 Minute 9.2 (15th Meeting, 7-8/2/81) It is recommended that an award be made from time to time in recognition of an athlete's contributions to athletics in Australia on a national level. This award would be made by the Board of Management and be made whilst an athlete is still active in the sport.
- 8.1.3.7 Minute 11.2 (15th Meeting, 7-8/2/81) It is recommended that a submission be made to stage the World Cup in Canberra in 1985.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

APPENDIX 2

8.2.1 Publications

The Almanac was available prior to the track season and has again been a popular booklet.

The Honorary Statistician, Mr Paul Jenes, is presently compiling an all-time ranking list 100 deep, and Mr Bert Gardiner is preparing a full set of results and lists of team members of Olympic & Commonwealth Games, to be published in a booklet later this year.

I apologise for the delay of the 1979-80 Annual Report, however, the events revolving around the Olympic Games, and the increased activity in the office, have prevented this publication being available earlier.

8.2.2 Re-instatements - Competing amateurs.

As stated in the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Board, the IAAF Council is prepared to accept recommendations from member Associations re the re-instatement for competition of people who have infringed their amateur status.

The following applications have been received and it is recommended they be forwarded to the IAAF.

- David Robert Marsh - Wongan Hills, WA.
- James Edward Claxton - Launceston, Tas.
- Daryl Richard Anderson - Bendigo East, Vic.

Non-competing amateur - Mr Allan Ivor Hillhouse.

8.2.3 Administration

The office staff of Mrs Jeanette Brown and Miss Denise Pillar, worked extremely hard over the last 12 months. The period of uncertainty early in 1980 regarding Australia sending a team to the Olympics put added pressure onto all staff members and added to an already heavy workload.

I am grateful for the assistance given to the office by Miss Lillian Neville. Miss Neville spends one day a week in the office assisting with all types of odd jobs, thus allowing our two typists free to do other work.

I would also like to thank Mrs Joy Bradbury and Mr & Mrs Bert Gardiner for assisting in the office at various times over the past 12 months.

8.2.4 Records

The Australian Records listed below have been approved by the President and the Secretary :

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

Women

400m. Hurdles 56.9	O & N	L. Foreman (WA)	Perth	13/12/80
400m. Hurdles 56.85	O & N	L. Foreman (WA)	Canberra	21/12/80
1500m. Walk 6:19.0	O & N	S. Cook (Vic)	Melbourne	8/11/80
3000m. Walk 13:37.2	O & N	S. Cook (Vic)	Melbourne	29/11/80
Pentathlon 4251 pts. (e)	O & N	G. Saunders (Old)	Sydney	21/ 3/80

Junior Women

400 Metres 53.17		M. Baumgartner (V)	Sydney	23/3/80
400 Metres 52.90 (e)		M. Baumgartner (V)	Canberra	20/12/80
1500m Walk 6:35.7		S. Pierson (V)	Melbourne	25/10/80
1500m Walk 6:32.4		S. Pierson (V)	Melbourne	8/11/80
3000m Walk 13:59.7		S. Pierson (V)	Melbourne	15/11/80

Sub-Junior Women

90m Hurdles (equal) 13.3		K. Coombe (Qld)	Brisbane	19/10/80
90m Hurdles 13.1		J. Beasley (WA)	Perth	26/10/80
90m Hurdles 12.9		J. Beasley (WA)	Perth	3/1/81
90m Hurdles 12.8		J. Beasley (WA)	Perth	10/1/81
1500 Metres 4:25.9		J. Nykvist (Qld)	Brisbane	15/11/80
3000m Walk 14:17.1		L. Nicholson (Vic)	Melbourne	29/11/80

Men

200 Metres (equal) 20.4 (h)	O & N	M.B. Frayne (SA)	Canberra	21/12/80
200 Metres 20.59 (e)	O & N	M.B. Frayne (SA)	Canberra	21/12/80
* 20K Walk 88:34.4	O & N	W. Sawall (Vic)	Melbourne	24/5/80
* 2 Hour Walk 27,123m. 35cm.	O & N	W. Sawall (Vic)	Melbourne	24/5/80
Pole Vault 5.50m.	O	R. Pudas (Finland)	Sydney	8/2/81

Junior Men

200 Metres P. Gandy (NSW) Canberra 21/12/80
20.88 (e)

1500m Walk M. Woods (NSW) Sydney 18/10/80
5:53.2

1500m Walk M. Woods (NSW) Sydney 15/11/80
5:47.3

Hammer Throw A. Heyes (NSW) Sydney 14/2/81
66.84m.

Sub-Junior Men

1500m Walk A.D. Muir (NSW) Sydney 29/11/80
6:01.7

1500m Walk A.D. Muir (NSW) Sydney 31/1/81

Commonwealth Record applications will be submitted for those marked * also
for 200 metres (women) 22.35, Denise Boyd (Vic), Sydney, 23/3/80.

R.W. Pannell,
Secretary.

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1980.

APPENDIX 3

(1) GENERAL FUND

1979	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	1979	<u>ASSETS</u>
6382	Sundry Creditors	19410.82	9570 Commonwealth Savings Bank Melbourne 16924.69
	Special Funds		250 Petty Cash Advance 250.00
	Subsidy Administration 14000.00		1403 Sundry Debtors 10249.02
	Less Allocation to 31.12.80 14000.00		Accruments
	World Cross Country Championship 3155.65		Interest 522.33
	National Coaching Squad		Investments
	Alcoa 261412.44		M.W.S. & D.B. of N.S.W.
	Commonwealth Government 27500.00		Debenture Loan No. 1450 6.3% due 1.7.80
	<u>288912.44</u>		Commonwealth of Australia
28177	Less Expend. to date 209041.56	79870.88	Special Bonds Series 2C 8.4% due 1.10.80
	Suspense		Australian Savings Bonds
	Fares Equalization 585.52		Series 4 9.2% due 1.4.1984 3000.00
	Oceania Group 9886.48		" 7 10.0% due 1.8.1984 11000.00
	Advertising T.V. Fees -	23000	" 8 10.0% due 1.12.1984 4000.00
	Australian Olympic Federation 628.00		" 10 9.25% due 1.7.1985 1000.00
	Olympic Team Grant 1016.74		Discounted Bills 126990.29
	Olympic Cards 57.00	5262	Commonwealth Bank Investment Acc. 11281.57
	Schools T & F Championships 10564.52		Stock 4341.31
	Australia Day Relays 1000.00	7620	Equipment & Office Equipment 8643.61
	Commonwealth Government Grants	3574	Net of Depreciation
	Director's Salaries 24000.00		Suspense
	Competition 28000.00		
11324	Coaching -	52000.00	
	Accumulated Fund		
	Balance 1.1.1980 5629.19		
5629	Add excess of Income over Expend. for year ended 31.12.80. 14398.02	20027.21	
<u>\$51512</u>		<u>\$198202.82</u>	<u>\$51512</u>
			<u>\$198202.82</u>

(2) PACIFIC CONFERENCE GAMES FUND

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>Accumulated Fund</u>		<u>Cash Commonwealth Savings Bank</u>	
Balance at 1.1.1980	3505.00	Melbourne	1867.95
Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred from Income Expenditure Account.	<u>216.95</u>	<u>Accruments Interest</u>	54.00
	3721.95	<u>Investments</u>	
		Australian Savings Bonds Series 11	
		9% 1.9.1985.	1800.00
	<u>\$3721.95</u>		<u>\$3721.95</u>

(3) RONALD W. CLARKE ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

<u>International Tours Fund</u>		<u>Cash Commonwealth Savings Bank</u>		
Balance 1.1.1980	3316.45	Melbourne	2918.17	- 21 -
Interest for Year	<u>2849.92</u>	<u>Accruments Interest</u>	882.08	
<u>Less Subsidies Granted</u>	<u>6166.37</u>	<u>Sundry Debtors</u>	4000.00	
A.A.U. of A. Lugano Cup	300.00	<u>Investments</u>		
D. Huxley	500.00	Australian Savings Bonds		
G. Puopolo	250.00	Series 1 10.5% 1.2.1983	15000.00	
S. Poulton	250.00	" 7 10.0% 1.8.1984	1740.00	
A. Lloyd	250.00	" 8 10.0% 1.12.1984	4000.00	
L. Johnson	250.00	" 11 9.0% 1.9.1985	<u>4000.00</u>	24740.00
T. Erikson	<u>500.00</u>			
	2300.00			
	3866.37			
<u>Sundry Creditors</u>				
	1000.00			
<u>Trust Fund</u>				
	27673.88			
	<u>\$32540.25</u>		<u>\$32540.25</u>	

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1980.

		<u>(1) GENERAL FUND</u>			
<u>1979</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	
	<u>Affiliation Fees</u>			<u>Affiliation Fees</u>	
399	International Amateur Athletic Federation	202.90	120	Member Associations	110.00
223	Pacific Conference Games Council	250.00		<u>Registration Dues</u>	
15	Australian Olympic Federation	15.00		A.C.T. A.A.A.	1026.00
10	Australian Commonwealth Games Association	10.50	2727	A.A.A. of New South Wales	9324.00
25	Confederation of Australian Sports	50.00	967	Queensland A.A.A.	2930.00
100	Administration Levy	-	621	South Australian A.A.A.	2192.00
		528.40	391	Tasmanian A.A.A.	1216.00
	<u>Team & Athletes Expenses</u>		3946	Victorian A.A.A.	11463.00
52	Women's Cross Country New Zealand	-	1301	N.S.W. Women's A.A.A.	3974.00
(6)	European Tour	-	637	Queensland Women's A.A.A.	1960.00
138	Sportakaide	-	296	South Australian Women's A.A.A.	868.00
3306	Australia v. New Zealand	-	274	Tasmanian Women's A.A.A.	800.00
-	Others	169.70	1596	Victorian Women's A.A.A.	4768.00
-	Lugano Cup	222.50	853	A.A. of Western Australia	2178.00
		392.20			42699.00
	<u>Special Committees Expenses</u>			<u>Interest</u>	2861.42
3252	Board Meetings	4545.95	2688	Australian Track & Field Championship	8766.90
1235	Australian Commonwealth Games Assn.	-	1466	<u>Reinstatement Fees</u>	20.00
232	Ad Hoc Committee, Canberra	-	28	<u>Publication Sales</u>	
		4545.95		Almanacs	761.35
	Australian Cross Country Championships	961.55	497	Newsletter	3058.70
	Australian Walking Championships	498.37	1173	Others	707.27
	Women's 10,000 Metres Road Running	143.85	5735	Handbooks	662.80
					5190.12
	<u>General Administration</u>			<u>Subsidy Administration</u>	
445	Advertising	-		Commonwealth Bank	6000.00
741	Congress Delegates Expenses	2572.98	8000	Commonwealth Government	43000.00
1182	Conference Expenses	892.98	41500		49000.00
(54)	Commonwealth Games Trials	-	785	Advertising T.V. Fees	2702.04
590	Coaching Films	301.95	75	<u>Hire Films & Video Tapes</u>	155.38
848	Depreciation	2000.00			
4433	Duplicating, Printing & Stationery	4468.42			
17166	Carried Forward		7070.32	75676	
					Carried Forward
					111504.86

17166	Carried Forward	7070.32	75676	Carried Forward	111504.86
215	Delegates Expenses	245.80		<u>Administration Charges Recovered</u>	7280.00
264	Entertainment & Goodwill	362.63		<u>Commonwealth Bank Meets.</u>	2227.10
193	Expenses Extra-Ordinary Congress 1978	-		<u>Donations</u>	785.00
272	Expenses Half-Yearly Congress 1978	-		<u>Fines</u>	72.00
778	Electricity	734.48		<u>Sponsorship</u>	
911	General Expenses	981.75		Adidas	1000.00
250	Honorarium	450.00		M & B Travel	<u>1822.00</u>
873	Insurance	2041.84		<u>Lapel Badges</u>	22.45
-	I.A.A.F. Congress Application	267.17		<u>Commonwealth Games Ties, Scarves, Etc.</u>	59.25
1	Medallions	438.02		(85) <u>I.A.A.F. Coaching Course</u>	1352.65
1213	Officers Expenses	1049.50		<u>Key Rings</u>	68.20
-	Olympic Games Trials	126.47		<u>Schoolboys Cross Country Championships</u>	1308.66
251	Periodicals	387.92		<u>Bannerettes</u>	4.26
1096	Postage	1179.76		248 <u>Picture Night</u>	-
170	Repairs & Maintenance Office Equipment	1011.84			
3520	Rent	3519.60			
53536	Salaries	55408.57			
395	Selectors Expenses	905.40			
1724	Superannuation	4066.31			
95	Seminar Fees	-			
(6)	Ties	82.00			
71	Trophies Australian Championships	-			
2743	Telephone & Cables	6729.43			
2003	Travelling Expenses Executive Director	2672.97			
3312	Travelling Expenses Coaching Director	1589.12			
929	Typing Assistance	<u>1868.41</u>	96355.32		
	<u>Publication Costs</u>				
470	Almanacs	1121.25			
5653	Others	318.37			
773	Newsletter	7097.40			
	Handbooks	<u>1155.75</u>	9692.77		
(23038)	Surplus for year transferred to Accumulated Fund		14398.02		
<u>\$75839</u>		<u>\$127516.43</u>	<u>\$75839</u>		<u>\$127516.43</u>

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16th March, 1981.

Board of Management,
The Amateur Athletic Union
of Australia,
377 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. 3000.

Dear Sir,

I advise having completed the audit of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia for the year ended 31st December, 1980. In my opinion the Balance Sheet of the Union is drawn up so as to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Union at 31st December, 1980 and the Income and Expenditure is drawn up to present a true and fair view of the results for the year ended on that date.

In the course of my audit several matters came to my attention and I report on these as follows.

1. Expenditure

As I mentioned in my report last year, it is not apparent who has ultimate control over expenditure. Board Minutes do not indicate that expenditure is approved or confirmed at meetings. I would therefore be pleased if you could advise me of the limits placed on expenditure and how the Board exercises control over these limits.

2. Presentation of Income and Expenditure Statement

(a) As also mentioned last year, there are several instances where only the net results of a tour, etc. is shown in the financial statements. I believe that it would be better disclosure if the total costs of the tours were shown less the grants and other income received. This would not only indicate more fully the funds passing through the Union but would also show the degree of support the Union receives from Government and other outside sources.

(b) National Coaching Squad. To provide a more informative disclosure I believe that the National Coaching Squad should be disclosed as a separate income and expenditure account instead of the present situation where the record of income and expenditure is only noted on the Balance Sheet. This would also afford more control over the funds received and disbursements made.

3. R. W. Clarke Athletic Foundation

Subsidies granted to athletes by the Foundation are in many cases not supported by written authorisation from the Trustees. I believe that all disbursements should be authorised in writing by the Trustees of the Foundation.

4. Superannuation

Currently there is an amount in the General Fund of \$1,830, being Superannuation contributions for the Executive Director. In my opinion this amount should be invested in a separate bank account controlled by the Trustees of the Superannuation Fund, and held apart from the funds of the Association.

3. Suspense Account

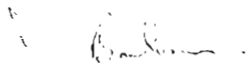
I note that various items in the Suspense Account have been held over from events which have been completed prior to the 31st December, 1980. Some have been held in Suspense for in excess of two years. I believe that the Board should review these items and determine their treatment.

6. Investments

(a) Several investments were due for redemption during the year and I noted that it was some time before the funds were received. For maximum control and to ensure efficient use of funds, arrangements should be made prior to the due date to receive the funds on the date of maturity.

(b) Although not an audit query, I believe some consideration should be given to transferring the low yielding Australian Savings Bonds to the current issue which is offering a higher yield.

Yours faithfully,



J. C. Barbour.

1. Sponsorship

A sponsorship proposal including all National Championships and "official sponsor" of the Union was adopted by the Board early last year. The Board set a figure of \$40,000 for the package.

Approaches were made to three companies all of which were unsuccessful. This matter will be nursed further this year.

Alcoa of Australia has indicated the continuance of their sponsorship up to a period including the 1982 Commonwealth Games. Dr. Roberts has reviewed the Squad concept which will be presented to you for ratification and my recommendations regarding national competition appear later in this report. Dr. Roberts and I have spoken to Alcoa on both recommendations and they are quite happy about the concept.

The Commonwealth Steel Company sponsored the 1980 All Schools Track and Field Championships which were very successful. A newsletter containing the full set of results, pictures and a story will be published shortly and sent to all schools and participating athletes. "Comsteel" are presently considering a sponsorship proposal for the Australian All Schools Track & Field Championships for a further 3 years.

Mars continued with the Five Star Award and introduced the scheme into NSW. The Executive Director of NSW, Mr. C.D. Lee has pushed the scheme in his country promotional tours which has resulted in an excellent response from schools.

Mars agreed to a grant of \$5,000 to introduce cloth badges and it is hoped these will be available to schools by mid-year.

The Shell Company of Australia again sponsored the Boys Under 17 interstate match and we are most grateful for their continued support. Shell also sponsored the "Australia Day Relays" in Canberra together with the Australian Olympic Federation and the Federal Government. This is becoming a most popular event and it is intended to recommend to the Half-yearly Congress that this competition be adopted as "Australian Club Relay Championships".

Some difficulty was encountered with permission for on ground exposure for sponsors during the Australian All Schools Track & Field Championships and the Alcoa Challenge Series held at E.S. Marks Field. The President wrote to Mr. J. A. Bradford, Deputy Lord Mayor of the Council of the City of Sydney and this was followed by a meeting with Mr. Bradford, Mr. Lee and myself.

The Council subsequently agreed to waive fees for on ground sponsor acknowledgement for these two meets and a further meeting with the Council is planned for after Easter to discuss arrangements for future meetings.

2. Airline Travel

The Union was advised by Ansett Airlines of Australia, our carrier, in September, 1980 that the arrangement which the Union and Ansett had entered into in June, 1979 would cease subsequent upon a direction from the Minister for Transport, Mr. Hunt. This has been a major blow to the finances of the Union as the contribution by Ansett Airlines to the operations of athletics in Australia at a national level was a considerable amount.

3. Athlete Advertising

Only one athlete was involved in an advertising contract in the last 12 months; Peter Bourke, Gas & Fuel Corporation - fee \$500.

4. Competition

i. Alcoa Challenge Series: The Alcoa Challenge Series again proved to be successful for athletes during the past track & field season with a number of Australian and state records being broken.

It has been slightly disappointing that in some States large crowds could not be attracted to attend the meeting despite direct advertising and posters being forwarded to all secondary schools in the metropolitan areas of all States. It is recommended that for season 1981-82 that only three competitions be held, those being Perth, Melbourne, Sydney

Competition will be required by athletes leading up to Trials for the 1982 Commonwealth Games and between the Trials and the actual Games. This situation has been discussed with Alcoa and they are prepared to sponsor meetings in Perth on September 12, 1982 and Sydney on September 19, 1982.

The September 19 meeting in Sydney would be the assembly point of the Australian Team prior to entering the village in Brisbane.

5. National Calendar

It has become apparent after this season's track meets that there is a need to have a set calendar of national and international meetings in Australia. It is therefore recommended that in future, a calendar of national meetings be set and published on July 1 before each track season and that, except in exceptional circumstances, no other national or international meeting will be approved after this date. The closing date for applications would be June 1.

R.W. Pannell,
Executive Director.

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

APPENDIX 5

HALF - YEARLY REPORT FROM THE

NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR

March 1981

The following is a summary of my coaching and related activities since September 1980.

Organized and conducted eight Coaching Camps for members of the Alcoa National Squad with assistance from the Executive Director, many coaches and volunteers.

Worked with Marlene Mathews (Secretary ATFCA) in planning and conducting a ten day Level II Coaching Course in Canberra. Coached and lectured at the course and marked sections of the examination papers resulting from the course.

Arranged for coaching clinics to be given by a visiting West German coach (Jochen Spilker) in Perth, Adelaide and Canberra prior to the Alcoa meets held in these cities.

Co-ordinated the production of four coaching tapes and edited the tapes. Obtained permission from the I.O.C. and Channel 7 (Melbourne) to use official Moscow Olympic Games films as introductions to the seven tapes which should be available to all schools and clubs in May this year.

Arranged to visit Alice Springs and Darwin in June 1981 to conduct coaching courses in conjunction with the AFTCA.

Accepted an invitation to lecture at the I.A.A.F. Oceania Coaching Course on Field Events to be held in New Zealand in May 1981.

Presented coaching clinics at the 13th Biennial ACHPER (Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation) conference in Melbourne.

Worked on matters relating to development of the athletics program at the Australian Institute of Sport. Met with Don Talbot, the Director; served on the selection committee interviewed coaching applicants and worked with the A.A.U. selectors to evaluate and rank the 290 applications received for athletic scholarships.

Attended and participated in the following meetings:

- A.A.U. Board of Management (3)
- AFTCA Executive
- National Event Coaches


Submitted a budget to the I.A.A.F. for the conduct of an Oceania Coaching Course to be held in Canberra in January 1982. (Stage

III of the Oceania Five Year Coaching Plan).

Addressed groups of athletes, officials, coaches and students at seven separate functions.

Met several times with the A.A.A. of N.S.W. Coaching Director and the Secretary of AFTCA.

Attended Alcoa Challenge Series in Adelaide and Sydney, the P.C.G. trials in Canberra and World Cross Country Team trials in Melbourne.



Jean Roberts,
NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR.

RECOMMENDATIONS

ALCOA NATIONAL SQUAD COACHING PROGRAMME 1981

1. Squad Membership

"A" Squad Elite athletes, expected to win medals in 1982 Commonwealth Games. Estimated number 30.

"B" Squad Athletes expected to be members of the Australian team in 1982 Commonwealth Games. Estimated number 60.

"C" Squad Developmental. Athletes expected to be members of future Australian teams after the 1982 Commonwealth Games. Estimated number 100.

Selection of Squads to be done by National Event Coaches in conjunction with A.A.U. Selectors and Coaching Director.

Rationale for Differentiation in Squad Membership.

Great variation exists between the top 4 seniors and top 2 juniors in any event. Three divisions can be made in order to meet the needs of these different groups.

2. Coaching Camps.

One 3 day coaching camp will be held for members of "B" and "C" Squads and their personal coaches in May.

3. Coaching Clinics.

In Spring (September, October & November), National Event Coaches will travel to capital cities for weekend coaching clinics.

Saturday Spend with Squad members and their coaches

Sunday Conduct a coaching seminar and/or practical sessions with local athletes and coaches.

Fares will be required to bring Squad members from outlying areas to the capital city of each State and perhaps some interstate Squad members to the State which their National Event Coach is visiting.

Two or three National Event Coaches should visit each capital city to give these coaching clinics. Not all events would be presented each year, but a rotation will be planned where necessary.

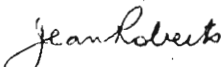
4. "A" Squad Athletes.

National Event Coaches will keep close contact with members of the "A" Squad and their coaches and assist where required.

These elite athletes often have requests unrelated to coaching - generally they already receive excellent coaching. They should be automatically invited to compete in Alcoa Challenge Series Meetings providing their performances are up to standard.

In a few cases, these athletes may require fares to visit a national event coach or coaching clinic. e.g. Multiple event athletes.

At the end of March each year, Squad membership will be reviewed.


Jean Roberts,
COACHING DIRECTOR.

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee has been responsible for the selection of the following teams since presentation of the previous report:

1. P.C.G. Team - Track & Field This team was selected from trials conducted in Canberra on December 20 & 21. These trials were to select a team of 35 men and women senior athletes and 10 junior men and women. The standard of competition was excellent with entries of over 260. Significantly a number of new faces, many juniors, emerged as top athletes at this meet. This, I believe is a reflection of the impetus given to our development by our National Coaching Scheme, and the efforts of Dr. Jean Roberts, and her assistants. I was able to see the team compete in New Zealand at the Pacific Conference Games and am happy to report that we appear to have an exciting young nucleus of a team which will improve in international stature.

The selection of this team was made according to the criteria specified prior to the trials.

2. World Cross Country Championships Trials were conducted on 8th February to select a team of men and women to compete in the above competition. The men's team in particular appears to contain a complement of athletes ranging from specialist marathon runners, to cross country runners, to fast 5K and 10K track runners. As the event is a teams competition, it is fortunate that our team's versatility could enable it to cope with most race conditions.

The team was selected in strict accordance with the criteria specified at an earlier date.

3. Decathlon, Pentathlon Competition vs. NZ At time of writing this team has not yet been selected. However, due to the difficulties of staging trials for multiple events, it is anticipated that latest scored, and current form will form the basis of selection.

4. World Cup, Rome, 1981 Australia forms part of the Oceania group to contest the above competitions, and generally fills the large proportion of team places. The writer is Convenor of the Oceania Selection Committee comprising of himself and two other members, Messrs. Arthur Eustace and Barry Hunt of New Zealand. The policy of selection for this competition has been specified by the Oceania Congress and published by the AAU. Briefly, the major meetings for consideration are the P.C.G. & Australian and N.Z. Championships, with current season's form generally important. As no trials are being held, selection will be essentially a process of gradual assessment rather than trials examination. I was present at the P.C.G. in Christchurch, New Zealand and had fruitful meetings with my co-selectors. The Australian contingent will be scrutinised by the Selection Committee of the AAU. The team will be announced no later than April 12.

5. Australian Institute of Sport This Committee has been involved in the grading and assessment of applicants for the above Institute, in conjunction with Dr. Jean Roberts. The Committee is hopeful that the activities of this Institute will add further to the development of our sport, in conjunction with our own development programme. It is to be hoped that by thinking and acting at a national level, we will improve as we are at present.

Travel of Selectors to major meets This exercise has been most worthwhile. At time of writing, the Selection Committee has viewed all major meets in this country and I consider that this activity can only improve the liason between athletes and administration and enable the Committee to make more considered judgements. We would hope that no claims for selection by any athlete are ever overlooked. Also, it is of valuable assistance in regard to World Cup selection.

Selection Criteria Selection Criteria has now been established and published for every international up to and including the 1982 Commonwealth Games. This information is freely available to all Associations and athletes. Also, the Committee is available to clarify any point. It is therefore the responsibility of the athlete to familiarise himself or herself with the requirements of the criteria. These recommendations by the Selection Committee to the Union have not been made lightly, nor without regard to as many circumstances as possible. The Union has not published these criteria without critical examination of them. Therefore, in order to be consistant, and to be as fair as possible to all athletes in all parts of Australia, very few exceptions to any rule will be made.

The Committee urges Associations and athletes, in their own interests, to completely familiarise themselves with published criteria of selection.

In conclusion, the Committee wishes to offer congratulations to Rick Pannell, appointed Manager of the World Cup Team and to John Daly and Wendy Ey, also members of the team.

The Committee wishes to thank the Associations and the Union for their continued support and goodwill. It is gratifying to see our current rise in performance.

Phil May,
Convenor - AAU Selection Committee

REPORT OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A yearly report of the deliberations of the Union's Technical Committee was forwarded you on 5th August, 1980.

On behalf of this Committee, I now submit a report for the 6 month's period from 1st Ausut, 1980 to 31st January, 1981.

1. Take-off Board - Synthetic Covering
The results of tests to be conducted by the W.A. AAA and the AAA of NSW, have not been received. I think the matter was to be referred by the Union to the IAAF. Any reply ?
2. Questions from the Floreat AAC - 4th July, 1980.
It was felt that these were really a matter for the Rules Committee, not being of a technical nature. However, the Technical Committee did submit its comments.
3. Queries raised by Mrs S. de la Hunty - 1st September, 1980.
Those related to "approved starting apparatus" and electronic timing, and our comments were forwarded you on 6th December, 1980.

4. IAAF Discus Specifications - Your 1.16 27th January, 1981.
On a direct request from Mr R. Frith, this matter was informally studied last October.

Opinion was, that whilst the construction of the discus in question abided by the specifications, it did not carry out the intention of the specifications. There appeared to be a loophole in the wording and diagram tolerance measurements.

It is recommended that the matter be referred to the IAAF for clarification.

Your Committee has been happy to serve the Union.

L. B. Curnow,
Convenor - AAU Technical Committee.

REPORT OF COACHING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee met on five occasions during the year 1980-81, and members held informal discussions on a number of other occasions. A resume of the main activities follows.

1. Follow-up of the survey on progress of Australian male junior athletes from junior into senior ranks. The results of the survey were presented to the March 1980 Conference. The follow-up study was aimed at contacting as many as possible of those athletes who had not appeared in the Australian ranking lists after being placed in Australian junior championships. The purpose was to establish a common reason, or series of reasons, for junior athletes not progressing into senior ranks.

State Associations were asked to assist in obtaining replies by 30th November, 1980. Comprehensive replies were received from South Australia and Western Australia, very few replies from New South Wales and Queensland, and no replies (15/2/81) from Victoria or Tasmania. A full analysis requires more complete data than presently available.
2. Members of the Committee assisted Dr Jean Roberts with the planning and organization of the Alcoa Squad weekends, and were able to assist with some of the many details required for these to be successful.
3. A survey of progress and development in womens' events similar to that carried out for the mens' events, has been designed and will be in progress during the year 1981-82.
4. Dr John Boas and Mrs Pam Turney each spent considerable time overseas in July/August 1980, including attendance at the Moscow Olympic Games. Dr Jean Roberts was also overseas in July/August in her capacity as National Coaching Director, and with Mr Norm Osborne having been coach of the Australian team in Europe in June/July 1979, and coach at the World Cup in August 1979, there has been considerable discussion of overseas trends and how best to adapt these to Australian conditions.

One result of these discussions in both the years 1979-80 and 1980-81, has been the preparation of two papers by Mr Osborne and Dr Boas. The first of these, entitled "A View of Periodization for Australian Athletes", is to appear in Modern Athlete and Coach in April 1981, and discusses short and long term planning for training and competition. In particular, it discusses some of the considerations involved in planning training and competition programs for international athletes having to peak twice in one year, eg. for the Australian Championships in March, and the Olympic Games, World Cup, or Commonwealth Games in the period late July to early October.

The second paper, entitled "Peaking", has been submitted to Modern Athlete and Coach and will appear later in 1981. This paper discusses in detail some of the considerations involved in peaking an athlete for the major competition climax.

Agenda for 1981 - 82

The Committee proposes the following as areas for discussion and action where appropriate.

1. Survey of progress and development of performances in womens' events.
2. Assistance with the Alcoa National Squad.
3. An investigation of the problems of the transition from Little Athletics into Senior Athletics.
4. Problems of specific events where Australian progress is lagging behind that in the rest of the world.
5. Other matters as may be delegated by the A.A.U.

J. Boas/N. Osborne/P. Turney

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

This season's Almanac hopefully will be published earlier than last season's, and work on the rankings should be completed by May.

The Australian all-time list project that Fletcher McEwen and I have been working on, should be ready for publication by the end of March. The final lists are being proof read and hopefully not too many changes will be necessary. However, the more we research, the more past results come to light, thus necessitating delays.

There will be a ranking list available to all Associations prior to the Nationals which will be up-to-date as soon as possible.

I would like to thank all the people who have assisted me this past season in both the domestic rankings and the all-time lists. I would like to thank all the Associations who have regularly sent results, and also the assistance given by Mr Bert Gardiner, Bernie Cecins, and Bruce Cook (Walks).

I was disappointed however, in the lack of results from the Tasmanian Mens' Associations, and also the ACT (Championship results sent by ACT). It does make the job difficult, but could also put an athlete into the situation of not being considered for an invitation to a major meeting.

I would like to make a request for winter results this coming season, especially marathons and walks (Olympic distances), and all state titles over road and cross-country. These areas have not been covered as well as they could have been, and any help in this direction would be greatly appreciated.

I will try to start junior lists in the future, but I am handicapped by lack of information on births. Most top juniors compete regularly in senior events, and it is not until the actual junior titles that one realises they are juniors. (A computer would be very handy)

I will try and get something started and hopefully iron out the problems as they arise.

Could I also point out that the age for junior women is Under 19 and not Under 18, as we have it in Australia. The age difference between men and women juniors is one year only. (Please note European Junior Championships and all world junior ranking lists)

I would appreciate any comments that would improve the rankings at present, or any other suggestions relevant to the subject.

Paul Jenes,
AAU Statistician.

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

1. Investigations and Appeals

We ask member Associations to ensure that all investigations and appeals are conducted strictly in accordance with the requirements of their Constitutions, to avoid possible subsequent difficulties.

2. Relationship to Board

The question of the relationship between the Constitution Committee and the Board with regard to decisions made by the Board, has been raised. The Committee considers that it cannot deal with investigations and appeals relating to matters pertaining to the Board, since any decision of an Investigation or Appeals Committee must be confirmed by the Board. Under the present constitution the Board is accountable to the Union in Congress.

F. P. Larkins,
Convener - AAU Constitution Committee.

REPORT OF THE SCORING TABLES & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Since the last report to the September Half Yearly Congress, standards for the Schoolboys Under 15 100 Metres Hurdles has been set at 14.5 sec., and the Schoolgirls Under 15 Shot Put was discussed, in view of the alteration to the weight, but no decision was made because of lack of statistical information. A time of 85 min. was set for the 25 Km Road Championship.

Consideration is also being given to setting standards for electronic timing, and these will be notified in the near future.

With the limiting of Associations to one automatic entry per event, the number of competitors in Adelaide will be watched with interest and it may be necessary, as a result, to ease some standards to ensure good sized fields.

N. J. Ruddock,
Convener - AAU Scoring Tables & Standards Committee.

REPORT OF THE WALKING COMMITTEE:

It appears that race walking is becoming more widely accepted at all levels of athletic competition throughout Australia. The Walking Committee of the Union has been in constant communication throughout the last 12 months and hopefully has planned a programme which will assist all athletes.

One of the major projects to be developed in the past twelve months is the introduction of the "Alf Robinson Race Walking Memorial Foundation". This is a Trust set up to officially assist walkers and the adoption of this Foundation is commended to all delegates.

A ten year race walking fixture of all major events has been submitted to the Executive Director together with a five year plan for coaching courses and clinics for athletes and judges. The first of these will be in Canberra in June, 1981.

As 1982 is an important year for athletics with the Commonwealth Games being staged in Brisbane, the Committee would recommend that Mr. Palle Lassen, Chairman of the IAAF Walking Committee, be invited to conduct an international judges' course prior to the Games.

The Committee has been requested to consider two applications from judges to be forwarded to the IAAF to be placed on the IAAF Walking Panel. The Committee recommend that the name of Mr. Allan Johnston be forwarded only.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee, Mrs. Doris Clark of NSW and Mr. Vic Sharp of SA and the Executive Director of the Union, Mr. Rick Pannell for their help and support.

Marion Patterson, Convenor Walking Committee.