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Minutes of the Annual Congress of the Union, the Sixtieth Congress, held at the Sheraton Hotel, Spring Street, Melbourne, Victoria on Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th August, 1983.

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First Session	- Saturday, August 27	- 9.30a.m. to 1.00p.m.
Second Session	- Saturday, August 27	- 2.00p.m. to 5.00p.m.
Third Session	- Sunday, August 28	- 9.30a.m. to 1.00p.m.
Fourth Session	- Sunday, August 28	- 2.00p.m. to 2.45p.m.

There were present:

Officers: President - A.W. McDonald, QC; Vice Presidents - M.R. Aitken, G.T. Briggs and Mrs. M.R. Robinson, MBE; Honorary Treasurer - Mrs. J. Cross; Executive Director - R.W. Pannell; Coaching Director - Dr. J. Roberts; Special Projects Officer - B. Roe.

Delegates: Queensland - T.C. Blue, BEM, G. James

New South Wales - Mrs. F. Wrighter, BEM, C.D. Lee

Victoria - Mrs. M. Mahony, G. Cozens

Tasmania - Mrs. M. Ebzery, OAM, G.T. Briggs

South Australia - Mrs. W. Ey, BEM, M. Finn

Western Australia - Mrs. S. de la Hunty, MBE, P. Druitt

Australian Capital Territory - D. Wilson, B. Cook

Australian Track & Field Coaches Association - Ms. M. Mathews, AM

Australian Association of Veterans Athletic Clubs - W. Seppard (Saturday a.m. only)

Life Members: Miss L. Neville and B. Gardiner

Observers: Prof. F. Larkins, K. Remfry (WA), J. Marshall, General Manager, World Cup Four, A. Stephens (New Zealand).

Apologies: Mrs. M. McQuiston

### 1. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE CONGRESS

1.1 The Executive Director read the Notice convening the Congress.

1.2 The President declared open the Annual Congress of the Union and extended a welcome to all members present, especially welcoming Allan Stephens from New Zealand and Bruce Cook (ACT) to his first Congress.

### 2. ADMISSION OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 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 submitting for approval any statements on controversial issues.

### 3. OBITUARY - MR. JACK CHUGG

3.1 The President made reference to the many years Mr. Chugg had devoted to athletics and the Congress paid tribute to Mr. Chugg by observing a minute's silence.

#### 4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

In addressing the 1983 Annual Congress of the Australian Athletic Union I am very aware of the fact that I do so as retiring President, having held office for 5 1/2 years. During that period of time I have been very proud to be your President and to serve the Union and particularly athletics in Australia to the best of my ability and capacity. During that time we have witnessed some remarkable and marked changes in athletics and the way in which the sport has been administered in Australia.

At the commencement of this period was the time that the two national bodies, men and women, amalgamated. Leading on from that the various States amalgamated. We now have the situation throughout Australia where men's and women's athletics are administered as one. The fact that we have achieved this pleases me greatly. To have athletics amalgamated throughout Australia caused a lot of headaches. However, people were prepared to bury their own personal views and emotions to achieve this. When men and women go out to represent us overseas it is Australia they are representing, not merely the Union. I believe a great deal can be achieved by this amalgamation and we will look back in the history of athletics and see these advantages.

During the five years there has been greater involvement by the Government. This had its origin before I became President. The Government has seen its role as supporting various sporting disciplines in Australia. I believe it is necessary for the Government to support us and in future further support must be sought from other parts of society, private enterprise. Throughout the last 5 years we have also been very fortunate to have private enterprise supporting us, such as Alcoa, who for a number of years gave financial support for the National Squad and international meets and are now supporting the Union by way of subsidising the AAU News magazine, and our present sponsor Sanyo and recently Channel Ten Limited. Without private enterprise and Government support we will not be able to achieve the goals we set in being properly represented in the international field and in all levels of athletics throughout Australia.

The first Congress in Western Australia part of the time was taken up in bitter debate about the numbers having sponsors name on them and from there we have developed to our athletes being in receipt of money that we knew nothing about. That was a situation that the IAAF sought to stamp out. They achieved that and we are now seeing the fruits of their labour. Our athletes can now gain benefits from their sport but it must be controlled by the Union to be effective. While it is maintained by the Union athletes will be in a position to enjoy the benefits of their sport and to compete with dignity.

The 5 years have not been easy. If anyone thinks the President just signs record forms and pieces of paper one should stand for the position. It is appropriate that as I retire as President that I thank the staff of the office. It has grown in 5 years and without singling any of them out I wish to pay particular respect to Rick Pannell. We are fortunate to have his services in Australia and should seek to keep his services. Without his help I would not have been able to continue in the sport for so long. I thank him publicly and thank him for the hard work done for the Union.

We have been able to, throughout this period, have ourselves organised and show the World we are organised and have the capacity to be awarded World Cup Four in 1985. In that respect we now have an Organising Committee and Committee of Management. Mr. John Marshall is General Manager of World Cup and I wish him and the Organising Committee all the very best. I am sure we will succeed. A lot of hard work is still to be done. The fact that we were able to gain World Cup Four has shown everyone.

Thank you very much for bearing with me for 5 years. I have been very proud and hope I have been of assistance and help. Thank you for the opportunity.

5. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1982 HALF-YEARLY CONGRESS

5.1 It was resolved that the Minutes of the 1982 Half-Yearly Congress be adopted as a true record.

6. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1983 EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS

6.1 It was resolved that the Minutes of the 1983 Extra-Ordinary Congress be taken as read.

6.2 A motion was put by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the correct record for Minute 3.23.1 should read:

"There be no prohibition on States conducting International Meetings provided approval has been granted in accordance with R10.9.1".

6.2.1 The motion was lost.

6.2.2 It was resolved that the Minutes of the 1983 Extra-Ordinary Congress be confirmed as printed.

7. ELECTIONS

7.1 Officers, Delegates and Committees

7.1.1 President: Nominations were received from G.T. Briggs (Tas), Prof. F.P. Larkins (Tas) and Mrs. E.Y. McMinn, AM, JP (Qld).

Mr. G.T. Briggs was duly elected President and responded accordingly.

7.1.2 Vice Presidents: Nominations were received from Mrs. G. Chester (WA), M.L. Finn (SA), J. Jarver (SA), Mrs. E.Y. McMinn, AM, JP (Qld), G.A. Martin (NSW), Mrs. M. Robinson, MBE (Vic), D.P. Wilson (ACT), Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, BEM (NSW).

Mesdames M. Robinson, MBE (Vic), F. Wrighter, BEM (NSW) and D.P. Wilson (ACT) were elected. Mrs. M.R. Robinson, MBE (Vic) was elected Senior Vice President to act in the absence of the President.

7.1.3 Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. J. Cross (Qld) nominated by QAA was elected unopposed to the office of Honorary Treasurer.

7.1.4 Honorary Statistician: Mr. P. Jenes (Vic) Nominated by VAA and Miss L. Neville was elected unopposed to the office of Honorary Statistician.

7.1.5 Board of Management: Nominations were received for J.D. Bailey (Qld), G.A. Cozens (Vic), P.R. Druitt (WA), Mrs. M.N. Ebzery OAM, (Tas), M. Finn (SA), Mrs. W.M. Ey, (SA), G.A. James (Qld), C.D. Lee (NSW), Mrs. E.Y. McMinn, AM, JP, (Qld), Mrs. M.L. Mahony (Vic), G.A. Martin (NSW), T. O'Sullivan (WA), N.J. Ruddock (Tas), D.P. Wilson (ACT), Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, BEM (NSW).

An exhaustive ballot resulted in the following persons being elected to the Board of Management: G.A. Cozens (Vic), P.R. Druitt (WA), G.A. James (Qld), C.D. Lee (NSW), Mrs. M.L. Mahony (Vic), D.P. Wilson (ACT), Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, BEM (NSW).

7.1.6 Technical Committee: Nominations were received from R.C. Frith OAM (NSW), H.J. Lowe (SA), F.W. Napier, OAM (WA) and D. Proudfoot (Vic). The following were elected: R.C. Frith, OAM (NSW), H.J. Lowe (SA) and D. Proudfoot (Vic). Mr. H.J. Lowe was elected convener.

- 7.1.7 Scoring Tables & Standards Committee: Nominations were received for K.R. English, P.I. Hamilton, D.P. Wilson (ACT); H.F. McEwen, A.G. Launder, R. Carter (SA); and N.J. Ruddock, R.K. Hood, R. Morris (Tas). The following were elected: H.F. McEwen, A.G. Launder and R. Carter (SA). Mr. A.G. Launder was elected Convener.
- 7.1.8 Walking Committee: Nominations were received for J.D. Bailey (Qld), Mrs. D.I. Clark (NSW), B.W. Cook (ACT), Mrs. J. Huxley (NSW), Miss M.J. Patterson (Vic), R. Smith (Vic) and H. Summers (Vic). The following were elected: Mrs. J. Huxley (NSW), Miss M.J. Patterson (Vic) and R. Smith (Vic). Miss M.J. Patterson was elected Convener.
- 7.1.9 Officials Committee: There being only seven nominations - one from each State, the following were elected unopposed: Mrs. M. Cahill (SA), Mrs. M. Ebzery, OAM (Tas), D. Ferrier (Vic), J.D. Forrest (Qld), R.H. Johnson (WA), D.P. Wilson (ACT) and Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, BEM (NSW). Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, BEM (NSW) was elected Convener.
- 7.1.10 Constitution Committee: There being only three nominations received, Mrs. M. Robinson, MBE, Dr. I.K. Jones and S. Chesterman all of Victoria were elected. Dr. I.K. Jones was elected Convener.
- 7.1.11 Selection Committee - Road: Nominations were received for Mrs. J. Bonwick (Qld), J.E. Gilbert (ACT), Mrs. P. Turney (Vic), T.A. Vincent (Vic) and P. Waters (NSW). The following were elected: J.E. Gilbert (ACT), Mrs. P. Turney (Vic) and P. Waters (NSW). P. Waters (NSW) was elected Chairman.
- 7.1.12 Selection Committee - Track: Nominations were received for Mrs. J. Bonwick (Qld), Mrs. S. de la Hunty (WA), P. Jenes (Vic), H.F. McEwen (SA), Mrs. V.R. Stanton (WA), G.W. Tempest (WA) and Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, BEM (NSW). The following were elected: Mrs. S. de la Hunty (WA), P. Jenes (Vic) and H.F. McEwen (SA). P. Jenes (Vic) was elected Chairman.
- 7.1.13 Schools Committee: Nominations were received from Mrs. M.L. Mahony (Vic), Mrs. F.E. Wrighter (NSW). As the Constitution calls for three members of the Committee, the Chairman called for nominations from the floor and consequently A.G. Launder (SA) was nominated and duly elected along with the other nominations. Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, BEM (NSW) was elected Convener.
- 7.1.14 Merit Award: Nominations were received for the following: Mrs. S. de la Hunty (WA), D. Ferrier (Vic), J.D. Forrest (Qld), Miss M. Patterson (Vic) and P. Smith (WA). A ballot was held and the Congress resolved that no Merit Awards should be conferred.
- 7.1.15 Life Members: Nominations were received for C.D. Lee (NSW), Mrs. E.Y. McMinn, AM, JP (Qld) and Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, BEM (NSW). A ballot resulted in no nomination gaining the necessary three-fourths majority of votes by Delegates.
- 7.1.16 Trustees:  
Union: Messrs. G.T. Brings (Tas) and D.P. Wilson (ACT) were elected Trustees of the Union.

Trustees Cont'd:

R.W. Clarke Foundation: Messrs. G.T. Briggs (Tas) and D.P. Wilson (ACT) were elected Trustees of the Foundation.

Alf Robinson Race Walking Foundation: Messrs. G.T. Briggs, R. Smith and Miss M. Patterson were elected Trustees of the Foundation.

Athletes' Trust Account: Messrs. G.T. Briggs (Tas) and D.P. Wilson (ACT) were elected Trustees of the Trust Account.

- 7.1.17 Honorary Auditor: Mr. John Barbour of Priestley & Morris (Vic) was elected to the position of Honorary Auditor.
- 7.1.17.1 It was resolved that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr. Barbour for his services in the past.
- 7.2 A vote of thanks was conveyed by the Congress to the scrutineers for the elections - Miss Lil Neville, Mrs. M. Robinson, Mrs. J. Cross, Prof. F. Larkins and Mr. K. Remfrey.
- 7.3 It was resolved that although a motion was before Congress that the President should cease to hold office on 31st August it should be amended to read "at the conclusion of the Annual Congress".
- 7.4 It was further resolved that an amendment be made to the Constitution regarding the term of office of the Board of Management. This should now read at the conclusion of the Annual Congress.

The Law would read:

L3.9.7 Members of the Board shall be elected at the Annual Congress and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next ensuing Annual Congress. Serving members of the Board shall be eligible for re-election.

8. REPORTS:

- 8.1 Report of the Board of Management: (Appendix 1)
- 8.1.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.
- 8.1.2 Items 1 & 2 information only.
- 8.1.3 Item 3 Incorporation. The President reported on the proceedings of the incorporation of the Union and Associations will be kept informed on this matter.
- 8.1.4 Item 4 Date of Australian Track & Field Championships. It was resolved that the first part of this motion only should be adopted - i.e. "That the dates for future Australian Track & Field Championships should be set 5 years in advance."
- 8.1.5 Item 5 re Surplus from World Cup Four. It was resolved that this recommendation be adopted.
- 8.1.6 Item 6 re allocation of Track & Field Championships, 1986 & 1988 It was resolved that this item should be dealt with under Agenda item No. 18.4.

- 8.1.7 Item 7 Quality of Championship Medallions. It was resolved that stamped medallions be obtained for future Championship medallions, (including Australian Schools Championship medallions).
- 8.1.8 Item 8 re Appointment of Jury of Appeal It was resolved that the subject of this motion be received. To be dealt with under Item 65 of Notices Upon Motion.
- 8.1.9 Item 9 re Appointment of Officials for Australian Track & Field Championships. It was resolved that the following motion be adopted:  
"That from henceforth the Officials Committee of the Union be responsible for appointing key officials for Australian Track & Field Championships and that the best officials available should be appointed, bearing in mind the capacity of the Officials and also having regard to the continuation of officials within the sport and its promotion. Applications from Officials should be called for and applications to close at August Congress and those Officials accepted to be notified by September.
- 8.1.10 Item 10 re 1984 Walk Trials & Championships. It was resolved that this motion be dealt with in three parts.
- Part 1. It is recommended that the Walk Trials for 1984 be both Championships and Trials.  
The motion was carried.
- Part 2. It is recommended that they be held in either New South Wales, South Australia or Victoria because of the availability of Judges.  
The motion was carried.
- Part 3. That thereafter such pattern be maintained.  
It was resolved that part 3 of this motion be held over to Item no. 53 of the Notices Upon Motion.
- 8.1.11 Item 11 re extension to qualifying period for IAAF competitions  
It was resolved that the Australian Athletic Union should further pursue with the International Amateur Athletic Federation the matter of extending the period of qualification for competitions such as World Championships, Olympic Games, etc.
- 8.1.12 Item 12 re Under 16 & Under 18 Championships. To be dealt with under Item No. 68 of the Notices Upon Motion.
- 8.1.13 Item 13 re Entry Fees from Australian Championships.  
It was resolved that the entry fees as charged from Australian Championships should be put into an "Overseas Touring Fund" account.
- 8.1.14 Item 14 re Three Year Calendar It was resolved that the Three Year Calendar as attached to Appendix I be adopted.  
It was noted that this Calendar is not exclusive and may be added to at any time.
- 8.2 Report of the Secretary: (Appendix 2)
- 8.2.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.
- 8.2.2 The Secretary stated that he appreciated the support given by the retiring President, Mr. McDonald, over the years.
- 8.2.3 It was noted that there was a decline in registration figures as shown in the Secretary's Report.



- 8.3 Report of the Treasurer: (Appendix 3)
- 8.3.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.
- 8.3.2 It was resolved that as the Auditors had recommended that a sum of \$8,000 should be set aside in the Budget for Annual Leave for staff, that this recommendation be complied with.
- 8.3.3 It was noted that in future Rule 1.2.4 will be strictly enforced and where a Member Association fails to comply with this Rule, the Board may impose a levy on that Association.
- 8.3.4 It was resolved that the Statement of Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet of the Union, with the suggested adjustments by the Auditors, be adopted.
- 8.3.5 It was resolved that Appendix B be received.
- 8.3.5.1 It was resolved that the matter of a Coaching Programme Budget be referred to the Board of Management.
- 8.3.6 A motion was put that the registration fees to the Union be increased by 50c per person as of 1st April, 1984.
- 8.3.6.1 The motion was lost.
- 8.3.7 A motion was put that the matter of future funding of the Union as reported by the Treasurer to Congress and as set out in the Report under the 4th heading be referred to the Board of Management for further development and the Board is to report to Member Associations before March, 1984.
- The motion was carried.
- 8.3.8 A motion was put that the affiliation fee for Member Associations for the year 1984/85 should be \$100.
- The motion was carried.
- 8.3.9 A motion was put that the affiliation fee for Associate Members for the year 1984/85 should be \$200.
- The motion was carried.
- 8.4 Report of the Executive Director: (Appendix 4)
- 8.4.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.
- 8.4.2 It was resolved to ask the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee to investigate and report to the Union as to how the Mars 5 Star Award could be better implemented.
- 8.5 Report of the Coaching Director: (Appendix 5)
- 8.5.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.
- 8.6 Report on World Cup: (Oral)
- 8.6.1 It was reported that proposals had been invited from all commercial broadcasters and the ABC for host broadcaster for the World Cup and also to airlines for official carrier. The Stadium upgrading is running to schedule and satellite meetings are being planned 4 - 5 weeks after the end of the European season. World Cup Four will be represented at the European Calendar congress in 1983 and final arrangements will be made after that date.
- 8.6.2 It was resolved that the Report be received.

9. REPORTS OF DELEGATES:

9.1 International Amateur Athletic Federation:

9.1.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

9.2 Australian Olympic Federation:

9.2.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

9.2.2 The President reported that since the meeting of 23rd April that he and the Executive Director, at the invitation of the Executive of the AOF, had addressed the Executive for the purpose of pursuing the subject of motions in past Union Congresses to reach agreement as to team size of Olympic Team. It will be recalled that the procedure that has been followed up to date was unsatisfactory and at the Congress following the Olympic Games motions were passed to amend that procedure. The Executive has been asked to reach agreement with the AAU as to the size of the team. Having reached that agreement as to the size we request that it be left to the AAU to select team and provide team within such number to the AOF.

Since that meeting we have been notified by the General Secretary of the AOF that the matter will come before the Executive Meeting on October 6 and that it will be resolved then.

9.3 Australian Commonwealth Games Association: (Oral)

9.3.1 The delegate reported that all Officers had been re-elected to previous positions at the Annual Meeting of the ACGA.

9.3.2 It was resolved that Mr. Briggs should follow up the matter of surplus funds from the Commonwealth Games and submit a report on same to the Board of Management.

9.4 Pacific Conference Games Permanent Committee: (Oral)

9.4.1 It was reported that the application by Australia to have a 5km walk for men and women included in the programme for the Pacific Conference Games was unsuccessful as it was felt that this was the wrong distance for a walk. There will, therefore, be no changes to the programme for the 5th Pacific Conference Games.

9.4.1 It was further reported that China would be admitted to the Pacific Conference Games as of 1st January, 1986. All countries felt that as there had been four Games it would be unfair to United States of America to bring in an extra country for the fifth Games.

9.4.2 The next meeting of the PCG Permanent Committee will be held in Los Angeles in 1984.

9.4.3 It was noted that the Minutes of the meeting would be distributed to Member Associations in the near future.

9.4.4 It was resolved that the matter of the date of the 1985 Pacific Conference Games be referred to the Board for action.

9.5 Oceania Amateur Athletic Association:

9.5.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

9.6 Confederation of Australian Sport: (Oral)

9.6.1 It was noted that chartered membership is available for the Sports Administrators Society. Membership is available for both amateur and professional administrators and members already total over 150.

9.6.2 It was resolved to direct the Executive Director to write to the Confederation of Australian Sport advising them that it is our view that we have the right to determine who will be sponsors of the Union and accept the stand that the Confederation has taken in that they are not seeking to speak for their Members.

10. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (Appendix 6)

10.1 Report of the Constitution Committee:

10.1.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

10.2 Report of the Statistician:

10.2.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

10.2.2 It was resolved that the matter of the Records Officer be referred to the Board of Management.

10.3 Report of the Selection Committee: (Track)

10.3.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

10.3.2 It was resolved that the Executive Director should write to Mr. Phil May thanking him on behalf of the Union for the work he performed as Chairman of the Selection Committee over the years.

10.4 Report of the Officials Committee:

10.4.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

10.4.2 It was resolved that the matter of coloured caps to identify competition officials be referred to the Board of Management.

10.4.3 It was resolved that the Officials Committee should submit a programme for training officials so that an application may be made to the Government for funding of such training.

10.5 Report of the Technical Committee:

10.5.1 It was resolved that the Report be received and in receiving the Report for this particular year it be particularly noted the work performed by the Committee in the presentation of the Commonwealth Games in Queensland.

10.6 Report of the Selection Committee: (Road Running & Cross Country)

10.6.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

10.6.2 It was noted that Member Associations should forward all results to the Statistician and Selection Committees.

10.7 Report of the Walking Committee:

10.7.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

10.7.2 Recommendation 1 It was resolved that that recommendation should be taken up by the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee in liaison with the Walking Committee for costing and brought back to the Board for implementation.

10.7.3 Recommendation 2 The motion was put that application be made to the IAAF Women's Committee to pursue the issue for women's walking events to be added to all major international events.

10.7.3.1 The motion was carried.

10.7.4 Recommendation 3 It was resolved that no action be taken on this at the moment.

10.7.5 Recommendation 4 re booklet - It was resolved that this matter be referred to the Board for consideration.

10.7.6 Recommendation 5 re Liaison Officer in each State - It was resolved that the Congress support the recommendation of the Walking Committee and that such Committee be asked to implement the scheme.

10.7.7 Recommendation 6 re master sheets and report cards - Delegates were asked to note the recommendation as listed and advise Miss Patterson, if their Association is using this or if they have any suggestions for same.

10.8 Report of the Schools Committee:

10.8.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

10.9 Report of the Scoring Tables & Standards Committee:

10.9.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

10.10 Report of the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee:

10.10.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

11. REPORTS OF TEAM MANAGERS:

11.1 1982 Seoul Junior International Track Meet:

11.1.1 It was resolved that if a further invitation is received from South Korea, an endeavour should be made to send a Team to this event if funding is available.

11.2 1982 Australia vs. England Competition:

11.2.1 It was resolved that the Report be received and it was noted that the recommendations were the subject of Board Minutes.

11.3 1983 London Marathon:

11.3.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

11.3.2 It was noted that the recommendations contained in this Report had been the subject of Board of Management Minutes.

11.4 1982 Australia vs Italy Match:

11.4.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

11.5 1983 Japan - China Tour:

11.5.1 It was resolved that the Report be received and that the recommendations therein be put to the Board for action.

11.5.2 It was noted that the Commonwealth Government Department of Foreign Affairs paid part of the fare Australia - Hong Kong.

11.5.3 It is recommended that the Union accept any future invitations issued by China.

11.6 1983 Under Twenty Tour to USA:

11.6.1 It was resolved that the Report be received and it was noted that most of this Report had already been dealt with by the Board.

11.7 1983 Seoul Marathon:

11.7.1 It was resolved that the Report be received and it was noted that the Australian Team were the only people with ties and banners for gifts and most other countries had much better gifts.

11.8 1983 World Cross Country Championships:

11.8.1 It was resolved that the Report be received and be referred to the Board of Management to investigate recommendations therein.

12. REPORTS ON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDUCTED:

12.1 1982 Schools Cross Country Championships (SA) - Received

12.2 1982 Australian Cross Country Championships (Tas) - Received

12.3 1982 Road Walking Championships (Qld) - Received

12.4 1983 Schools Cross Country & Walks Championships (ACT) - Received

12.4.1 It was resolved that Congress refer the matter re cautioning in schools walking competitions to the Walking Committee to report in turn to the Board in order that it may give consideration to granting a decision from the IAAF Rule in respect of walking.

12.5 1983 Multiple Events Championships (SA) - Received

12.6 1982 Schools Track & Field Championships (Tas) - Received

12.7 1983 Australian Track & Field Championships (Vic) - Received

12.8 1983 Australian Marathon Championship - Received

12.8.1 The President congratulated the Race Director on the conduct of the Marathon

12.9 It was noted that New Zealand would like international competition with Australia if this could be arranged.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 13.1 NSWAAA re sponsorship of Australian Marathon - Received
- 13.2 NSWAAA re poor quality of medallions awarded at Australian Championships. - previously dealt with in Minute 8.1.7.
- 13.3 AA of SA re application to conduct Commonwealth Games Marathon Trial, April, 1986, to be organised as an "open" marathon.
- 13.3.1 It was resolved that the conduct of the Commonwealth Games Marathon Trial in April, 1986 be granted to South Australia and that that Association be authorised to organise it as an "open" marathon.
- 13.4 AA of WA re request from AA of SA to relinquish 1986 Track & Field Championships.
- 13.4.1 It was resolved that in lieu of the 1986 Australian Track & Field Championships, the AA of WA be granted those Championships in 1988 and that the 1986 Australian Track & Field Championships be held in South Australia.
- 13.5 Klaus Roth re affiliation of Northern Territory Athletic Association with Union
- 13.5.1 It was resolved that this matter be referred to the Board of Management to report back to Congress.
- 13.6 Australian Bi-Centenary Authority re athletics involvement in Celebrations
- 13.6.1 It was resolved to make a submission to the Bi-Centenary Authority that we contribute to the participation by staging an "Around Australia Relay" including the disabled, blind, etc.

14. MOTIONS UPON NOTICE:

- 14.1 Law 3.1.3 (Agenda item 1) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be amended by deleting the words "thirtieth day of April" and inserting the words "thirty-first day of August" in the third and fourth lines. The Law would read:
- "L3.1.3 Such officers shall be elected at the Annual Congress, not necessarily from among delegates, and shall hold office until the thirty-first day of August following the next ensuing Annual Congress, or until a successor is elected as hereinafter provided.
- 14.1.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by deleting the words "thirty-first day of August" and adding the words "the closure of the next ensuing Annual Congress".
- The motion as amended was carried.
- 14.2 It was resolved that a consequential amendment relating to L3.9.7 be accepted from the floor.
- 14.2.1 A motion was put that Law 3.9.7 be amended by deleting the words "end of the Track and Field Championships following" and inserting the words "closure of". The Law would read:
- "3.9.7 Members of the Board shall be elected at the Annual Congress and shall hold office until the closure of the next ensuing Annual Congress. Serving members of the Board shall be eligible for re-election."
- The motion was carried.

- 14.3 Law 4 (Agenda item 2) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be amended by deleting the word "Congresses" and inserting the word "Congress". The Law would read:

L4 Congress

- 14.4 Law 4.3 (Agenda item 3) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be deleted.

The motion was carried.

- 14.5 Law 4.5.1 (Agenda item 4) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be amended by deleting the words "or half-yearly congress". The Law would read:

"L4.5.1 Two calendar months notice of an annual congress shall be mailed by the secretary of the Union to the officers of the Union and to the Secretary of each association."

The motion was carried.

- 14.6 Law 4.6.6 (Agenda item 5) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:

"L4.6.6 The economy class air fares of voting delegates attending an Annual or Extra-ordinary Congress of the Union shall be borne by all of the Associations on the basis of those voting delegates actually in attendance and shall be recoverable from them by the Union."

The motion was carried.

- 14.7 Law 4.7.1 (Agenda item 6) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be amended by deleting the word "December" in the last line of the second paragraph and inserting the word "June" and in the third paragraph deleting the words "Half-Yearly Congress" and inserting the words "Annual Congress" in the third line, deleting the word "January" in the seventh line and inserting the word "July" and deleting the words "or by the first day of July in the case of the Half-yearly Congress" in the eighth and ninth lines. The Law would read:

"L4.7.1 Motions may be submitted to a Congress of the Union by an Association, by the Board, by an officer of the Union or by a life member of the Union.

Notice of motion to amend the Constitution Laws, General Rules or Competition Rules of the Union at the Annual Congress shall be submitted to the Secretary by the first day of June. Other notices of motion for consideration at a Congress shall be submitted to the Secretary by the first day of July in the case of an Annual Congress. It is provided, however, that upon leave being granted by the Congress, a matter may be raised at a Congress without notice and, excepting notices intended to vary this Constitution, Rules and By-Laws made thereunder or the Competition Rules of the Union, such matter may be the subject of a motion.

- 14.8 Law 4.7.2 (Agenda item 7) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be amended by deleting the words "(rules only)" and "December" in the fifth line and inserting the word "June" after the word "of" and deleting the words "in the case of a half-yearly congress by the tenth day of June following." The Law would read:

"L4.7.2 Notices of motion to amend the Constitution Laws, General Rules or Competition Rules shall be forwarded by the Secretary to reach the Constitution Committee for an annual Congress by the tenth day of June for examination in order to ensure that each notice of motion has been correctly framed and to ascertain if any consequential amendments to the Laws and General Rules are necessary. The Committee shall ensure that the notice of motions as amended are forwarded, together with its comments, to reach the Secretary by the seventh day of July."

- 14.8.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by deleting the word "to" in the third line and inserting the word "by" and deleting the word "seventh" in the last line and inserting the word "first".

The motion as amended was carried.

- 14.9 Law 4.7.3 (Agenda item 8) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be amended by deleting the word "January" in the last line and inserting the word "July". The Law would read:

"L4.7.3 The Secretary shall mail to member Associations full lists of notices of motion for consideration at an annual congress by thirty-first July."

- 14.9.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by deleting the words "thirty-first" in the last line and inserting the word "fifteenth".

The motion as amended was carried.

- 14.10 Law 4.7.4 (Agenda item 9) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be deleted.

The motion was carried.

- 14.11 Law 4.8 (Agenda item 10) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be amended by deleting the word "half-yearly" and inserting "annual". The Law would read:

"L4.8 Secretaries' Meeting

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

The motion was carried.

- 14.12 Law 7.1.1 (Agenda item 11) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be amended by deleting the word "half-yearly" and inserting the word "annual". The Law would read:

"L7.1.1 Amendments to these Constitution Laws may be effected at an Annual Congress or Extra-Ordinary Congress of the Union by a two-thirds majority of those eligible to vote or by a unanimous mail vote of the associations."



- 14.13 Law 7.1.2 (Agenda item 12) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be amended by inserting the word "or" between Congress and Extra-Ordinary in the third line and deleting the words "Half-yearly Congress" in the fourth line. The Law would read:

"L7.1.2 Amendments to General (including competition) rules formulated under this Constitution may be effected at an Annual Congress or Extra-Ordinary Congress of the Union or by a mail vote of associations."

The motion was carried.

- 14.14 It was resolved that motions 13 to 17 if passed, be effective from the 1984 Annual Congress.

- 14.15 Law 3.1.1 (Agenda item 13) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:

"L3.1.1 The honorary officers of the Union shall be a President, a Vice-President and a Treasurer."

The motion was carried.

- 14.16 Law 3.1.2 (Agenda item 14) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:

"L3.1.2 The President and Vice-President shall not be members of the same Association."

The motion was carried.

- 14.17 Law 3.1.5 (Agenda item 15) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia that the plurality be deleted from the Law. The Law would read:

"L3.1.5 The Vice-President shall not have ex-officio powers within the Union. However, he or she shall not be excluded from election to the Board or to any committee of the Union or as a delegate of the Union to other organisations by virtue of his or her position as an honorary officer of the Union."

The motion was carried.

- 14.18 Law 3.1.6 (Agenda item 16) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia that the following new Law be adopted:

"L3.1.6 The Vice-President shall act in substitution for the President should the President at any time be unable to act in his/her executive capacity."

The motion was carried.

- 14.19 Law 3.1.6 (Agenda item 17) Submitted by the Secretary that if item 16 is adopted that Law 3.1.6 be renumbered Law 3.1.7.

The motion was carried.

- 14.20 Law 3.9.3 (Agenda item 18) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia that the Law be amended by deleting the words "one woman and one man" and inserting the words "and two others" in the last line. The Law would read:
- "L3.9.3 The Board shall appoint from among its members an Executive Committee comprising the Chairman and two others".
- 14.20.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by adding the words "to be effective forthwith".
- The motion as amended was carried.
- 14.21 It was resolved that motions 19 - 21 if passed, be effective from the 1984 Annual Congress.
- 14.22 Law 3.15.1 (Agenda item 19) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia that the Law be amended by deleting the words "the President and the Vice Presidents of the Union" in the third line and inserting the words "the members of the Executive Committee, the Vice-President and a nominee of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association." The Law would read:
- "L3.15.1 A special Selection Committee comprising the members of the Executive Committee, the Vice President and a nominee of the of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association shall appoint the Athletics Managers and all other officials (including Assistant Managers, Medical Officers, Coaches and Co-ordinators of Training), for Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games Teams, for other Australian Athletics Teams, and for individual athletes."
- 14.22.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by deleting the words "and a nominee of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association" in the third and fourth line.
- The motion as amended was carried.
- 14.23 Law 4.5.2 (Agenda item 20) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia that the Law be amended by deleting the word "Senior" in line one and deleting the words "Vice Presidents" in line eight and inserting the words "Vice President". The Law would read:
- "L4.5.2 The President, or in his absence, the Vice President, shall occupy the chair at a congress of the Union and shall have only a casting vote, provided that if such Vice President is a delegate of his Association he shall have the number of ordinary votes to which he is entitled as a delegate as well as a casting vote. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, the delegates present shall elect a Chairman from among their number and the Chairman so elected shall have an ordinary as well as a casting vote."
- The motion was carried.
- 14.24 Law 4.5.3 (Agenda item 21) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia that the Law be amended by deleting the word "Senior" in the third line. The Law would read:
- "L4.5.3 The reasonable expenses of the President (or, in the event of the President being unable to attend the congress, the Vice President), the Secretary and the Treasurer in attending congresses of the Union shall be paid by the Union. At the discretion of the President and the Secretary the reasonable expenses of a clerical assistant in attending a congress may be paid by the Union."

The motion was carried.

- 14.25 Law 3.9.2 (Agenda item 22) Submitted formally by the Secretary on behalf of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association that the Law be amended by deleting the word "seven" and inserting the word "eight" in the third line and adding after the word "women" the words "and one member without voting rights appointed by the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association". The Law would read:
- "L3.9.2 The Board shall comprise a Chairman who shall be the President of the Union, and eight other members, at least two of whom shall be men and at least two of whom shall be women and one member without voting rights appointed by the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association."
- The motion was lost.
- 14.26 It was resolved that items 23 to 31 be withdrawn.
- 14.27 Law 3.9.2 (Agenda item 23) Submitted by the Queensland Athletic Association that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:
- "L3.9.2 The Board shall comprise a Chairman, who shall be the President of the Union and sufficient members to satisfy the provisions of Laws 3.9.2.1 and 3.9.2.2."
- 14.28 Law 3.9.2.1 (Agenda item 24) Submitted by the Queensland Athletic Association that the following new Law be adopted:
- "L3.9.2.1 Except for the position of Chairman of the Board each State Association shall nominate one of its members for appointment to the Board and on receipt of such nomination, which shall comply with the provision of L3.10, except where specifically excluded, such persons shall be appointed to the Board to hold office in accordance with L3.9.7."
- 14.29 Law 3.9.2.2 (Agenda item 25) Submitted by the Queensland Athletic Association that the following new Law be adopted:
- "L3.9.2.2 Should nominations from State Associations received in accordance with L3.9.2.1 not provide at least two men and at least two women there shall be elected from those persons nominated in accordance with L3.9.3.3 a maximum of two additional persons so that the Board, including the Chairman, shall comprise at least two men and at least two women. If two members are elected under the terms of this sub-clause, they shall not both be members of the same State Association."
- 14.30 Law 3.9.2.3 (Agenda item 26) Submitted by the Queensland Amateur Athletic Association that the following new Law be adopted:
- "L3.9.2.3 Each State Association, in addition to nominating one person for appointment to the Board in accordance with L3.9.2.1 shall nominate up to two additional members, one of whom shall be a man and one of whom shall be a woman, so that additional members of the Board may, if required, be elected in accordance with L3.9.2.2."

- 14.31 Law 3.9.5 (Agenda item 27) Submitted by the Queensland Athletic Association that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:  
"L3.9.5 At a meeting of the Board:  
i) If the Board comprises a Chairman and seven members the quorum shall be four.  
ii) If the Board comprises a Chairman and either eight or nine members, the quorum shall be five."
- 14.32 Law 3.10.4 (Agenda item 28) Submitted by the Queensland Athletic Association that the Law be amended by deleting the words "membership of the Board" in the second and third lines. The Law would read:  
"L3.10.4 Nominations for the offices of President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer of the Union, Union Standing Committees 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."
- 14.33 Law 3.10.5 (Agenda item 29) Submitted by the Queensland Athletic Association that the following new Law be adopted:  
"L3.10.5 Nominations for membership of the Board may only be made by State Associations, in accordance with the provisions in L3.9.2."
- 14.34 Law 3.10.5 and L3.10.6 (Agenda item 30) Submitted by the Queensland Athletic Association that the existing Law 3.10.5 and existing L3.10.6 be renumbered L3.10.6 and L3.10.7 respectively.
- 14.35 Law 3.12.2 (Agenda item 31) Submitted by the Queensland Athletic Association that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:  
"L3.12.2 In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board between annual congresses:  
i) If the vacancy occurs as a result of the resignation or otherwise of one of the State Association appointed members, the vacancy shall be filled by another appointee made by that Association, or  
ii) If the vacancy occurs as a result of the resignation or otherwise of one of the members elected in accordance with L3.9.2.2, nominations in writing shall be invited from Associations and a successor shall be elected at the next congress. In this case, nominations shall close twenty-one days before the holding of such congress."
- 14.36 A motion was put that Items 32 to 35 be not adopted. It was further put that it should be reconsidered at the next Congress after there be conducted a meeting of athletes at the Australian Track & Field Championships and that the Board be instructed to take all necessary steps to ensure that the views of athletes and states are considered and to take all other necessary steps relating to this matter.
- 14.36.1 The motion was carried.
- 14.37 Rule 1.1.9 (Agenda item 32) Submitted by the Secretary that the following new Rule be adopted:  
"R1.1.9 An athlete who not having resided previously in Australia, takes up permanent residence here, or who claims to have done so, shall be eligible to be declared the Australian Champion on winning the event"

if he or she has completed two months consecutive residence here immediately prior to the date of the first day of the Championship meeting. Upon the receipt of the application setting out the facts and stating which association he or she desired to represent, the Union may declare him or her eligible to do so. Such application shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Union fourteen clear days before the closing of entries."

14.38 Rule 1.1.9 (Agenda item 33) Submitted by the Secretary that the existing Rule be renumbered R1.1.10.

14.39 Rule 1.1.10 (Agenda item 34) Submitted by the Secretary that the Rule be amended by inserting the following words as the first sentence" "The defending titleholder of a Championship may enter the event notwithstanding the fact that he/she has not reached the qualifying standard". The Rule would read:

"The defending titleholder of a championship may enter the event notwithstanding the fact that he/she has not reached the qualifying standard. If a holder of a Championship is not selected to represent the association of which he or she is a member in the event of which he or she is champion, he or she shall be ....."

14.40 Rule 2.5 (Agenda item 35) Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Board of Management that the Rule be deleted and replaced with the following:

"R2.5 Entries, Drawing of Stations

R2.5.1 The Championships shall be for individuals who have reached the standard provided in R2.5.4 except for relays where Association teams may be entered.

R2.5.2 Competitors shall wear the competition uniform of the club with which they are currently registered, except in relays where Association uniforms are worn.

R2.5.3 All entries shall be submitted through the Associations which will be responsible for verifying that the athletes have reached the standard provided in R2.5.4. All entries shall be subject to an entry fee to be determined by the Board of Management from time to time.

R2.5.4 All entrants shall have reached a prescribed standard in the events entered during the period which commenced on 1st September in the year preceding the Championships, provided that in the case of the 10,000 metres, the Decathlon and the Heptathlon the period shall be extended to commence on the 1st September of the second year preceding the Championships. The Standards applicable to the Championships of any one year shall be announced not later than 1st August of the year preceding the Championships. In the event of a standard for the 10,000 metres, Decathlon or the Heptathlon being raised, an athlete who had reached the previous standard between the commencement of the qualifying period and the commencing date of operation of the new standard shall be deemed to have attained the standard. The period of qualification shall close at the closing date of entries. The standards shall be prescribed by the Scoring Tables and Standards Committee of the Union. Performances shall be certified in writing by the relevant Association.

R2.5.5 When submitting entries, an Association shall include and list athletes who may be selected to represent the Association in a relay team. This list should include emergencies.

R2.5.6 Associations, in forwarding entries for the Track and Field Championships shall advise the Union of the latest performances under record or near-record conditions by the entrants in the following events:

100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres, 1,500 metres, 100 metres hurdles, 110 metres hurdles, 400 metres hurdles.

R2.5.7 The Union may conduct the drawing of stations for track events and the drawing of the order of competition for field events at Track and Field Championship meetings at any time suitable to itself after the closing of entries.

R2.5.8 Where the number of entrants for a track event is such as to require the running of heats the names of all entrants shall be listed in the programme. The draw shall be made one hour before the advertised time of starting such event. Any entrant whose entry has not been confirmed at that time shall be excluded from the draw. In seeding the heats and semi-finals the performances referred to in R2.5.6 or any better performances under record or near-record conditions since the closing of entries shall be taken into consideration so as to ensure, as far as possible, that the best competitors reach the final in each case.

R2.5.9 Entrants in all events must have their entry confirmed at least one hour before the scheduled starting time of their event.

- 14.40.1 It was resolved that when these motions are re-submitted that the date referred to in R2.5.4, line 8, should be amended to read 1st July instead of 1st August.
- 14.41 (Agenda item 36) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Athletic Association that:  
"The Under 16 Championships be discontinued after the 1984 meet in Perth."  
The motion was lost.
- 14.42 Law 6.1.4 (Agenda item 37) Submitted by the Secretary that the following new Law be adopted:  
"L6.1.4 Under 16 men and women."  
The motion was carried.
- 14.43 Law 6.1.4 (Agenda item 38) Submitted by the Secretary that existing L6.1.4 be renumbered L6.1.5.  
The motion was carried.
- 14.44 Rule 2.1.3 (Agenda item 39) Submitted by the Secretary that the Rule be amended by deleting the word "and" in the second line and inserting the words "and Under Sixteen" after the word "eighteen".  
The rule would read:

"R2.1.3 The rules governing the Track and Field Championships shall apply to the Under Twenty, Under Eighteen and Under Sixteen Track and Field Championships."

The motion was carried.

- 14.45 Rule 2.2.4 (Agenda item 40) Submitted by the Secretary that the following new Rule be adopted:

"R2.2.4 Under Sixteen Championships of Australia shall be held in the following events:

FOR MEN:

100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres, 1,500 metres, 3,000 metres, 2,000 metres steeplechase, 100 metres hurdles, 400 metres hurdles, 1,500 metres walk, 4 x 100 metres relay, 4 x 400 metres relay, shot put, discus throw, javelin throw, hammer throw, pole vault, high jump, long jump, triple jump.

FOR WOMEN:

100metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres, 1,500 metres, 3,000 metres, 90 metres hurdles, 400 metres hurdles, 1,500 metres walk, 4 x 100 metres relay, 4 x 400 metres relay, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus throw, javelin throw.

- 14.45.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by deleting the 400 metres hurdles.  
The motion as amended was carried.
- 14.45.2 It was resolved that Member Associations be requested to test a 300 metres hurdles event in the 83/84 season with the view to implementing this event as a Championship event in 1985.
- 14.45.3 It was resolved that the Coaching Director be requested to circularise each State with suggested hurdle heights and distances in relation to 300 metres hurdles events for their experimental period.
- 14.45.4 It was resolved that the Match Records referred to in the Constitution should become Championship Records in line with the Under 16 Championships.
- 14.46 Rule 2.2.4 and 2.2.5 (Agenda item 41) Submitted by the Secretary that the existing Rule 2.2.4 and Rule 2.2.5 be renumbered to read R2.2.5 and R2.2.6 respectively.  
The motion was carried.
- 14.47 Rule 2.8 (Agenda item 42) Submitted by the Secretary that the following new Rule be adopted:

"R2.8 The following Rules shall apply to the conduct of the Under Eighteen and Under Sixteen Championships of Australia:

R1.1, R1.2, R1.3, R1.4, R2.1.2, R2.3, R2.4 and R2.5"

The motion was carried.

14.48 Law 6.7 (Agenda item 43) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:

14.48 "L6.7 Allocation of Championships

The Union at each Annual Congress shall allocate the Championships to be held in 5 calendar years time. The Association to which a Championship is so allocated shall seek approval for the date and venue of such Championship at the next succeeding Congress."

The motion was carried. \*This motion was consequentially amended to accord with Minute 8.1.4.

14.49 Law 6.8 (Agenda item 44) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:

"L6.8 Financial responsibility for all Championships of Australia will rest with the Union. Administrative responsibility for the Championships of Australia will be determined by the Executive Director of the Union and the host Association."

14.49.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by deleting the words "the Executive Director of" in the last line and adding the words "agreement between".

The motion as amended was carried.

14.50 Rule 4.1.1 (Agenda item 45) Submitted by the Secretary that the Rule be amended by deleting the words "between the 15th August and the 15th September." The Rule would read:

"R4.1.1 The Cross Country Championships shall be held annually in accordance with the details given in Table 4.1."

The motion was carried.

14.51 Rule 4.1.2 (Agenda item 46) Submitted by the Secretary that the Rule be deleted.

The motion was carried.

14.52 Rule 5.1.1.1 (Agenda item 47) Submitted by the Secretary that the Rule be deleted and replaced with the following:

"R5.1.1.1 The Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Cross Country Championships shall be held in the territory of the Association to which the meeting has been allocated. Details of competition are presented in Table 5.1."

The motion was carried.

14.53 Rule 6.1.1 (Agenda item 48) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be amended by deleting the words "in the month of May or June" in the last line. The Rule would read:

"R6.1.1 The marathon championships for men and women shall be held annually at the same venue."

The motion was carried.



- 14.54 Rule 6.2.1 (Agenda item 49) Submitted by the Secretary that the Rule be amended by deleting the words "between the 15th June and the 15th August" in the fourth line. The Rule would read:
- "R6.2.1 The 25,000 metres road running championship for men and the 10,000 metres road running championship for women shall be held annually on the same weekend and at the same venue in accordance with the details given in Table 6.1."
- The motion was carried.
- 14.55 Rule 4.1.1 (Agenda item 50) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Rule be deleted and replaced with the following:
- "R4.1.1 The Cross Country Championships shall be held annually in the first two weeks of September in accordance with the details given in Table 4.1."
- The motion lapsed.
- 14.56 Rule 6.1.1 (Agenda item 51) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Rule be amended by deleting the words "May or" in the last line. The Rule would read:
- "R6.1.1 The marathon championships for men and women shall be held annually at the same venue in the month of June."
- The motion lapsed.
- 14.57 Rule 6.2.1 (Agenda item 52) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Rule be deleted and replaced with the following:
- "R6.2.1 The 25,000 metres road running championship for men and the 10,000 metres road running championship for women shall be held annually on the same weekend and at the same venue in the month of May and a minimum of four weeks prior to the marathon championships (R6.1) and in accordance with the details given in Table 6.1."
- The motion lapsed.
- 14.58 Rule 7.1.4 (Agenda item 53) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the existing Rule be replaced with the following:
- "R7.1.4 The 50,000 metres for men, the 20,000 metres for women, the Under Twenty 20,000 metres for men, the Under Twenty 10,000 metres for women Championships of Australia will be held on the same weekend at the same venue at a time to be fixed on a year to year basis by a Congress or the Board. This timing will have regard to dates of the relevant international competitions, the desirability of combining selection trials with Australian Championships, and the desirability of conducting Road Walking Championships on the same weekend and in the same city as an appropriate Running Championship."
- 14.58.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by deleting the words "This timing will have regard to" and substituting the words "In fixing the dates regard should be had to the" in the seventh line.
- The motion as amended was carried.

- 14.59 Rule 7.1.5 (Agenda item 54) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the following new Rule be adopted:

"R7.1.5 The 20,000 metres for men, the 10,000 metres for women, the Under Twenty 10,000 metres for men, the Under Eighteen 8,000 metres for men and the Under Eighteen 8,000 metres for women Championships of Australia will be held on the same weekend at the same venue at a time to be fixed on a year by year basis by a Congress or the Board. This timing will have regard to the dates of the relevant international competitions, the desirability of combining selection trials with Australian Championships, and the desirability of conducting Road Walking Championships on the same weekend and in the same city as an appropriate Running Championship."

- 14.59.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by deleting the words "This timing will have regard to" and substituting the words "In fixing the dates regard should be had to the" in the eighth line.

The motion as amended was carried.

- 14.60 Rule 7.2.2 (Agenda item 55) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Rule be deleted and replaced with the following:

"R7.2.2 The Road Walking Championships specified in R7.1.4 shall be conducted in the following order: 50,000 metres for men; 10,000 metres for Under 20 women; 20,000 metres for Under 20 men; 20,000 metres for women.

The motion was carried.

- 14.61 Rule 7.2.3 (Agenda item 56) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Rule be deleted and replaced with the following:

"R7.2.3 The Road Walking Championships specified in R7.1.5 shall be conducted in the following order: 20,000 metres for men; 8,000 metres for Under 18 women; 8,000 metres for Under 18 men; 10,000 metres for Under 20 men, 10,000 metres for women."

The motion was carried.

- 14.62 Law 1.9.1 (Agenda item 57) Submitted by the Secretary that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:

"L1.9.1 Each Association and Associate shall pay annually to the Union an affiliation fee to be determined from time to time by Congress. Such fee shall be due and payable on the first day of April."

The motion was carried.

- 14.63 Law 6.10.3 (Agenda item 58) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Law be amended by deleting the word "three" and inserting the word "two" in the last line. The Law would read:

"L6.10.3 Australian records shall be of the following two classes:"

The motion was carried.

- 14.64 Law 6.10.3.2 (Agenda item 59) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:

"6.10.3.2 An Australian National Record shall be one established at an accredited meeting conducted under IAAF Rules by a person who was born in Australia or by a person who has resided in Australia for a period of two years prior to the date of the performance claimed as a record and who at the time of competition is a person accredited by the Union, or a relay team all of whose members meet the foregoing qualification.

- 14.64.1 A consequential motion was put that those records which are at present international records become National Records.

The motion was carried.

- 14.65 Law 6.10.3.3 (Agenda item 60) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Law be deleted.

The motion was carried.

- 14.66 Law 6.4.2 (Agenda item 61) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia that the Law be amended by deleting "10,000" and inserting "25,000".

If passed subsequent amendments be made to R6.2.1 and Table 6.1.

- 14.66.1 It was resolved that this motion be withdrawn on the basis that it be referred to the Board for their investigation as to the appropriate distance, taking into consideration the views of the athletes and that the Board report to the next Annual Congress with such recommendations.

- 14.67 Rule 1.1.7 (Agenda item 62) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Rule be amended by inserting the words "full time" before the word "student" and deleting the words "a tertiary" and inserting the words "an educational" in the first line. The Rule would read:

"R1.1.7 A full time student attending an educational institution or a Naval, Military or Air Force College is eligible ....."

- 14.67.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be further amended by deleting the words "a tertiary" in the second last line and inserting the words "an educational".

The motion as amended was carried.

- 14.68 Rule 8.1.6 (Agenda item 63) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Rule be amended by deleting the word "International" in the second line and inserting the word "National". The Rule would read:

"R8.1.6 An athlete or team claiming an overseas performance to be recognised as an Australian National record shall make written application to the Union within twenty-eight days of the date of such performance. In addition, the athlete or team shall forward to the Union within forty-two days of the date of the performance a statement from the national Governing Body under whose jurisdiction

the event was conducted that the performance conformed with IAAF Rule 148-4."

The motion was carried.

- 14.69 Rule 9.2.4 (Agenda item 64) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the following new Rule be adopted:

"R9.2.4 Notwithstanding the above requirements, a person may be registered as a member of an Association, other than the Association of the State in which he or she is normally resident, if he or she establishes to the satisfaction of the Association that he or she is permanently employed within its territory."

Constitution Committee Note: We consider that perhaps it is unwise to have eligibility based on either resident or place of employment. We feel it should be one or the other.

The motion was lost.

- 14.70 Rule 1.3.1 (Agenda item 65) Submitted by the Secretary that the Rule be deleted and replaced with the following:

"R1.3.1 For Track and Field Championships, a Jury of Appeal of six members, none of whom shall be members of the Technical Committee or acting in any other capacity as an official at the Championship meeting, shall be appointed."

Nominations for the Jury of Appeal will be called for by the Secretary to close on the first day of November. The Board shall appoint the Jury of Appeal from those nominated.

- 14.70.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by inserting the words "not less than three or more than" before the word "six" in the second line and deleting the words "to close on the first day of November" in the seventh and eighth lines.

The motion as amended was carried.

- 14.71 Rule 1.3.7 (Agenda item 66) Submitted by the Secretary that the following new Rule be adopted:

"R1.3.7 The Chairman of the Jury of Appeal shall make a report to the Manager of the meeting on the conduct of the meet which shall include appeals heard and decisions given by the Jury on such appeals."

The motion was carried.

- 14.72 Rule 2.1.4 (Agenda item 67) Submitted by the Secretary that the Rule be deleted and replaced with the following:

"R2.1.4 The Under Twenty Track and Field Championships will be held at the same venue and on the same dates as the Australian Track and Field Championships."

- 14.72.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by adding the words "In 1985 and thereafter" at the beginning of the motion.

The motion as amended was carried.

- 14.73 Rule 2.1.5 (Agenda item 68) Submitted by the Secretary that the following new rule be adopted:  
"R2.1.5 The Under Eighteen and Under Sixteen Track and Field Championships will be held at the same venue and same date but not in conjunction with the Australian Track and Field Championships and the Under Twenty Track and Field Championships."
- 14.73.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by inserting the words "In 1985 and thereafter" at the beginning of the motion, and deleting the words "but not" in the third line and inserting the words "Such Championships shall not be held".  
The motion as amended was carried.
- 14.74 Rule 2.2.5 (Agenda item 69) Submitted by the Secretary that existing Rule 2.2.5 be deleted and replaced with the following:  
"R2.2.5 The sequence of events for the conduct of the Track and Field Championships of Australia shall be presented for approval to the Annual Congress immediately preceding such Championships."
- 14.74.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by adding the words "This sequence of events shall be circulated to member associations at least two months prior to the Congress".  
The motion as amended was carried.
- 14.75 Rule 2.2.6 (Agenda item 70) Submitted by the Secretary that the following new Rule be adopted:  
"R2.2.6 The 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres Championship of Australia for Men and the 3,000 metres and 10,000 metres Championship of Australia for women shall be held in the month of January each year."
- 14.75.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by inserting the words "From and commencing in 1985" at the beginning of the motion and deleting the words "shall be held in the month of January each year" and inserting the words "may be held separately from the Track and Field Championships".  
The motion as amended was carried.
- 14.75.2 It was resolved that the Board of Management should determine under which conditions the above Championships should be held.
- 14.76 It was resolved that the following sections of Agenda item 70 be withdrawn:  
"Allocation of the Championships shall be made on application by a Member Association."  
"Applicants to conduct the Championships must meet the travel expenses of the top ten athletes to compete in the event. Rule 2.5 relating to entries will apply."

- 14.77 Rule 2.2.7 (Agenda item 71) Submitted by the Secretary that the following new Rule be adopted:

"R2.2.7 The Heptathlon and Decathlon Championships of Australia, the Under Twenty Heptathlon and Decathlon Championships of Australia and the Under Eighteen Heptathlon and multiple Event Championships of Australia shall be held on the same weekend and at the same venue in the month of April.

R1.1, R1.2, R1.3, R1.4, R2.3.3, R2.4 and R2.5 shall apply."

- 14.77.1 It was resolved that the motion as put be amended by deleting the words "in the month of April" and inserting the words "but not on the weekend of the Easter vacation".

The motion as amended was carried.

- 14.78 Rule 3.1.1 (Agenda item 72) Submitted by the Secretary that the Rule be amended by deleting the words "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 and change "2" to read "3". The Rule would read:

"R3.1.1 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 three consecutive days. No alteration to the proposed dates or place may then be made without the approval of the Union."

- 14.78.1 It was resolved that the motion as submitted be amended by deleting the word "then" in the last line.

The motion as amended was carried.

- 14.79 It was resolved that before the re-printing of the Constitution, the Constitution Committee be asked to peruse the Laws and Rules and make such minor amendments as are necessary.

- 14.80 (Agenda item 73) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia that this Congress direct the Board to abolish entry fees for the Australian Track and Field Championships and Multi Event Championships and refrain from imposing any other fee or levy in lieu thereof.

The motion was lost.

15. RECAPITULATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP & TRIAL DATES: (Appendix 7)

- 15.1 A report was given that Mr. Ray Frith of the Technical Committee has inspected the track at Olympic Park, the venue of the 1984 Track & Field Championships and it was resolved that such Championships should be held at Olympic Park on the condition that no nails be in the track after it has been repaired.

- 15.2 A motion was put that for 1983/84 the dates and venues for the conduct of the various championships be confirmed.

The motion was carried.

- 15.3 A motion was put that the determination of the programme for the Australian Track & Field Championships be dealt with by the Board after all States have been notified and after the views of the States have been taken into account.

The motion was carried.

- 15.4 It was resolved that the allocation of Combined Events Championships be as follows:
- 1985 - Queensland
  - 1986 - Victoria
  - 1987 - South Australia
  - 1988 - New South Wales
  - 1989 - Tasmania
  - 1990 - Western Australia

- 15.5 It was resolved that the Pacific Conference Games Trials should be in conjunction with the Australian Track and Field Championships in 1985.

- 15.6 It was resolved that the Trials for the Lugano & Eschborn Cups should be held in Tasmania at a date to be advised.

- 15.7 It was resolved that the World Cross Country Championships Trials for 1985 should be held in South Australia.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 16.1 It was resolved that the desirability of holding a post-Race Managers' Meeting following the Australian Marathon be considered by the Race Director and implemented if practicable.

- 16.2 It was noted that the post-Race function will now be held on the Sunday afternoon after the Australian Marathon.

- 16.3 World Student Games in 1987:

- 16.3.1 It was resolved that in regard to the matter of the application by the Australian Universities Sports Association for the World Student Games to be held in Brisbane in 1987, the Union and the Queensland Association co-operate closely in overseeing the development of the event.

- 16.4 Notice of Intended Motion to be submitted by Queensland Athletic Assn.:

"That Merit Award and Life Member Applications should be put to a Committee to be ratified by Congress".

- 16.5 A vote of appreciation for the conduct of the Congress by the President was taken.

- 16.6 Ms. Mathews, Secretary, Australian Track & Field Coaches Association thanked Mr. McDonald for his help over the last 5 years.

- 16.7 Mr. Allan Stephens (NZ) addressed the Congress thanking Associations for assisting New Zealand athletes attending Australian Championships, extended congratulations to Robert de Castella on his tremendous performance and also to Pat Clohessy. He also extended congratulations on Australia gaining the World Cup Four for Canberra and wished the new President and incoming Board every success.

- 16.8 It was resolved to record the sincere appreciation of the Union to Mr. McDonald for his involvement in athletics over many years and particularly over the last five years.

This resolution was seconded with acclamation.

- 16.9 Mr. McDonald responded accordingly, stating that Professor Larkins did not stand for the Board this year and has given great service to the Union in many fields. He also thanked Mrs. Ey for her service to the Union and the Board and assistance given on behalf of the Union in accepting the position of Team Manager of the 1984 Olympic Team. Mr. McDonald wished Mrs. Ey good luck to her and the team for 1984. He also took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Murray Aitken for his support over the last 5 years and his service to the Union in many ways.

Mr. McDonald wished Mr. Briggs good luck and stated that he was sure that he would enjoy the position and was very sure that he would succeed. He also wished the new members of the Board well and stated that they should put their views aside for the betterment of athletics.

The Congress closed at 2.45p.m.



AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

(Appendix 1)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

TO THE 1983 ANNUAL CONGRESS

1. The Board of Management met in Melbourne on 30th & 31st October, 1982, 5th & 6th February, 1983, 17th March, 1983 and 18th & 19th June, 1983.
2. Matters of immediate interest to Associations requiring their attention have been brought to notice in the course of the normal administrative procedures. A copy of the Minutes of the 24th, 25th and 26th Meetings of the Board of Management have been distributed to all Associations.
3. Incorporation: It should be noted that the incorporation of the Union was postponed due to the proposals put to the Extra-Ordinary Congress in March by the NSWAAA and is now proceeding and that the President and Mr. Roe are liaising regarding the articles of memorandum.
4. Minute 2.2.3 of the 25th Meeting of the Board: Date of Australian Track & Field Championships - It is recommended that dates for future Australian Track & Field Championships should be set 5 years in advance and that the Under Eighteen and Under Twenty Track & Field Championships be held before the Australian Championships.
5. Minute 8.1.5 of the 25th Meeting of the Board: It is recommended that any surplus from World Cup Four be distributed to the Union as sole shareholder to be used by the Australian Athletic Union for the benefit of athletics in Australia but with regard being given to the Australian Capital Territory region and having regard to the part played by it in the staging of the World Cup.
6. Minute 2.5.1 of the 27th Meeting of the Board: Australian Track & Field Championships, 1986 & 1988 - re allocation.
7. Minute 5.2.2 of the 27th Meeting of the Board: Quality of Championship medallions - It is recommended that stamped medallions be obtained for future use.
8. Minute 5.9.2 of the 27th Meeting of the Board: It is recommended that the Rule regarding Juries of Appeal be amended to remove the stricture as to not being from one State and provide that, as far as practicable those serving on the Jury of Appeal should hold a grading for at least one event.
9. Minute 5.9.4 of the 27th Meeting of the Board: It is recommended that from henceforth the Officials Committee of the Union be responsible for appointing officials for Australian Track & Field Championships and that the best officials available should be appointed, bearing in mind the capacity of the Officials and also having regard to the continuation of officials within the sport and promotion. Applications from Officials should be called for and applications to close at August Congress and those officials accepted to be notified by September.
10. Minute 5.17.1 of the 27th Meeting of the Board: It is recommended that the Walk Trials for 1984 be both Championships and Trials and they be held in either New South Wales, South Australia or Victoria because of the availability of Judges and that thereafter such pattern be maintained.
11. Minute 5.20.1 of the 27th Meeting of the Board: IAAF re extension to qualifying period for competitions.

12. Minute 5.21.1/5.21.2 of the 27th Meeting of the Board: re Under 16 and Under 18 Championships - It is recommended that the Under 16 and Under 18 Australian Championships be combined and be held on a weekend in January. This to commence in 1985.
13. Minute 6.5 of the 27th Meeting of the Board: The question is put as to whether the whole or part of the entry fees from Australian Championships should go into team travel funds or a percentage of the surplus of Australian Championships.
14. The Board recommends that the Union select Australian Teams to compete in the events listed on Appendix A - Three Year Calendar.

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION (Appendix 2)

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT TO 1983 GENERAL CONGRESS

Five years have now passed since the administrative structure of the Union was changed and the Secretariat as we now know it was established. Much progress has been made in that time however we are still establishing systems and trying to settle down into an administrative routine.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The most important step taken in 1982/3 was the moving of the Office from the City centre of Melbourne to Olympic Park. The Board of Management were unanimous in their decision to relocate even though it was at an expense to the Union. The Olympic Park Committee of Management and particularly Mr. Gordon Holmes has been most co-operative and helpful in the past twelve months.

The advantages of being at Olympic Park are many and the Office accommodation excellent, even though it appears we may need to look for a larger area in the near future.

I believe we have now found a home and look forward to settling down in the coming twelve months to establish an area that will provide a good administrative service to Australian athletics.

HISTORICAL RECORDS

With the passing of Mr. Arthur Hodsdon early last year his records and memorabilia were forwarded to us by his widow. A total of 25 packing boxes were transferred by Grace Bros. in June and since then Miss Lil Neville has spent one day a week sifting through these boxes. It appears Mr. Hodsdon never sieved his files and consequently reading each item of correspondence for the past 30 years to evaluate its historical importance is very time consuming.

The task is not completed and will not be for some time. The records, books and other items the Union has inherited are most valuable and will form extremely valuable and resourceful library and provide the Office with a good reference on the history of Australian and World athletics.

NEW LOGO

In an effort to distinguish ourselves from other sports the Board of Management felt the Union should have a Logo identifiable to athletics and Australia.

Mr. Mark Littler was commissioned to produce the Logo and advise the Board on colours and presentation for merchandising purposes. A number of marketing items have either been produced or are in the process of being produced. They include:

- Lapel Badges
- Ties
- Ladies Scarves
- Waterproof Jackets
- T-Shirts

Draft sketches for a Mascot have been produced and these are currently with a cartoonist being redrawn. It is planned to Patent this design and also use this item to merchandise as well as offering it as a marketing item to sponsors. The Union Mascot should be launched by the end of this year.

STATISTICS

Over the last couple of years statistics relating to Registrations have not been published. Attached is information for the past 4 years for your perusal. It is hoped that now all States are amalgamated that a useful statistical return regarding Associations can be compiled for analysis and inclusion in the Annual Report of the Union.

1982 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

After many problems and a number of meetings the final arrangements and conduct of the 1982 Commonwealth Games proved to be a great success. Mr. Geoff James and his Committee are to be congratulated on a job well done and all Officials who availed themselves to act at the Games and in so doing complied with the Union's wish of meeting costs of travel to Brisbane for the 1982 Australian Track & Field Championships, we are very grateful and thankful.

Congratulations is extended to all athletes in the team.

The Management group lead by Mrs. Wendy Ey should be justly proud of the result of their efforts and the way in which they administered the team.

I take this opportunity to thank the Australian Commonwealth Games Association for their generous financial support (\$130,000) which enabled the majority of athletes to carry out the pre-Games preparation as they had planned. The attitude of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association in funding such preparation and the manner in which it was done is to be applauded and it is hoped that it will be continued and extended for future games.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The volume of work on the Staff has increased greatly over the five years the Secretariat has been in existence.

The biggest single problem is the volume of typing that must be done. Currently investigations are being carried out as to the feasibility both administratively and financially of the Union purchasing a Word Processor or small Computer to help alleviate the load in this area.

The Office has only two typists who service both the Coaching Director and myself as well as catering for the needs of:

- The Treasurer
- 7 Board Members
- 8 Standing Committees of the Union

In addition the number of Australian teams selected over recent years has increased five fold. For the period April, 1982 to the time of this Congress a total of 13 Australian teams have been selected ranging in size from 70 to 2 all of which have been serviced from this Office.

In addition the Office plays a large roll in the presentation of Australian Championships.

As can be seen by the above work carried out by the Office Staff is quite heavy and quite varied and I would like to thank both Mrs. Jeanette Brown and Mrs. Jacquie Smith for their tireless efforts.

I would also like to pay tribute to Miss Lil Neville and Mr. Henri Schubert both of whom spend at least one day a week in the Office on a Voluntary basis

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assisting the Staff in many ways. Without the assistance of these two people the Office would definitely have to have another member on Staff.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the fact that two members of the Board, one the President Mr. Allan McDonald and one of the Vice Presidents Mr. Murray Aitken are not standing for positions with the Union for the coming twelve months.

Mr. Aitken has been the delegate to Congress for many years and has contributed greatly to Australian athletics both at an administrative and competition level. His experience and smiling face will be greatly missed by the Board and I hope it will not be too long before he can see his way clear to again give us the benefit of his experience and knowledge of Australian athletics.

The decision by Mr. McDonald not to continue this time as President of the Australian Athletic Union is a great blow to Australian athletics. Allan's knowledge and experience of Australian athletics expanding a period of some 20 years and his eloquence will be very hard to replace. I would like to personally thank Allan for his guidance and patience not only over the last five years in the Union but also the three years previous when he was President of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association. Although he may not be actively involved from henceforth I would hope that Allan's advice would still be available to both myself and the Board of Management in the future.

In closing I would like to thank all members of the Board for their support and understanding over the past fifteen months.

Rick Pannell,  
Secretary.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

1983				1982				1981				1980			
M	W	OFF	T	M	W	OFF	T	M	W	OFF	T	M	W	OFF	T
763	979	248	2990	1950	1389	277	3616	1961	1362	287	3610	1997	1154	332	3483
890	2371	527	6788	3760	2240	620	6620	4240	2672	704	7616	4314	2799	628	7741
452	149	33	634	393	140	33	566	404	152	33	589	357	125	38	520
990	1885	626	7501	5140	1764	717	7621	5564	2240	715	8519	5378	2100	638	8116
680	495	123	1298	630	450	139	1219	605	334	144	1083	699	337	154	1190
124	370	143	1637	1146	384	164	1694	1312	429	181	1922	1183	440	125	1748
562	265	110	937	640	264	135	1039	848	411	139	1398	701	400	138	1239
461		1810	21785	13659	6631	2085	22375	14934	7600	2203	24737	14629	7355	2053	24037

SUMMARY OF REGISTRATIONS

ACTUAL NUMBERS

	QLD	NSW	ACT	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	TOTAL
1979/80	3483	7741	520	8116	1190	1748	1239	24037
1980/81	3610	7616	589	8519	1083	1922	1398	24737
1981/82	3616	6620	566	7621	1219	1694	1039	22375
1982/83	2990	6788	634	7501	1298	1637	937	21785

PERCENTAGES

	QLD	NSW	ACT	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
1979/80	14.5	32.2	2.2	33.9	4.6	7.4	5.2
1980/81	14.6	30.8	2.4	34.4	4.4	7.8	5.6
1981/82	16.2	29.5	2.5	34.0	5.5	7.6	4.7
1982/83	13.8	31.1	3.0	34.4	6.0	7.4	4.3

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

(Appendix 3)

REPORT OF THE TREASURER TO THE 1983 ANNUAL CONGRESS

1982/83 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the 15 months ended 31st March, 1983 and the Balance Sheet for the same period is presented as Appendix 1 for the consideration of Congress.

Balance Sheets for the Ron Clarke Foundation and the Alf Robinson Memorial Race Walking Foundation are also presented for the consideration of members.

REVISED 1983/84 BUDGET

The original Budget for 1983/84 was prepared in November, 1982. It is considered that assumptions made in this budget have changed considerably and it is considered prudent to present a revised Budget for 1983/84 for the consideration of Congress (Appendix B).

The major variation in projected income arises as a result of a conservative estimate of registrations during 1982/83. The original estimate assumed registrations of 15,000, however the actual figure is almost 22,000.

Anticipated expenditure has also been increased. It has been decided to include a provision to meet long service commitments for those staff who, during the 1983/84 year, will have been employed by the Union for more than 5 years. As the income produced by the imposition of entry fees for Australian Championships is intended to be derived from participating athletes themselves, I consider that this amount should be paid into an International Team Travel Fund. The amount provided for in the original budget has, therefore, been increased by the same amount as the expected income.

1984/85 BUDGET

This budget (Appendix C) reflects a possible decrease in registrations of 10% and the loss of sponsorship from Sanyo in respect of anticipated income. Allowance has been made for an increase in Affiliation Fees. Accordingly, I would like to recommend an increase in Affiliation Fees for the 1984/85 year as follows:

State Associations	\$100
Associated Members	\$200

Further, I recommend that no increase be made in the per capita registration fee for 1984/85.

The major reason for the variation in expenditure results from the expectation that this Union will have an increased commitment in regards to the World Cup. The IAAF Council has scheduled a meeting for Canberra in December, 1984 and some entertainment activities will be necessary.

I believe that the projected deficit for the year can be funded from the surplus anticipated in 1983/84.

FUTURE FUNDING OF THE UNION

This is a question of considerable importance to both the Union and its members. It is estimated that \$100,000 will need to be raised from contributions by the States in the 1985/86 period.

It is possible to raise this amount in several ways. The following table illustrates the possible bulk commitment of the States based on three different calculation bases:

	<u>Amount Based on Total Population</u>	<u>Amount Based on Persons 15-34 years</u>	<u>Amount Based on 1983/84 Registrations</u>
NSW	\$ 35,090	\$ 34,530	\$ 31,190
VIC.	26,450	26,310	34,420
QLD.	15,710	15,730	13,720
SA/NT	9,660	9,830	7,510
WA	8,710	9,070	4,300
TAS.	2,860	2,850	5,960
ACT	1,520	1,680	2,900

This table of course points out the variations in each State of the proportion of people registered in relation to actual population. Each State could be asked to raise a stated quota based on an agreed yardstick.

If this principle is agreed to then I believe that the amount levied for 1985/86 should be based on the proportion of State registrations of 1982/83. These proportions should be subject to review each 5 years. This would encourage States to increase membership without incurring additional per capita levies to the Union.

The simple answer should this principle be rejected by States would be to increase registrations by 50¢ per registered person as from 1st April, 1985.

Suggestions have been made that efforts should be made to tap possible revenue from the many Fun Runs conducted throughout Australia. This would necessitate Fun Runs becoming permit events with the permit fee being based on the entry fee charged. Whilst this suggestion has merit I believe that it would be extremely difficult for both the States and the Union to administer.

Having now put the various possibilities before Congress on funding of the Union, I would like to propose that for the 1985/86 year States be asked to contribute \$100,000 to cover administrative costs of the Union and that this be based on the proportion of 1982/83 registrations as shown in the table provided.

Joan M. Cross,  
Treasurer.



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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1983.

(APPENDIX A)

	Estim. to 31/3/83	Admin.	Elite Athletes	Internat. Comp. in Aust.	Winter Champs.	T. & F. Champs.	Schools T. & F.	Coaching	Common. Games	World Cup	Overseas Team Travel	Common. Games comps.	Aust. Marathon	Total
<b>INCOME</b>														
Affiliation fees	230	230												230
Registration fees	46,083	49,771												49,771
Sponsorship & Subsidies Commonwealth Govt. Common Games Assn.	99,000	67,000	38,250	5,000				8,500	100,982	55,000	28,203			201,953
adidas	2,000	2,000												100,982
Alcoa	3,400							35,000				18,000		2,000
Avon Products	100	100												53,000
AT & FCA								1,000						100
Comsteel														1,000
News Limited							24,286							24,286
Sanyo	62,500	27,500			5,000	30,000							108,750	108,750
esp Travel	2,500	2,179												62,500
TAA	2,500	4,179												2,179
AAU News		9,290												4,179
Advertising - TV Rights	11,500					11,500								9,290
Championship Entry Fees, etc.	3,000	5,676										6,000		17,500
Donations		639												5,676
Gate takings, programme sales				57,354		11,505	265							639
IAAF Coaching Course								25,508					1,507	70,631
Interest	8,000	15,325												25,508
Miscellaneous		800												15,325
Reinstatement Fees	1,500	1,451									2,222			3,022
Sale of ties, badges, etc.		443												1,451
Walking Clinic								1,337						443
Administration Charges		13,400												1,337
World Cup - Oceania		2,699												13,400
														2,699
	203,187		38,250	62,354	5,000	53,005	24,551	71,345	100,982	55,000	30,425	25,507	108,750	778,356



AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

Appendix A

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1983

WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1981

(1) GENERAL FUND

<u>1981</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>1981</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	
20027	Accumulated Fund Balance 1.1.1982	27,607.71	-	Commonwealth Savings Bank - Sydney	5,006.15
7581	Surplus 1982/83	<u>7,383.99</u>	34,991.70	- Melbourne	<u>5,385.46</u>
					11,391.61
11920	Sundry Creditors	59,790.05	-	Petty Cash Advance - Sydney	200.00
	Provision for Annual Leave	9,991.00	250	- Melbourne	250.00
7871	National Coaching Squad		12429	Sundry Debtors	450.00
17462	Commonwealth Bank Overdraft		55000	Investments - Short Term Deposits	37,472.31
			6929	Stock Valued at lower of cost & net realisable value	171,600.00
60966	Suspense Accounts			Equipment & Furniture - Cost	7,468.83
	Australian Marathon	88,026.71	12913	Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>16,770.60</u>
	Team Travel - China	3,765.00	(2000)	Suspense	13,119.17
	- Marathon	2,222.22	40306	Oceania	7,860.00
	Sanyo - Administration	22,500.00		Team Travel - USA	8,720.00
	- Winter Championships	<u>5,000.00</u>		Global Promotions	2,820.80
	Commonwealth Grants			Athletes Trust Account	<u>4,987.72</u>
	- Administration	15,000.00			
	- Coaching	4,351.77		Prepayments	<u>1,054.04</u>
	- Elite Athletes	13,750.00			
	- Team Travel	<u>7,556.03</u>	<u>40,657.80</u>		
			<u>266,944.48</u>		<u>266,944.40</u>
\$125827			\$125827		

(2) RONALD W. CLARKE ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

International Tours Fund			Cash Commonwealth Savings Bank	6,546.15
Balance 1.1.1982		31,912.98	Investments	
Interest net of Bank Charges	5,492.05		Australian Savings Bonds	
Contribution	<u>6,028.57</u>	<u>11,520.62</u>	Series 19 12.25% 1.12.1988	<u>2,000.00</u>
			State Electricity Commission	
		43,433.60	15.0% due 1.12.1985	<u>25,000.00</u>
Loss Allocation			Sundry Debtors	7,187.45
L. Whitty	250.00			
C. Schulow	150.00			
R. Mallinder	150.00			
M. Sloane	<u>150.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>		
		<u>\$42,733.60</u>		<u>\$42,733.60</u>

(3) ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL RACE WALKING FOUNDATION

Balance 1.1.1982	1,496.75	Cash Commonwealth Savings Bank	1,636.85
Interest (net of Bank Charges)	100.10		
Contributions	<u>40.00</u>		
	<u>140.10</u>		
	<u>\$1,636.85</u>		<u>\$1,636.85</u>

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

(APPENDIX B)

REVISED 1983/84 ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

	<u>Actual to</u> <u>31/3/1983</u> (15 months)	<u>Budget</u> <u>1983/84</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>Budget 1983/84</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Affiliation Fees	230	230	230
Registration Fees	49,771	67,500	98,000
Reinstatement Fees	1,451	1,000	1,000
Interest	11,685	5,000	5,000
Australian Track & Field Champs.	11,688	5,000	5,000
Australian Champ. Entry Fees	5,676	4,000	6,000
Commonwealth Govt. Grant	113,703	65,000	60,000
Alcoa Administration/Marathon	8,400		
Sundry Receipts	1,887	1,000	1,000
TV Rights (a)	11,500	5,000	6,000
Sponsorship - Avon		100	
- Sanyo (a)	62,500	27,500	27,500
- adidas	2,000	2,000	2,000
- MB Travel	2,179		2,500
- TAA	4,179		5,000
International Track Series	-		
World Cup	5,000		
	<u>\$291,949</u>	<u>\$183,230</u>	<u>\$219,230</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Australian Winter Championships	5,030	5,000	6,500
Affiliation Fees	791	1,000	1,000
Congress Expenses	924	1,000	1,000
Congress Delegates Expenses	3,515	3,000	3,000
Depreciation	1,651	2,000	2,000
Entertainment	2,004	500	1,000
Electricity	185		
Expenses Board Meetings	8,422	6,000	6,500
General Expenses	5,250	1,000	2,000
Insurance	2,587	1,200	2,000
Newsletter	4,092		
Officers Expenses	4,481	2,000	2,500
Periodicals/Library	3,901	1,000	2,500
Postage	4,324	3,000	4,000
Printing & Stationery	6,172	5,000	5,000
Provision for Long Service Leave			7,000
Rent	4,991	5,000	5,000
Repairs Office Equipment	512	500	750
Salaries	103,031	92,800	92,800
Selectors Expenses	1,672	2,000	3,000
Superannuation	5,365	5,000	5,000
Telephone - Cables	11,412	7,000	8,000
NED Travel & Entertainment	5,417	3,000	4,000
NCD Travel & Entertainment	4,407	3,500	3,500
Typing Assistance	3,020	1,600	2,000
Loss on Commonwealth Games Tickets	4,262		
International Travel - Teams	20,647	20,000	26,000
Competition in Australia	5,000		
Coaching Programme	5,648		
World Cup	5,959		2,000
Sponsorship Aust. T & F Champs	41,500	5,000	5,000
	<u>\$276,172</u>	<u>\$177,100</u>	<u>\$203,050</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	15,777	6,130	16,180

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

(APPENDIX C)

ADMINISTRATION BUDGET 1984/85

	Budget <u>1983/84</u>	Revised Budget <u>1983/84</u> (8/83)	Budget <u>1984/85</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Affiliation Fees	230	230	1,000
Registration Fees	67,500	98,000	88,000
Reinstatement Fees	1,000	1,000	1,000
Interest	5,000	5,000	5,000
Australian Track & Field Champs.	5,000	5,000	5,000
Australian Champ. Entry Fees	4,000	6,000	6,000
Commonwealth Government Grant	65,000	60,000	65,000
Sundry Receipts	1,000	1,000	1,000
TV Rights (a)	5,000	6,000	5,000
Sponsorship - Sanyo (a)	27,500	27,500	
- adidas	2,000	2,000	2,000
- MB Travel		2,500	2,500
- TAA		5,000	5,000
	<u>\$183,230</u>	<u>\$219,230</u>	<u>\$186,500</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Australian Winter Championships	5,000	6,500	6,500
Affiliation Fees	1,000	1,000	1,000
Congress Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,200
Congress Delegates Expenses	3,000	3,000	3,500
Depreciation	2,000	2,000	2,000
Entertainment	500	1,000	750
Expenses Board Meetings	6,000	6,500	7,000
General Expenses	1,000	2,000	2,000
Insurance	1,200	2,000	2,000
Officers Expenses	2,000	2,500	3,000
Periodicals/Library	1,000	2,500	2,500
Postage	3,000	4,000	4,500
Printing & Stationery	5,000	5,000	5,500
Provision for Long Service Leave		7,000	2,000
Rent	5,000	5,000	5,000
Repairs Office Equipment	500	750	750
Salaries	92,800	92,800	102,000
Selectors Expenses	2,000	3,000	2,000
Superannuation	5,000	5,000	5,500
Telephone - Cables	7,000	8,000	8,500
NED Travel & Entertainment	3,000	4,000	4,000
NCD Travel & Entertainment	3,500	3,500	3,500
Typing Assistance	1,600	2,000	2,000
International Travel - Teams	20,000	26,000	6,000
Coaching Programme			
World Cup		2,000	7,500
Sponsorship Aust. T & F Champs.	5,000	5,000	
	<u>\$177,100</u>	<u>\$203,050</u>	<u>\$190,200</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	6,130	16,180	(3,700)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THE 1983

ANNUAL CONGRESS

1. SPONSORS

Sanyo - Sanyo Australia were again official sponsor of the Union which included sponsorship of the Australian Track & Field Championships and a number of winter Championships. We are most grateful for Sanyo's continued support and hope that they will join us again in 1984 & 1985.

News Ltd. - The largest sponsorship ever to be received by the Union was finalised late in 1982 with News Ltd. and the 10 Network for the Australian Marathon Championship.

The sponsorship is for a three year period and is estimated to be valued at close to \$1 million and has enabled us to establish an office in Sydney. It is hoped that the Union will be advantaged through the contacts made in the television industry and various sponsors in this project. The first Marathon to be conducted under this sponsorship was held in June, 1983 and the report on it will be discussed later in the Congress.

I would take this opportunity to congratulate Brian Roe, the 'Special Project Officer' of the Union and Race Director for an excellent job in organising this first event and also Sue Bicknell, Marie Hutton and Alec Watson for their valuable assistance.

ABC Television - ABC Television again supported athletics over the past 15 months by televising the 1982 & 1983 Australian Track & Field Championships and the Trials for the selection of the 1982 Commonwealth Games Team. We are grateful for their continued support and hope they will again join us in the coming year.

Mars 5 Star Award - Mars has continued their support of this scheme and have indicated that this will continue in the future.

Cloth badges are now available but do not appear to be as popular as we would have liked. It also appears that States and clubs are not taking the maximum advantage of this scheme to promote and further develop our sport.

Alcoa - Alcoa's sponsorship concluded with the 1982 Commonwealth Games. Unfortunately Alcoa could not see its way clear to support us presently in a similar manner to that in the past.

Alcoa are however, making a very valuable contribution by printing our Newsletter at no cost.

adidas - adidas has outfitted all teams in the past 12 months and are under contract to the Union until March, 1985. adidas also contribute to the production of the Newsletter which, as stated above, is a very valuable communication vehicle.

TAA - The Board of Management resolved in July last year to accept an offer by TAA to assist in the Union's domestic travel. Their assistance has been greatly appreciated.

MB Travel - Kaye Hart again assisted us this year in arranging the overseas travel of the Union. I am grateful for her advice and guidance throughout the period.

Comsteel - Unfortunately because of the current financial climate Commonwealth Steel Company had to withdraw from the final year of their three year contract with the Union. The 1982 Schools Track & Field Championships in Tasmania were the last Championships sponsored and they were by far the most successful. My thanks go to the Tasmania Association for their efforts to ensure a successful carnival. I would also like to record my thanks to "Comsteel" for their assistance over the past three years.

## 2. PUBLICATIONS

Almanac - This Annual Book of Statistics is most sought after, particularly from overseas "track nuts". It continues to be a good history of Championship results, records and performances of Australian teams.

Media Digest - Alcoa again produced this valuable media aid. It is uncertain as to whether the book will be published this year however every endeavour will be made to achieve this.

AAU News - With the generosity of Alcoa and adidas we can still manage to produce this information sheet. It is unfortunate that the Coaches Association resolved not to include the magazine in its subscriptions this year. I hope we don't hear the old cry of "we don't know what is going on" or "we find out things too late". I am sure we will have these comments coming from coaches who have not bothered to renew their subscription.

Australia at the Games - As mentioned last year, we were trying to cover costs of a publication which listed a 100 deep all time ranking list together with results of Australians at Olympic and Commonwealth Games. Unfortunately we could not print the ranking lists however we did manage to produce the results which have proved a very valuable aid to the media.

3. Athlete Advertising - With the introduction of new rules by the IAAF regarding this matter and participation money, there has been confusion. Initially a large number of people thought athletics had gone open. The matter has not been completely clarified however it is sorting itself out as time goes by.

Athletes are still unaware of the regulations regarding advertising even though I have been to great lengths to ensure directions have been set and published in the AAU News, mailed to Member Associations and circularised to athletes. Hopefully in time this problem will be overcome. Currently all athletes are being most co-operative in making themselves available for advertisements.

## 4. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Global Sports Promotions again promoted the January Track Series through the co-operation of Member Associations. There still appears to be a reluctance by some Australian athletes to compete in this Series. This is of great concern as the Series is one of the major athletic promotions of the year and profits from these meets are used to assist all athletes and particularly the elite.



6. MEDIA CONTACT

Unfortunately because of the activities of the past 15 months my contact and liaison with the media has not been as frequent and informative as it should have been. With the establishment of the Marathon in the format we now have, I feel it is time to investigate the possibilities of employing a staff member to undertake media relations.

The paper presented to last night's Forum outlines my ideas about staff development and I hope that serious consideration is given by the Board to these ideas for the further promotion and development of our sport.

In conclusion I would like to thank the various member Associations, Executive Directors and Secretaries for their co-operation in the past 15 months.

RICK PANNELL

REPORT OF THE COACHING DIRECTOR TO THE 1983 ANNUAL CONGRESS

The following is a summary of my coaching and related activities since September 1982.

COACHING

1. 1982 Commonwealth Games - Head Coach and in charge of throws and multiple event athletes.
2. \* Brisbane, 2 day discus and shot clinic.  
\* Adelaide, throws coaching, Glynis and Chris Nunn, Peter Hadfield  
\* Melbourne, - 1 day discus clinic at Glenhuntly  
\* Ballarat College of Advanced Education - Level 1 Coaching Accreditation Course.  
\* Melbourne - A.T. & F.C.A. Multiple Events Course.

COMPETITION

I attended the following major competitions:-

- \* Two pre-Commonwealth Games Meets, September 1982. Adelaide, Melbourne
- \* Commonwealth Games, Brisbane
- \* Post Commonwealth Games Meet. Australia -v- England - Melbourne, Sydney
- \* All Australian Schools Track and Field Championships, Hobart
- \* International Series Melbourne - Global Meet.
- \* Australian Track and Field Championships, Melbourne.
- \* Australian Multiple Events Championships, Adelaide.

SEMINARS

I organised or participated in the following seminars:-

- \* Palle Lassen Race Walking Seminar, Brisbane, September 24, 25 & 26. I also arranged with South Australia and Victoria for Palle Lassen to give further clinics in these two states.
- \* Organised the I.A.A.F./Oceania Advanced Coaching Course on Field Events held in Canberra during December 1982.
- \* Assisted in the organisation of the National Level II Course, Canberra January 1st - 9th, funded by Rothmans Sports Foundation.

MEETINGS

I attended the following meetings:-

- \* A.A.U. Board of Management, October 30th and 31st, February 5th and 6th, March 17th, June 18th and 19th.
- \* A.I.S. - A.A.U. Sub Committee - January 3rd, 17th, and April 22nd,
- \* A.T. & F.C.A. Executive (i.e. The A.A.U. Coaching Co-ordinating Committee) January 23rd, June 25th - 26th.
- \* National Coaching Directors, Canberra, February 2nd, 3rd and 4th
- \* Extra Ordinary Congress of the A.A.U. March 18th, 1983
- \* National Event Coaches' Meeting organised by the A.A.U. Coaching Co-ordinating Committee - March 21st.
- \* A.T. & F.C.A. Executive Committee, Adelaide
- \* Footscray Institute of Technology - Advisory Board Member for Physical

- \* Education and Recreation  
Confederation of Australian Sport Coaching Co-ordinating Committee  
Olympic Park - Melbourne re wider use and improvement of facilities.

PRESENTATIONS/SPEECHES

1. \*A.T. & F.C.A. - Victoria, Commonwealth Games Review  
\*Nunawading Amateur Athletic Club Presentation night.  
\*Educational and Development Officers of Little Athletics Associations.

EXTRA DUTIES

- \* Conducted a tour interviewing Australia's leading athletes, with Mrs. Wendy Ey, on the direction of the Board of Management, Canberra, December 1st, Brisbane December 2nd, Sydney, December 4th, Perth January 14th, Melbourne, January 18th, 19th and 20th.
- \* Compiled a report with Mrs. Ey which was presented to the A.A.U. Board of Management.
- \* Organised or conducted fitness tests for Australian athletes competing in Japan, China and World Student Games in Edmonton.
- \* Was the team coach with the Australian team selected to compete in Europe during July and at the first I.A.A.F. World Championships, Helsinki.
- \* Worked prior to the team departure obtaining athlete's requests for competition, travel arrangements etc.

Jean Roberts  
National Coaching Director

15th August, 1983

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION  
REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Constitution Committee has examined proposed amendments to the constitutions of State Associations and the Union and has advised on their acceptability to the Union.

Operating in the mode of the Investigation Committee, the Committee has undertaken three investigations on behalf of the Union. All three are still under consideration.

During the year the Committee lost the services of Frank Larkins, who moved interstate. Dr. Larkins was replaced by Mr. Scott Chesterman. The Committee would like to record it's appreciation of the outstanding service of Dr. Larkins on the Committee over the past several years.

Ian Jones  
Convenor

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STATISTICIAN

The work on the 1982/83 almanac has been completed. I have included an Under 18 ranking list for the first time.

Again the Under Age lists have been difficult to compile due to lack of birthdates so some athletes may have been left off the list by accident.

I am very grateful to all the people who have supported me during the season by sending results. I have acknowledged these people in the almanac.

I am still having difficulty in getting walk results in winter from some states and also marathon results.

I would like to urge the Union to consider the possibility of creating a records officer who would be solely in charge of processing and looking after all national records.

Could the Union inform the Statistician whenever an Australian record is ratified? It assists me in making sure my lists are accurate and irregular performances are not carried.

1982 saw an overall improvement in standards and it was evident when comparing Australian performances with overseas. In 1981 only 8 athletes were ranked in the top 20 in the World (5 men, 3 women). In 1982 there were 13 athletes (5 men, 7 women) ranked in the top 20 and 4 of these in the top 10.

The success of the Commonwealth Games and the large number of qualifiers ('A' Standard) for the World Championships augers well for the future.

Paul Jeness  
Honorary Statistician

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## SELECTION COMMITTEE - TRACK AND FIELD

The following teams have been selected by this Committee in the past period.

### 1. COMMONWEALTH GAMES

A large successful team was selected on the basis of trials, and the strict application of a policy published 12 months prior to the Games. A record number of trials entries made for fierce competition. There were no notable omissions although there were several unfortunate no qualifiers, missing the team by the narrowest of margins. The published policy was strictly adhered to in spite of strong lobbying by certain groups.

### 2. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

This team was selected in two drafts; April 14th and July 15th. This was so that as many athletes as possible had the opportunity to pass the high 'A' entry standard set by the I.A.A.F.

This meeting promises to be extremely high in standard, and consequently our team comprises of only those athletes achieving 'A' I.A.A.F. standard. This meet is expected to give valuable insights into the selection of the 1984 Olympic Team.

### 3. LUGANO CUP

As in the past, trials were held, with policy remaining as previous - First three plus one additional selection.

These trials were also used to evaluate prospective World Championship competitors.

Phil May  
Convenor

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## OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

The year just ended has been another successful one for the Officials Committee. In November, 1982, 155 officials sat for the theory examinations - 131 passes, 24 failures. All States, except South Australia had candidates.

Thank you to the State Associations for their support both by encouraging their officials to sit for the theory examinations and for applying for exemption from the theory paper for so many of their senior officials.

Since the examinations were commenced in November 1981, candidates have sat for 849 theory papers and 520 AAU Gradings have been granted. Grading cards have been issued to those who have either passed both theory and practical examinations or have been exempted from the theory paper and been granted a grading of a practical examination only. It is pleasing to report that these gradings are spread over all States.

It was agreed at the Officials Committee meeting held in March 1983, that the theory examinations be held twice a year - May and November. The Committee feel that this will further encourage officials to sit for the examinations.

An Officials Seminar was held in Canberra on 13th and 14th November, 1982. 45 attended the first day and 40 the second day. Talks were given on all technical

positions. Many questions were asked and these at times developed into very interesting discussions and a lot was learnt. Thanks to the Department of Capital Territory for their financial help and the N.S.W. Amateur Athletic Association who, through their Rothman's sponsorship, paid the expenses of Harold Ralph and me to be present and talk at the Seminar - there was no cost to the Union. Thanks also to the A.C.T. Association for looking after us so well. It was a most successful Seminar, and it is hoped that more will be held in the future.

I sincerely thank the members of the Committee for their co-operation and assistance at all times. We have worked well as a team, and it has been a pleasure for me to work with all members.

F.E. Wrighter  
Convenor

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#### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Committee comprising Messrs. R. Frith, F. Napier and H. Lowe (Convenor) carried out their duties of answering the submitted questions for the betterment of Athletics in general and for the improvement of rules to, benefit the Athletes and Officials.

During the year four (4) submissions were made:-

- Errors 1981 I.A.A.F. Handbook.
- Sleeping Leg - I.A.A.F. Rule 174 - Part 5
- Safety of Hammer and Discus Protective Cages
- Resolving I.A.A.F. Rule 146 - High Jump Ties.

Answers were submitted for Board's approval.

The Technical Committee has been pleased to serve the Union.

H. Lowe  
Convenor

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#### ROAD RUNNING AND CROSS COUNTRY SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Road Running and Cross Country Selection Committee was elected at the 1982 Half Yearly Congress. Our major activities for the year included:

Selection of Australian Teams

- World Cross Country Championships - England (8 male 6 female)
- World Championships Marathon - Helsinki (3 male 3 female)
- Cathay Pacific Penang Marathon - 1 Male, 1 female
- Noumea Marathon - 2 males (1 acceptor)
- La Matesina Road Race - Italy - (nominations provided)

Set qualifying standards for Australian Marathon Teams for the 1984 Olympics.

Provided comments on proposed formation of Australian Junior Commonwealth Games Squad.

Selected possible Australian Olympic Marathon Teams, on basis that Games were held in February 1983, to assist with calculations on team size, at the request of the AOF.

Provided recommendation to the Sports Aid Foundation (VIC) on assistance for Victorian members of the Australian Team for the 1983 World Cross Country Championships.

The Selection Committee managed to meet once during the year - at the trial for Selection of the Teams for the World Cross Country Championships. The refusal by the AAU of our request to meet at the Australian Marathon Championship was disappointing, with the reasons given "one selector being resident in Sydney would be available to attend" and "the race would be fully televised". Mr. Waters was not given any consideration on the day of the event and the television coverage was inadequate.

We would like to see the following actions taken as soon as possible:

Provision of an adequate budget for the selectors to meet at an appropriate time at least twice per year.

Provision of copies of all National results to the selectors.

Provision of details of all invitations received for Australian Road or Cross Country Athletes regardless of whether they are for specified athletes or for teams or individuals to be decided by the selectors (requested previously but not acceded to).

T. Vincent  
Convenor

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#### WALKING COMMITTEE

The Committee has met three times in the past eighteen months and has also been contact by correspondence.

Generally, the past eighteen months have been successful, particularly the Seminar conducted by Mr. Palle Lassen, Chairman of the I.A.A.F. Walking Committee. Mr. Lassen's knowledge of race walking gave a greater insight to the judging procedure and the interpretation in accordance with Rule 191 Race Walking as defined in the I.A.A.F. Handbook.

Close liaison has been maintained with the Federation of Amateur Walking Clubs and relations are quite harmonious, the Federation following Union Policy. Congratulations to the Federation on a record number of entries at the June Carnival.

The keen interest shown by all concerned has seen an increase, both competitors and officials, the A.A.U. Walking Committee records its appreciation to all concerned.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS:

1. AAU apply to the IAAF Development Commission for an International Coach to Race Walking to be invited to Australia and the Oceania Group during 1985-1990 programme.

2. Application to the IAAF Women's Committee to pursue the issue for womens walking events to be added to all major international event.
3. Australian delegates to the PCG to request a men's and women's 10km walk be added to the programme.
4. A booklet be produced for the registration of Walk Judges for grading as defined in L3.5.4. This is most important for the Judges Panel being appointed for National Championships and Selection Trials. It is not advisable for Team Managers, Coaches, parents to be appointed as Judges on any event that members are represented.
5. A Liaison Officer be appointed to each State to Liaise with the AAU Convenor with an up-to-date list of current active judges and gradings.
6. The attached master sheet and reports be recommended to all Member Associations for use in walking events. This recommendation is made in an favour to have uniformity in the use of recording sheets throughout the country.

Marion Patterson,  
Convenor.

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#### SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

It has been rather difficult to get this Committee working, but I feel that at last we are getting a break through.

I had talks with Mr. Kalend, Secretary of the Australian Secondary Schools Sports Association, whilst in Canberra recently, and invited Mr. Denis Wilson, President of the A.C.T. Association, to be present.  
We discussed the following:-

- (1) That every attempt be made to have the Schools Athletic Meetings use the same weights, heights of hurdles etc. as do the AAU Meetings.

I understand that this is no major problem, and we await further views from State Schools Associations regarding this. The Track and Field is not a real worry as the Australian Secondary Schools Sports Association no longer hold an Australian Schools Track & Field Championship.

That every attempt be made to have the Schools Athletic Meetings run cross country distances to correspond with the AAU distances, and that only one Australian Cross Country Championship be held.

Mr. Kalend is to write to all State Schools Associations requesting them to give their views as to the holding of only one Australian Schools Cross Country Championship, and if they so favour their ideas for conducting such a Championship.

As to the cross country distances, Mr. Kalend felt this could be more of a problem as should the longer distances be conducted it would limit the number of competitors as the School level.



I feel that we will have good co-operation with the State Secondary Schools Sports Associations through the Australian Secretary, Mr. Kalend, and look forward to hearing further from him.

F.E. Wrighter,  
Convenor.

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#### SCORING TABLES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Committee has reviewed the standards for the entry of additional competition to Australian Championships three times in the last eighteen months. The first, in May, 1982, altered 16 men's and women's standards. In September, 1982 a further meeting set standards for the new divisions of Women Under 20, Men Under 18 and Under 16 for both men and women, as well as revising several events in the schools programmes.

In June, 1982, the Committee again conducted a lengthy review, using as its basis the need for fields to be big as possible, but still allowing the organising association to conduct an attractive meeting efficiently, and at the same time mindful that Australian Championships should be for top class athletes. As a result, some 67 alterations were made - 40 for women and 27 for men.

N.J. Ruddock  
Convenor.

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#### COACHING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Reviewed and expanded requirements for levels 1, 2 & 3 of the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme and introduced Preliminary certificate. Produced booklet outlining details of Scheme.

At the request of the National Executive Director, submitted a report on Government Funding for coaching in Australia.

Following on request from the A.A.U. a Sub-Committee formulated a Three year Forward Plan and World Cup Development Plan. These were accepted by the A.A.U. Board of Management at their February 1983 meeting.

Reviewed Hurdle specifications and weights of implements submitted by National Coaching Director at 1982 Half-Yearly Congress.

Drew up selection criteria for coaches of national teams which was presented to A.A.U. President for approval. Recommended four coaches to be appointed to 1984 Olympic Team.

Agreed to work with A.A.U. in the organisation of Summer Coaching Camps for Young Athletes.

Appointed Fletcher McEwan to present a paper on coaching at the A.A.U. Open Forum held on 26th August in Melbourne.

The Coaching Co-ordinating Committee requested each of the fifteen National Event Coaches to submit in depth development plans for his/her event. These were presented to Members of the Board at the June 1983 meeting.