

**THE
AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION
OF AUSTRALIA**

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**Minutes of Proceedings
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Thirty-first Conference
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CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS:

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

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Hadley's Hotel, Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.

on

FEBRUARY 26th and 27th 1959

FIRST SESSION - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 9.30 am to 1.00 pm.

SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 2.15 pm to 6.00 pm.

THIRD SESSION - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 9.15 am to 1.00 pm.

FOURTH SESSION - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm.

FIFTH SESSION - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 5.15 pm to 6.00 pm.

F I R S T D A Y - F E B R U A R Y 2 6 t h

1. OPENING OF CONFERENCE

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

2. ROLL-CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

There were present:

Officers: President - C.R. Aitken; Vice-President - N.H. Hutton; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer - A.J. Hodsdon.

Delegates: A.A.A. of New South Wales - R.C. Corish, G. Soper; Queensland A.A.A. - J.B. Barlow, L.M. Davies; South Australian A.A.A. - R.E. Graham, V.B. Sharp; Tasmanian A.A.A. - N.G. Hutton, L.W. Spears; Victorian A.A.A. - L.B. Curnow, R. Mill; Western Australian A.A.A. - D.C. Rapley, F.T. Treacy.

A telegram from Mr. H. R. Weir, C.B.E., a Past President and Life Member of the Union, was read conveying his warm regards to Officers and Delegates, and his best wishes for a successful Conference. The meeting resolved to record its appreciation of Mr. Weir's continued interest and his good wishes.

3. ADMISSION OF PRESS

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

4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President addressed the Conference in the following terms:-

"I am proud and privileged to welcome you to the thirty-first Conference of the Union, and, as is customary, I extend a particular welcome to Messrs. Davies, Mill and Spears who are attending a Conference for the first time. Perhaps I should bracket with their names that of Mr. Corish, who has not been at Conference since 1954.

"We can look back on the past year with a great deal of satisfaction. The highlight of the year was, of course, the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Cardiff at which our athletes performed with outstanding success; Pre- and post-Games performances were no less outstanding, and any doubt that Australia has become a world force in Amateur Athletics has been entirely dispelled.

"In spite of this, the facilities we are able to offer our athletes still fall far short of our desires. It is our duty to maintain constant pressure on governmental and civic authorities until all States have facilities to International Amateur Athletic Federation Standards. Representations have again been made to the Federal Government for a subsidy to establish cinder tracks in those capital cities where they do not at present exist. We have emphasised that a Federal Government move should galvanise State and Civic Authorities into action. I personally am very hopeful of a grant, and you may be sure that we will not rest until something has been achieved.

"I would like to say that, in my opinion, our cause will not be served by depriving States of their place in the roster of Australian Championships. Rather, we must encourage them and assist their officers in their efforts to improve facilities. Athletics can be really great in Australia when all States can conduct a championship meeting to world standards.

"The vexed question of sporting scholarships has not yet been resolved. One cannot help being disappointed at the extremely weak resolution of the I.A.A.F. on the subject, and cynical at the Statement of the A.A.U. of the United States that their colleges deny any abuse or infringement of the Rules. We may yet find it necessary to introduce legislation of our own.

"Acclamation tours, too, have caused us concern. I have written to the International President on the subject and hope to discuss it with him when I am in London.

"You will gather from copies of correspondence sent to you that we are aggrieved at the almost complete lack of co-operation of the A.N.U. of the United States. For years they have asked for and been granted our leading athletes for appearances in the U.S.A., but when we ask for top-line performers they offer us, at the best, second strings, or claim that all "big" names are wanted for the indoor circuit. A hardening of our attitude may be necessary.

"Registrations this year are a little lower than last year, but this is no cause for concern. It is good to see the weaker States increasing numerically.

"This year's Agenda is no less interesting than in previous years, and I am sure we shall have a splendid Conference, marked as usual by a genuine desire on the part of all to advance our grand sport throughout Australia."

5. OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES
at TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to permit consideration of a motion moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer seeking to delete the existing General Rule 13 dealing with the Opening and Closing Ceremonies at the Track and Field Championships of Australia, and to substitute the following new Rule:-

"At each Australian Track and Field Championship meeting there shall be held an opening and a closing ceremony. These ceremonies shall be carried out, so far as is practicable, in accordance with the following:- (a) Opening Ceremony - The Championships shall be opened by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, if he is available; or, in his absence by the Governor of the State in which the Championships are to be held; or in the absence of both the Governor-General and the State Governor, by the Lord Mayor of the capital city in which the championships are to be held.

"The competing teams shall march on to the arena in the following order: Holders of the Richard Coombes Shield, then other States in alphabetical order, but with the Host State at the rear. They shall line up by States in file from the left behind the dais and facing the grandstand. In front of them, to the right and left respectively of the dais, the Executive Members of the Union and Officers of the Host Association shall be aligned. The Governor-General, Governor or Lord Mayor (as the case may be) shall be conducted to the entrance of the arena by the President of the Constituent Association controlling the Championships. There he shall be met by the President, Vice-President and Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of the Union. This

shall constitute the official party, which shall then proceed to the dais on the arena. As the Governor-General or Governor reaches the dais, he shall be greeted by the National Anthem (Royal Salute) played, if possible, by a band, and the Union Jack shall be broken from the masthead. (appropriate authorities should be consulted to ensure correct Vice-Regal procedure). The National Anthem shall not be played if the Lord Mayor is officiating. The officers of the Union shall take their places with Executive members at the right of the dais. The President of the Union and the President of the Host State shall respectively present his colleagues to the officiating dignitary. The President of the Host State shall advance to the microphone, and after a brief speech, invite the Governor-General, State Governor or Lord Mayor to proclaim the Championships open. The latter shall then say "I declare open the Australian Track and Field Championships of 19..." (Note: If the person officiating desires to make a brief speech before the proclamation, it should be emphasized that not more than 3 minutes is desired.) Immediately, the Australian flag shall be raised slowly to the masthead. The Oath of Amateurism, on behalf of the athletes, shall follow. A representative of the host Association shall advance to the dais, followed by one representative of each other Constituent Association, who shall align themselves behind him. He shall pronounce the following oath: "We swear that we will take part in the Australian Championships in fair competition, respecting the regulations which govern them and with the desire to participate in the true spirit of sportmanship, for the honour of our State and for the glory of sport." For the Opening Ceremony, Union officers shall wear the ceremonial blazer of the Union, and all other officials shall wear their State blazers.

(b) Closing Ceremony - The Closing Ceremony shall take place on the arena after the last event. All officials shall form a line behind the dais and the captains (or their representatives) of each team shall line up in front of them. The President of the Union shall present the Richard Coombes Shield to the Captain of the winning team, briefly thank the host State Association for the organisation and conduct of the Championships and then pronounce the closing of the Championships in these words:- "In the name of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, I proclaim the closing of the Australian Track and Field Championships of 19..., and call upon the chosen athletes of all Constituent Associations to assemble in one year's time at to again celebrate the Championships."

"The National Anthem shall be played and simultaneously the Union Jack and Australian Flag shall be slowly lowered."

After some discussion, the proposed amendment was withdrawn to permit the whole matter to be reconsidered in the light of experience at the current Championships. It was agreed that the Opening Ceremony should be carried out at the

Championships as proposed in the withdrawn motion and that a poll of athletes competing at the Championships should be taken in relation thereto, the questionnaire for such poll to be prepared by Messrs. Hutton and Hodsdon. The President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer were directed to prepare thereafter an amended rule for submission by Mail Vote to Constituent Associations.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 30th CONFERENCE.

It was resolved that the Minutes of the 30th Conference, held at Brisbane on March 13th and 14th 1958, be confirmed as a true record.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 30th CONFERENCE.

(1) Australian Schools Championships (Page 3) - After hearing reports from Delegates that the reaction of the various Schools' Associations in their respective States were generally unfavourable to the holding of Australian Schools Championships, it was resolved to delete the matter from the Agenda of future Conferences.

(2) H.R. Weir's Life Membership (Page 4) - The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that Mr. Weir's Life Membership Badge had been presented at a luncheon in Sydney immediately following the 1958 Championships in Brisbane.

(3) Investigations and Appeals (Page 4) - The Tasmanian and Western Australian Associations were instructed that, within 60 days from the date of Conference, they must incorporate in their Rules the recommended Rules of Procedure in relation to Investigations and Appeals.

Other matters arising from the Minutes of the 30th Conference are referred to in these Minutes under the appropriate headings.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that sixteen Executive Mail Votes had been conducted since the 1958 Conference. These had been reported in full to Constituent Associations.

The Minutes of Meetings of the Executive Committee held on 17.3.58 and 4.10.58 were tabled and were confirmed as true records.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that Executive Members had been satisfactorily attentive during the year in the matter of returning Mail Vote Ballot Papers by the due date.

9. REPORT ON REGISTRATIONS.

The Honorary-Secretary Treasurer tendered the following statement of actual registrations for the Period of 9 months ended December 31st 1958 and estimated additional registrations for the period of 3 months ending March 31st 1959:-

	<u>N.S.W.</u>	<u>Q.L.D.</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>TAS.</u>	<u>VIC.</u>	<u>W.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
9 Months to 31/12/58 (Actual)	1557	948	460	186	3750	656	7557
3 Months to 31/3/59 (Estimated)	178	70	50	60	300	60	718
1958-59 (Part Estimated)	<u>1735</u>	<u>1018</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>4050</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>8275</u>
Percentages	21.8	9.9	4.9	2.6	52.5	8.3	100.0

The report was adopted.

(Note: The Actual Total Registrations for each State for 1958-59 and for each of the preceding 11 years are printed as an Appendix to these Minutes.)

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer asked whether Delegates were prepared to divulge the Registration Fees levied by their respective Associations. The following information was supplied:-

New South Wales: Senior - 5/6; Juniors - 4/6; Sub-Juniors - 3/-; Officials - Free. Numbers are supplied free.

Queensland: Seniors - 15/-; Juniors and Sub-Juniors - 8/-; Country and Under 15 years - 1/6. Numbers are supplied free.

South Australia: Seniors - 5/-; Juniors - 2/6; Sub-Juniors - 1/-. Numbers are 1/- extra.

Tasmania: Seniors - 10/-; Juniors - 7/6; Sub-Juniors - 5/-; Numbers are supplied free.

Victoria: Seniors - 4/-; Juniors and Sub-Juniors - 2/-; Country - 2/-; Officials - 4/-. Numbers are 1/- extra.

Western Australia: Seniors - 10/-; Juniors - 7/6; Sub-Juniors - 5/-. Numbers are supplied free.

10. INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION.

Matters from 30th Conference: (1) Limiting Competitors at Olympic Games (Page 5) - Proposals to limit the number of competitors at future Olympic Games were still under consideration, but would probably be given final form when the Federation Council met at Rome in May 1959.

(2) Financial Assistance for Delegates to Congress (Page 5) -. In view of the President's continued campaign

To obtain Commonwealth Government assistance to provide modern facilities for track and field sports, it had been deemed inopportune to also seek Government help to send Delegates to Federation Congresses when held between Olympic Games at the time of the European Championships. It was resolved that the matter be dropped for the time being.

(3) J.W. Davis' World Record (Page 16) - The I.A.A.F., after having granted recognition as a World Record to J.W. Davis' time of 13.4s. for 120 Yards Hurdles at Bendigo on 19.11.56, had raised successive queries regarding track levels, wind measurement and watch tests. Despite that these queries had been, in the opinion of the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, adequately answered, the Federation had now withdrawn its original recognition. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to seek from the Federation a report as to the precise reason or reasons for its action, and - if thought fit - to request that the matter be reconsidered.

(4) World Record Plaques (Page 16) - The world record plaques won by D.J. Stephens (6 Miles) and E.J. Allsopp (2 Hours Walk) had been received from the I.A.A.F. and presented, through the Victorian A.A.A. to the athletes.

(5) Delegate to 21st Congress (Page 27) - As no suitable person had been available to represent the Union at the 21st Congress of the I.A.A.F. (Stockholm, August 1958), no recommendation had been placed before the Executive Committee (Page 27).

I.A.A.F. 21st Congress, Stockholm 1958: Delegates were furnished with a comprehensive abstract of the Minutes of the 21st Congress of the I.A.A.F., held at Stockholm at the time of the 1958 European Championships. Additional copies of the Congress Minutes had been ordered, and a copy would be made available in due course to each Constituent Association and each Executive Member. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was authorised to convey to the Federation that the price charged for these Minutes, namely 10/6 stg. per copy, was felt to be altogether excessive.

The Minutes revealed that Congress had rejected the proposal of the Union that the maximum value of trophies and special awards be increased from £15 stg. to £40 stg. On the matter of American University Scholarships, and arising from correspondence received by the Federation from the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, the Congress recommended that a national governing body should withhold the necessary amateur status permit if, in its opinion, it was appropriate to do so.

Amendments effected at the 21st Congress to the Federation's Technical Rules had been advised by Circular Letter to Constituent Associations under date of January 1, 1959, and declared effective throughout Australia on and from February 1, 1959.

I.A.A.F. 22nd Congress, Rome 1960: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was directed to submit to the I.A.A.F. for consideration at its 22nd Congress to be held at Rome in 1960 any matters which might be resolved by this Conference.

International Walking Judges: The action of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was endorsed in calling upon Constituent Associations with a member or members on the I.A.A.F. panel of walking judges to report upon whether these persons had been currently active. He was directed to check annually on such activity and to report to Conference.

11. AMATEUR STATUS.

Matters from 30th Conference:

(1) Athletic Events at Surf Carnivals (page 6) - The I.A.A.F. had indicated that competition by amateur athletes in beach athletics events at Surf Life Saving Carnivals was not its direct concern - In other words, it is the responsibility of each National Association, operating within the general framework of the Federation's Amateur Status Laws, to promulgate regulations appropriate to the conditions and circumstances obtaining within its jurisdiction. The proposed A.A.U. Law 14 (ba) as drafted at the 1958 Conference had accordingly been submitted by Mail Vote to Constituent Associations and had been adopted. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was directed to make available to the Surf Life Saving Authorities the text of Law 14 (ba)

(2) Infringement - Outside Organisers (page 7) - The Minutes of the I.A.A.F. Congress carried no reference to the Union's proposal to add to the Federation's Rules relating to the Eligibility of Athletes a New Sub-Section dealing with Outside Organisers. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to enquire from the Federation whether this proposal had received consideration.

Scholarships and Acclamation Tours: The President reported verbally upon action taken by himself and the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer in relation to (a) American University Scholarships and (b) Acclamation Tours by Amateur Athletes. Unfortunately, the I.A.A.F. had shown a disappointing disinclination to face squarely the real issues involved.

Amateur Status Exceptions: The following motion, proposed by the Western Australian A.A.A. was withdrawn after discussion: "That Law 14 (d) of the Union be deleted and the following substituted: 'By teaching, training or coaching in any sport conducted by or on behalf of the Local National Fitness Council, or when employed by a school or other educational institution or body, provided his work is solely educational and that he is not paid directly or indirectly for the coaching of athletes for competition.'"

It was resolved that a letter be sent to the Amateur Swimming Union of Australia informing that body of the position which has arisen in the teaching of children to swim by persons who are receiving payment and pointing out that the decision as to the status of swimmers rests with that body, and asking if any action has been taken in the matter.

Expense Payments: It was resolved to consider together three Notices of Motion each dealing with expense payments to athletes, moved respectively by New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. After general discussion, a Sub-Committee of Messrs. Hutton, Mill and Soper was appointed to consider the merits of the three proposals and to submit a consolidated motion to a later Session of the Conference. (See Page 22 of these Minutes.)

University Scholarships: It was moved by the N.S.W. Delegates that the following new General Rule 44A be adopted: "Where an athlete accepts a scholarship to any overseas University or College, which in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Union has not been awarded mainly for academic ability, such athlete shall not be given a permit to compete in the country concerned." The Victorian Delegates moved, as an amendment, that the proposed new General Rule 44A should read: "Where an athlete accepts a scholarship to any overseas University or College, the governing body of amateur athletics in the country concerned shall be consulted and if its report indicates that the Scholarship has been awarded substantially for athletic ability, such athlete shall be refused a permit to compete in the country concerned." Both the amendment and the original motion were lost. (See also Page 17 of these Minutes.)

(End of First Session of the Conference.)

Schoolboys: On a motion by the Victorian A.A.A., it was resolved to amend Law 15 by adding, after the word "Schoolboy" in the first line, the words "under the age of 16 years," and by substituting "Other schoolboys" for "his schoolfellows" at the end.

The President rules, in answer to a question, that a University Student is not a schoolboy.

Maximum Value of Prizes & Awards: It was successfully moved by the Victorian A.A.A. that the Union recommend to the I.A.A.F. that Rule 9 (4) of its constitution be altered to increase the maximum value of prizes and special awards to £20 sterling.

Exceptions: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer successfully moved that Law 14 (a) of the Constitution be amended by deleting the word "basketball" from the second paragraph.

12. COMPETITION RULES
=====Matters from 30th Conference:

(1) Records made in Outer Lanes, and the disqualification of G.V. Bromhead (Page 8) - Replies on these matters were still awaited, and it was agreed that the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer should send follow-up letters to the Federation.

(2) Special High Jump Shoes (Page 8) - The I.A.A.F. Council had clarified the position regarding built-up high jump shoes by adding a new paragraph to Rule 18. The text of the new paragraph had been circulated to Constituent Associations and had been declared effective in Australia on and from June 14, 1958.

(3) Throwing Events - Use of Preparations (Pages 8 and 10) - The question of the permissibility of the use of preparations by field event competitors had been clarified by the addition of a new paragraph to Rule 18. This permits the application of adhesive substances to the hands only, and not to field implements or to a vaulting pole.

(4) World Records - Dimension of Tracks (Page 8) - The Union's proposal to amend paragraph 2 of Rule 24-4 (c) dealing with the dimension of tracks for Walking Records had not been accepted.

(5) World Records - Pacing (Page 8) - The Union's further proposal to delete paragraph 2 of Rule 24-4 (f) dealing with pacing had also been rejected.

(6) The Finish - Use of Worsted (Page 9) and Olympic Games - Timekeepers (Page 11) - The proposed amendments to Rule 27-9 and Olympic Rule 9-7 had been accepted with only minor alterations.

(7) Putting the Shot (Page 10) - The Union's Coaching Co-ordinating Committee had examined and approved the proposed new Rule 43-2 framed by Mr. Dodds. However, the proposal had not been dealt with at Stockholm by the Federation, and the I.A.A.F. Secretary had stated, in reply to an enquiry by the Union that "Your amended rule would be difficult of application by the judges," and had asked for "the reason for the amendment as a preliminary to its submission to the Federation's Technical Committee." The Conference directed the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to ask the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee to prepare a suitable commentary for transmission to the Federation.

(8) Disqualification of Competitors (Page 29) - The Constitution and Rules Committee had examined Rules 18-4, 5 and 6 of the 1957 Handbook. These had been re-numbered 18-6, 7 and 8 at the Stockholm Congress, and the Committee recommended: (1) that Rules 18-6 and 18-7 be transposed so that the present 18-7 precedes the present 18-6 in the text; (2) that the present

Rule 18-7 be amended by adding, in the second sentence after "re-run", the words "excluding the disqualified competitor", and by further adding, after the word "disqualification", the words "other than the disqualified competitor"; and (3) that the present Rule 18-8 be amended by deleting the words "on or inside the inner border", and substituting therefor the following: "on or beyond either border."

It was moved successfully by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that (subject to referring the proposed amendments back to the Committee for the purpose of deciding whether Rule 18-7 was in fact required at all), Rules 18-6, 18-7 and 18-8, as re-arranged and amended, be recommended for adoption by the I.A.A.F.

Field Implements & Hurdles for Under-Age Events: Proposals by Western Australia and South Australia dealing with field implements for under-age events, and by Victoria dealing with field implements and hurdles for under-age events were discussed together, and it was resolved to recommend to Constituent Associations the use of the following:-

		<u>Junior</u>	<u>Sub-Junior</u>
Shot	Weight	12 lbs	8 lbs 13 ozs.
Discus	Weight	3 lbs 5 ozs	2 lbs 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ozs
	Diameter	8 ins.	7 ins.
Javelin	Weight	1 lb 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs	1 lb 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ozs
	Length	7 ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins	7 ft 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins.
Hammer	Weight	12 lbs	8 lbs
Hurdles	Distance	120 yards	120 yards
	Number	10	10
	Height	3 ft 6 ins	3 ft
	Spacing	10 yards	10 yards
	Start/first Hurdle	15 yards	15 yards
	Last/Hurdle/Finish	15 yards	15 yards

It was further resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A., to request the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee to recommend, as a guide to schools suitable standards for hurdle races for younger age groups.

Order of Running Medley Relays: It was decided upon a motion by the Tasmanian A.A.A. to ask Constituent Associations to conduct trials in the running of Medley relay distances in various orders, and to submit their findings to next Conference of the Union.

13. AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

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

(a) Open Records.Running:

2 Miles	8-37.8	A.G. Thomas	14. 6.58	Sydney
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Walking:

20 Miles	2-42-55.6	E.J. Allsopp	23. 8.58	Melbourne
30 Miles	4-12-34.8	E.J. Allsopp	23. 8.58	Melbourne
30,000 Metres	2-31-50.6	E.J. Allsopp	23. 8.58	Melbourne
50,000 Metres	4-22-41.8	E.J. Allsopp	23. 8.58	Melbourne.

(b) National Records.Running:

2 Miles	8-37.8	A.G. Thomas	14. 6.58	Sydney
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Walking:

20 Miles	2-42-55.6	E.J. Allsopp	23. 8.58	Melbourne
30 Miles	4-12-34.8	E.J. Allsopp	23. 8.58	Melbourne
30,000 Metres	2-31-50.6	E.J. Allsopp	23. 8.58	Melbourne
50,000 Metres	4-22-41.8	E.J. Allsopp	23. 8.58	Melbourne

Jumping & Vaulting:

Pole Vault	13' 7½"	M.G. Gee	23. 3.58	Sydney
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Putting & Throwing:

Discus Throw	153' 6"	V. Balodis	14.12.57	Melbourne
Discus Throw	154' 2"	V. Balodis	16. 6.58	Melbourne
Javelin Throw	222' 9½"	N.N. Birks	22. 2.58	Sydney
Javelin Throw	235' 0½"	N.N. Birks	15. 3.58	Brisbane
Hammer Throw	185' 3"	C.J. Morris	22. 3.58	Sydney
Hammer Throw	185' 8"	C.J. Morris	29.11.58	Sydney
Hammer Throw	191' 5"	R.H. Leffler	30. 8.58	Melbourne
Hammer Throw	192' 7½"	C.J. Morris	6.12.58	Sydney

Relay Running:

880 Yards	1-27.4	B.L. Waters C.G. Edwards M.J. Swinburn J.R. Smith	15.11.58	Sydney
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(Sydney University A.C.)

(c) Junior Records.Running:

100 Yards	9.5	J.M. McCann	15. 3.58	Brisbane
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Walking:

5,000 Metres	24-24.4	A.J. Hancock	6.12.58	Melbourne
20,000 Metres	1-47-27.8	A.J. Hancock	12.10.57	Melbourne
20,000 Metres	1-46-19.0	A.J. Hancock	6.12.58	Melbourne
2 Hours	13M. 1242Y.	A.J. Hancock	12.10.57	Melbourne
2 Hours	14M. 16Y.	A.J. Hancock	13. 9.58	Melbourne.

Jumping & Vaulting:

Long Jump	24' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	J.M. McCann	15. 3.58	Brisbane
Hop, Step & Jump	50' 1"	J.R. Baguley	11. 1.56	Perth

Relay Running:

880 Yards	1-28.5	T. Snedden M.A. Cleary H.V. Brandon D.W. Bursill	1.11.58	Sydney
(Eastern Suburbs A.A.C.)				

2 Miles	8-06.2	J.W. Lawler A.J. Longworth J. Carmichael R.G. Pengilly	27. 2.57	Sydney
(Randwick Kensington A.A.C.)				

2 Miles	8-05.4	B.G. Thom R.A. Cox W.A. Smallhorn D.J. Clarke	4. 2.58	Sydney
(Eastern Suburbs A.A.C.)				

1 Mile Medley	3-34.6 ϕ	G.H. Kelly T.J. Bourke K.R. Peters J.M. Wieland	23.11.57	Perth
(Melville A.A.C.)				

(ϕ a subsequent better performance by a Botany Harriers (N.S.W.) Team, namely 3-33.9 was confirmed as a record at the 1958 Conference.)

Walking Records: It was successfully moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that the following walking events, which were deleted from the list of World Record events at the 21st Congress of the I.A.A.F., be maintained on the list of Australian Record events: 2 miles, 5 miles, 7 miles, 10 miles ... 3,000 metres, 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres, 15,00 metres.... 1 hour.

Relay Records: It was resolved on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, that the following new Law 64A be added to the Constitution of the Union: "Relay records shall be in three categories - those made by Club teams, those made by Association teams, and those made by National teams."

14. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Allocation of Championships: The President ruled that Tasmania's proposal that the venues of Australian Championships be allocated two years ahead was out of order because it was not framed as an amendment to Law 61.

A proposal by the Tasmanian A.A.A. that the following new General Rule 7A be adopted was defeated: "Once Australian Championships have been allocated to a Constituent Association the venue shall not be altered without the consent of the Constituent Association to which they have been allocated."

15. AUSTRALIAN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Reports on the 1958 Championships: The Reports of the A.A.A. of New South Wales on the conduct of the 1958 Steeplechase Championship and of the Queensland A.A.A. and the Jury on the conduct of the 1958 Track and Field Championships were tabled and received.

Allocation of 1960 Championships: Standing orders were suspended at this stage to permit discussion on motions by New South Wales and Victoria before proceeding to allocate the 1960 Track and Field Championships to a Constituent Association.

It was moved unsuccessfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that Law 61 of the Union be amended by adding, at the end, the following: "The Track and Field Championships of Australia in even numbered years after 1960 shall be held only in States where a suitable cinder track is available."

The following motion, moved by the Victorian A.A.A., was lost: "That the conduct of the Track and Field Championships of Australia be allocated in future only to Associations which can conduct them so as to comply with I.A.A.F. specifications."

The conduct of the 1960 Track and Field Championships of Australia was then allocated to the Western Australian A.A.A.

Junior Championships: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Western Australian A.A.A. that Law 58 of the Union be amended by adding "including those for juniors" after the word "Australia." Whilst agreeing in principle with the Western Australian proposal, Delegates felt bound to oppose it on the ground of financial impracticability.

Jury Personnel: The A.A.A. of New South Wales sought to delete Law 65 of the Constitution, and to substitute the following: "A Jury consisting of not less than three nor more than seven members, two of whom shall be the Referee and the Manager of the Championship Meeting concerned, and not more than one member from each other Constituent Association shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Union at least one month before each Australian Track and Field Championship meeting." The motion was lost.

Minimum Facilities: The A.A.A. of New South Wales moved successfully that the resolution of the 1953 Union Conference at Perth setting certain minimum arena requirements for Australian Track and Field Championship Meetings be and is hereby rescinded.

16. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - OTHER THAN TRACK & FIELD.

Reports on 1958 Championships: The Reports of the A.A.A. of New South Wales on the Marathon and 50 Kilometres Road Walking Championships of Australia were tabled and received. The undesirability of holding the Marathon Championship in March was emphasised, and the President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer were instructed to recommend a suitable date for the 1960 Marathon Championship in the form of a Mail Vote of Constituent Associations.

Allocation of 1959 Championships: The conduct of the 1959 10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship of Australia was allocated to the Victorian A.A.A., and the 1959 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championship was allocated to the A.A.A. of New South Wales.

Allocation of 1960 Championships: The conduct of the 1960 Marathon and 50 Kilometres Road Walking Championships of Australia was allocated to the Victorian A.A.A. The South Australian A.A.A. was offered to conduct a 20 Kilometres Road Walk Olympic Trial and the offer was accepted.

(End of Second Session of the Conference.)

S E C O N D D A Y - F E B R U A R Y 27th.

Decathlon Championships: Suggested amendments by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to Laws 59 and 61 designed to introduce a Decathlon Championship were rejected in favour of the following new Law 59A: "A Decathlon Championship of Australia may be held as decided by the Union."

The following new General Rules were then adopted on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer:-

35A. With the substitution where appropriate of the words "Decathlon Championship of Australia" for "10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship of Australia" or "Marathon Championship of Australia", General Rules 21, 25, 26 and 33 shall apply to the Decathlon Championship of Australia.

35B. Each Constituent Association may enter six representatives of whom three shall be named as emergencies, but not more than three representatives from each Constituent Association may compete in a Decathlon Championship.

35C. The Constituent Association controlling a Decathlon Championship of Australia may, with the permission of the Union, conduct such Championship in conjunction with its own Decathlon Championship.

35D. There shall be awarded for a Decathlon Championship of Australia the Gilded Bronze Medallion of the Union to the winner, the Silver-Plated Bronze Medallion of the Union to the Runner-up, and the Bronze Medallion of the Union to the athlete finishing in third place.

The conduct of the 1960 Decathlon Championship was entrusted to the Western Australian A.A.A., whose Delegates advised that the event would be held on the two days following the concluding day of the Track and Field Championships of Australia - that is on March 8 and 9, 1960. It was further resolved to request the Selection Committee to set a standard for individual entrants in the Championship.

17. INTERNATIONAL TOURS. =====

Matters from 30th Conference: (1) Cross-Country Visit to New Zealand (Page 20) - The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the approximate cost per athlete for the reciprocal Cross-Country visit to New Zealand would be £141 (Tourist Air Fares Australia/New Zealand and return, £88; Air Fares within New Zealand, £28; Outfitting, £15; Daily Allowances, £10). The Victorian A.A.A. had intimated that it was not prepared to support the proposed tour, and Conference decided that, in the circumstances, the tour would of necessity be, abandoned.

(2) Goodwill Tours to South-East Asia (Page 20) - It was resolved to ask the Selectors to choose a team to tour Asia along the lines indicated in the brochure prepared by the South Australian Olympic Council. The Union is to make application to the Australian Olympic Federation to endorse the proposed team and tour.

(3) Reciprocal Visits by Overseas Athletes (Page 21) - A motion to restrict tours of Australian athletes overseas unless, if the Union so desired, the inviting country either promised reciprocal visits or guaranteed suitable financial arrangements was lost.

18. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS. =====

Mr. Hutton sought leave at this stage to have the discussion on University Scholarships reopened on the ground that the position reached following the earlier discussion did not truly reflect the feeling of the Conference. Leave being granted, Mr. Hutton then submitted the following resolution which was duly carried: "That the following new General Rule 44A be adopted: 'If an athlete accepts a scholarship to a University or College, and the Executive Committee of the Union, after full enquiry and obtaining information and advice from the body governing Amateur Athletics in the Country or State concerned, forms the opinion that such scholarship was awarded primarily on the grounds of athletic ability, and not mainly on the basis of academic qualifications, then the Executive Committee may refuse the athlete a permit to compete in that country or state.'"

19. INTERNATIONAL TOURS (Resumed)

U.S.A./Canada Tour of Elliott & Lincoln: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported upon modifications made to the arrangements approved at the Brisbane Conference for H.J. Elliott's U.S.A./Canada tour. These included the replacement of Manager D.C. Rapley by F.H. Pizzev, adjustments to Elliott's original

schedule of competitions, the addition of M.G. Lincoln to the party, and an arrangement that the two athletes would join the Empire & Commonwealth Games team at Vancouver instead of returning first to Australia.

A comprehensive report on the tour by Manager F.H. Pizzey was tabled. The thanks of the Union to Mr. Pizzey for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties was recorded, and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to prepare an abstract of Mr. Pizzey's report for circulation to Constituent Associations.

Overseas Invitations to Australian Athletes: It was unsuccessfully moved by the Victorian A.A.A. (a) that all invitations extended to Australian athletes through the Union be forwarded to the athlete concerned for acceptance or rejection, together with such advice as the A.A.U. considers necessary or desirable; and (b) that the appointment of any Manager be subject to his being acceptable to the athletes concerned.

Australia/New Zealand Walking Championships: Victoria's motion that the A.A.U. approach the New Zealand A.A.A. with the object of arranging for the holding of Walking Championships, both individual and team, between the two countries in the same year as the British Empire and Commonwealth Games was rejected.

20. OLYMPIC GAMES.

Report of A.O.F. Delegates: The Union's Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation (Messrs. L.B. Curnow and A.J. Hodsdon) submitted a brief report on the meeting held at Melbourne on the 12th April 1958. The main item of interest was the estimate of the Federation Secretary that it would cost approximately £1000 per member to send the Australian team to the Rome Games The report was received.

Olympic & Empire Games Selection: A motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that future Olympic and Empire Games teams be selected on performances in Australia was lost.

"Miss Australia Olympics" Competition: The Conference resolved to recommend that all States support and encourage the Federation's "Miss Australia Olympics" competition which it is hoped will provide a substantial part of the whole cost of Australia's 1960 Olympic team.

Pre-Games Training: It was resolved to refer the matter of Pre-Games training of athletes in Australia to the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee and the Selectors for report. If considered necessary their recommendations are to be submitted to Constituent Associations in the form of a Mail Vote.

A.O.F. & A.B.E.C.G.A. Constitutions: It was decided to ask the Constitution and Rules Committee to draft new proposed Constitutions for the Australian Olympic Federation and the Australian British Empire & Commonwealth Games Association for submission to those bodies in due course.

21. BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH GAMES.

Matters Arising from 30th Conference: (1) Team Finance - The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that each State had eventually raised the funds required to send its selected athletes to Cardiff.

(2) Officials - As the result of nomination by the Union to the appropriate authorities, Messrs Beames (Jury) and Allen (Finish Judge) had been duly appointed to official positions at Cardiff.

Report of A.B.E. & C.G.A. Delegates: The Union's Delegates to the Australian British Empire & Commonwealth Games Association (Messrs. C.R. Aitken and A.J. Hodsdon) reported that Meetings of the Association had been held in April 1958, June 1958 and January 1959. Mr. Aitken had been unable to attend the latter two Meetings, and Mr. H. R. Weir had deputised for him. Despite vigorous opposition by the A.A.U. Delegates, the Association's original decision to recommend Adelaide for the 1962 Empire Games had been revoked in favour of Perth. At the April Meeting, the A.A.U. Delegates had criticised arrangements made to transport the Australian team to Cardiff by Canadian Pacific Airlines. These protests had ultimately borne fruit in the transfer of travel to Qantas Empire Airways.

B.E. & C. Games, Cardiff 1958: Reports of the Selectors on the team for the Cardiff Games, of the Athletics Manager and General Manager of the Cardiff Team, and of the meeting of the B.E. & C. G. Federation held at Cardiff at the time of the Games were tabled and received The Conference expressed its agreement with the recommendation of the Athletics Manager that a masseur or trainer should accompany future teams. His other recommendations were referred to the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee for comment.

B.E. & C. Games, Perth 1962: Mr. F.T. Treacy of Western Australia was appointed Delegate from the Union to the Organising Council of the Perth Games of 1962.

It was resolved to direct the Western Australian A.A.A. to appoint from its members an Officials' appointment Committee of five members the personnel of same to be referred to the A.A.U. for ratification.

Walking Events: It was successfully moved by the Victorian A.A.A. that further representations be made, through the A.B.E. & C.G.A., to the B.E. & C.G. Federation with the object of having 10 Miles and 30 Miles Walking Events included in the programme of the Games.

A.B.E. & C.G.A. - Delegate Structure: A motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that the resolution carried by Constituent Association Mail Vote No. 6 of 1958, be rescinded

was lost on the casting vote of the Chairman (The resolution in question sought to alter the delegate structure of the A.B.E. & C.G.A. to one representative from each National Controlling Union and one representative from each State Division of the Association, each with voting power). However, it was further directed that the Union's Constitution and Rules Committee, in re-drafting the Constitution of the A.B.E. & C.G.A., give consideration to the desirability or otherwise of the proposed alteration.

22. ASIAN GAMES

The question of the possible participation of Australia in future Asian Games was debated. It seems likely that Australia would be eligible to take part if it so desired, and also that the Asian Countries would welcome Australian participation. It was resolved to take no action for the time being other than to instruct the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to obtain further information for possible future action.

23. BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH RECORDS.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported to the Conference that he had written in April 1958 to the British Empire and Commonwealth Records Officer, Major J.W. Davies of Canada, asking that the question be raised, in the appropriate quarter at the appropriate time, of providing a suitable certificate for athletes achieving Empire records. He had further suggested that, if the B.E. & C.G. Federation would not meet the cost, a small levy on the major Empire countries could be made. Apparently no action along the lines suggested had been taken... The Honorary Secretary was authorised by the Conference to write further to Major Davies informing him that we feel that the whole administrative approach to the matter of Empire records is unsatisfactory. In particular, it is considered that the granting of such records should be only on the basis of formal application within a specified time ... In view of the above report of action already taken and further intended action, a motion by Victoria relative to these matters was withdrawn.

24. AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S A.A.U.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised having received from the A.W.A.A.U. the following information on its registrations:-

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
New South Wales	364	551	530
Queensland	111	113	221
South Australia	64	88	67
Tasmania	91	63	81
Victoria	755	811	1150
Western Australia	120	120	134
	<u>1505</u>	<u>1746</u>	<u>2183</u>

The report was received, and an instruction given to obtain corresponding information at yearly intervals.

25. COLOURS, BADGE & COSTUME

It was moved unsuccessfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that Law 55 of the Union be amended by deleting the final sentence ("The blazer of the Union may be worn also by officers and Executive Members and by Delegates who have attended five Conferences of the Union"), and substituting the following: "The ceremonial blazer of the Union may be worn by Officers and Executive Members of the Union. This special ceremonial blazer will consist of the Map of Australia and the letters "A.A.U. of A.". The office may be designated under these letters."

It was resolved however to amend Law 55 by adding the following: "Notwithstanding Law 53, the blazer for officers, Executive Members and eligible Delegates shall be of the design and cloth submitted to the 31st Conference, and the prototype shall be made available by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer as required".

(End of Third Session of the Conference.)

26. COACHING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Coaching Co-ordinating Committee submitted a comprehensive report on the year's activities ... The publication of the bulletin "Athlete and Coach" had been sustained; a first Conference of Australian coaches had been held in Brisbane in March 1958, and a second Conference at Adelaide was projected for Easter 1959; and assistance had been given in the formation of branches of the Coaches Association in Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia. However, progress on the proposed Handbook for Juniors and Schools had been delayed by the failure of some interstate contributors to complete their assignments and by the problem of selecting and preparing adequate illustrations. Finally the Committee was greatly concerned that the State Liason Officers had failed, with one exception, to maintain contact with it. This was making it difficult for the Committee to either keep abreast of State activities or to disseminate information.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was directed to write to Constituent Associations drawing attention to the failure of Liason Officers to carry out their functions and asking for more active co-operation ... It was resolved that an amount of up to £50 be allocated for expenditure as required on the Handbook for Juniors and Schools.

27. UNION PUBLICATIONS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was authorised to issue a new edition of the Handbook of the Union and to continue publication of the Almanac of Records and Results. The Conference recorded its appreciation of the efforts of the Secretary in connection with the latter publication.

28. TELEVISION

The impact of television upon attendances at athletics Meetings was discussed. The Conference recommended that Constituent Associations watch the position closely, and that there be a free exchange of views between them.

29. EXPENSE PAYMENTS

The Sub-Committee appointed during the First Session of the Conference to draft a consolidated motion from the amendments to I.A.A.F. Rule 3 (ix)(b) proposed by New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland recommended that the Union propose to the I.A.A.F. the addition of the following at the end of the first sentence of Rule 3(ix)(b): "Provided that such period shall be increased to forty-two days if an athlete is travelling in excess of 7500 miles by shortest route from point of departure from his home country to the point of his first competition." The recommendation of the Sub-Committee was adopted.

30. FINANCE

Matters from 30th Conference: (1) Distribution of Olympic Games Equipment (Page 22) - This had been effected at a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held in Melbourne on 4.10.58. For many items no charge was made to the recipient. For some items, however, there was a keen demand, and for these suitable charges had been made. The amount held by the Union when all Associations had paid for equipment received would be approximately £730.

(2) Athletics Manager to A.B.E. & C.G. Team (Page 27) - The cost of the Athletics Manager of the Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games of 1958 had been raised by the Victorian A.A.A.

(3) Investment of Surplus Funds (Page 27) - An amount of £2000 had been invested during the year. It was resolved that a further investment of up to £2500 be made.

Financial Statements for 1958: An audited Statement of Income & Expenditure for the Year Ended December 31st 1958, and an audited Balance Sheet as at December 31st 1958 were submitted to the Conference, and it was resolved that they be adopted: (The statements referred to are printed as an Appendix to these Minutes).

It was explained that an amount of £14-15-6 shown in the Income and Expenditure Statement as owed by the New Zealand A.A.A. arose from a confusion in Melbourne/Sydney air bookings in connection with the New Zealand tour of R.K. Gosper and J.M. Murray in January 1958. It was resolved that this amount be written off to expenses if efforts to recover from the airways company were unsuccessful.

Financial Budget for 1959: A Budget of Normal Income and Expenditure for 1959 was tabled, and with the addition of the item Honoraria and of £50 to Coaching Committee Expenditure was approved. Following are the details:-

<u>Income</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£.</u>
Affiliation Fees	32	Affiliation Fees	30
Registration Fees	620	Cables	25
Interest	100	Coaching Committee	75
Sundries	25	Depreciation	5
	<u>£777</u>	Duplicating Printing & Stationery	150
Deficiency	156	Entertainment Expenses	20
		Handbook	20
		Honoraria	250
		Insurance	3
		Library	15
		Postages	50
		Presentations	10
		Telephones	40
		Trophies	10
		Officers Expenses Reserve	130
		Selectors Expenses Reserve	<u>100</u>
	<u>£993</u>		<u>£993</u>

Olympic Games Equipment - Proceeds of Disposal: The following motion, moved by the Victorian A.A.A., was lost: "That the total proceeds of the disposal of the Olympic Games of 1956 track and field equipment, after deduction of packing and freight charges, be pooled and distributed to Constituent Associations according to registrations as at March 31, 1958.

It was then resolved to debit the cost of the Executive Meeting held on 4.10.58 against the proceeds of the sale of the equipment, and to place the surplus then remaining in a Reserve Fund for a period of five years from the date of this Conference for the maintenance of the equipment.

Supplementary Financial Statements and Financial Budget:

It was successfully moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer: (a) that Law 31 of the Constitution of the Union be deleted; and (b) that Law 32 of the Constitution of the Union be amended by deleting the words "for the twelve months commencing with the date to which the Supplementary Statements are prepared."

Selectors Expenses: It was resolved on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, that the following resolution of the 1958 Conference of the Union be and is hereby rescinded: "When a team is to be selected for Olympic Games or British Empire and Commonwealth Games, the A.A.U. Selectors shall attend the Championships immediately preceding such Games at the expense of the Union.

31. WALKING SUB-COMMITTEE

It was resolved to approve the initial personnel of the Walking Sub-Committee of the Union proposed by the Federation of Australian Walkers Clubs. The personnel of the Committee is as follows:- A.E. Robinson (Victoria) Chairman, N.L. Goble (Victoria) Honorary Secretary, C.W. Kirby (N.S.W.) D. Melzer (Qld.) and V.B. Sharp (S.A.).

32. NOTICES OF MOTION.
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Motions submitted for consideration by Conference and not elsewhere recorded in these Minutes are set out hereunder:-

Voting at Conference: It was moved unsuccessfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that Law 45 of the Union be amended by adding the following at the end of the first sentence: "Provided that when the Delegates from the A.A.A. of New South Wales and the Victorian A.A.A. agree their votes shall be doubled."

Mail Votes of Constituent Associations: Permission was given to the N.S.W. Delegates to withdraw the following proposal: "That Law 46 of the Union be amended by adding, after "voting" in the ninth line, the words "provided further that when the A.A.A. of New South Wales and the Victorian A.A.A. agree their votes shall be doubled."

Facilities: It was resolved, on a motion by the Tasmanian A.A.A. that the Union take whatever action it considers adequate to assist Constituent Associations to obtain first-class tracks, facilities and equipment for athletic competitions.

Residential Eligibility for State Competitions and Records: It was moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that it be recommended to Constituent Associations that no athlete be deemed eligible to score points in its competitions or to be granted a residential record unless he has been resident in the territory of the Association for a period of not less than one month. The motion was lost.

33. GENERAL BUSINESS
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Championship Dates: The Victorian A.A.A. and the A.A.A. of New South Wales were asked to fix dates for the 10,000 Metres Cross-Country and the 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championships as soon as possible, and to submit such dates to the Union for approval.

Honoraria: The Conference directed that appreciation be recorded of the service rendered throughout the year by the Honorary Typiste and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. It was resolved to grant honoraria of £50 and £200 respectively to Mrs. Heeley and Mr. Hodsdon.

34. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES & COMMITTEES.

Officers: Messrs. C.R. Aitken (South Australia) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-elected unopposed to the offices of President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. Messrs. N.G. Hutton (Tasmania) and D.C. Rapley (Western Australia) were nominees for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Hutton was re-elected.

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

Executive Committee: The Following were elected to the Executive Committee: Messrs. J.B. Barlow (Queensland), L.B. Curnow (Victoria), N.G. Hutton (Tasmania), C.H.F. Morgan (South Australia), D.C. Rapley (Western Australia), & G. Soper (New South Wales).

Special Committees: Messrs. D.K. Donald, A.J. Hodsdon and H.R. Weir, all of New South Wales, were re-appointed to the Constitution and Rules Committee, and Messrs. J.B. Barlow (Queensland), R.C. Corish (New South Wales) and C.H. Gardiner (Victoria) to the Selection Committee. Messrs L. Jarver, V.B. Sharp and L. Vollugi were elected members of the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee.

35. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR & TRUSTEES.

Auditor: Mr. H. G. Carruthers (New South Wales) was re-appointed Honorary Auditor.

Trustees: Messrs. C.R. Aitken (South Australia) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-appointed Trustees.

36. ADDITIONAL CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

Messrs N.G. Hutton (Tasmania) and G. Soper (New South Wales) were each authorised to act as cheque signatories in the absence of either the President or the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

37. FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS

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

38. CLOSURE

The President, in closing the Conference, thanked the Delegates for their concentration and co-operation. He said that he felt the Conference had been one of the most successful ever held by the Union ... Mr. Curnow, on behalf of the Delegates, thanked the President for his patience and congratulated him on his handling of the Conference. Mr. Hutton, in supporting Mr. Curnow, made reference to the fact that Mr. Aitken would shortly be going overseas on a six months business trip, and wished him a pleasant and successful journey.

Arthur J. Hodsdon,
Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

APPENDIX A
 THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958.

Expenditure	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Income	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Affiliation Fees:			Affiliation Fees:		
International Amateur Athletic Federation	37.13. 4		Constituent Assocs.	31.10. 0	
Australian Olympic Fedn.	2. 2. 0		Aust. Women's A.A.U.	<u>15. 0. 0</u>	46.10. 0
Australian British Empire Games Association	<u>5. 5. 0</u>	45. 0. 4	Registration Dues:		
Cables & Telegrams		18.18. 6	A.A.A. of New South Wales	146.17. 0	
Coaching Co-ordinating Committee Expenses		40. 8. 8	Queensland A.A.A.	78. 7. 6	
Depreciation		5. 2. 6	South Australian A.A.A.	41.12. 6	
Duplicating, Printing & Stationery:			Tasmanian A.A.A.	24.16. 6	
Minutes of 1958 Conference	30.15. 0		Victorian A.A.A.	308. 3. 6	
Sundries	<u>91.15. 2</u>	122.10. 2	Western Australian A.A.A.	<u>57. 4. 6</u>	657. 1. 6
Entertainment Expenses		9. 8. 6	Interest		105. 6. 0
Executive Committee Meeting Expenses 4/10/58		229. 5. 0	Reinstatement Fees		9. 0. 0
General Expenses			Presentations		2. 1. 0
A.A.U. Almanac - Complimentary Issues	19.13. 9		Share of Profits of Australian Track & Field Championships 1958		368. 0. 8
Sundries	<u>31. 8. 7</u>	51. 2. 4	Olympic Games Fund		14. 9. 0
Honoraria		250. 0. 0	British Empire & Commonwealth Games 1958. Gross Receipts	13757.19. 0	
Insurance		1. 5. 3	Less paid to A.B.E.G.A.		
Library		12. 6. 1	£19717.18.0		
			"Sundry Costs	<u>25. 4. 8</u>	14.16. 4

New Zealand Cross-Country Visit 1957		22. 8.11
Postages		46. 8. 0
Publications: Almanac	47.16. 3	
Miscellaneous	<u>105. 2. 5</u>	152.18. 8
Selectors Expenses		79.18.11
Telephone - Rental & Calls		42. 3. 0
Trophies-Record Certificates & Plaques		19.12. 6
Balance carried Down		<u>259.13.10</u>

£1408.11. 2

Gross Surplus for Year Transferred to
Accumulated Fund

1001. 3.10

£1001. 3.10

Publications Sales

Almanac	50. 2. 0	
Handbook	5. 8. 0	
Miscellaneous	<u>118.12. 8</u>	174. 2. 8
Sundry Income		17. 4. 0

£1408.11. 2

Balance Brought Down

259.13.10

Olympic Games Equipment

Proceeds of Sale 811. 0. 0

Less Packing & Despatch

Charge 69.10. 0

741.10. 0

£1001. 3.10

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 31st DECEMBER 1958

<u>Liabilities</u>	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	<u>Assets</u>	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Affiliation Fees Prepaid.		7.17. 6	Cash: In Hand	149. 9. 2	
Officers Expenses Fund:			Bank of New South		
Balance as at Jan 1, 1958	110. 3. 6		Wales	2886. 6. 5	3035.15. 7
Transfer from Accumulated fund	<u>120. 0. 0</u>		Debtors: A.A.A. of		
	230. 3. 6		N.S.W.	135.10. 6	
Brisbane 1958 Conference			Queensland A.A.A.	87.10. 0	
Expenses	<u>112. 9.11</u>	117.13. 7	Victorian A.A.A.	285.14. 0	
Accumulated Funds:			New Zealand A.A.A.	14.15. 6	
Balance as at Jan 1, 1958	5487. 1. 9		Constituent Associations	<u>69.10. 0</u>	593. 0. 0
Transfer to Officers			(re: Packing & Despatch of		
Expenses Fund	<u>120. 0. 0</u>		Olympic Games Equipment)		
	3367. 1. 9		Accrualments:		
Surplus for Year as per			Registration Dues	566.15. 6	
Income & Expenditure A/c	<u>1001. 3.10</u>	6368. 5. 7	Interest	<u>44. 7.10</u>	611. 3. 4
			Investments: Metropolitan		
			Water Sewerage & Drainage Board		
			5½% Loan No.223. 1/10/63		2000. 0. 0
			Stocks: Badges	5.11. 5	
			Certificates	26. 1. 0	
			Medallions	74.19. 4	
			Medallion Boxes	19. 8. 5	
			Plaques	22. 1. 0	
			Publications	57.13. 3	
			Stationery	<u>26. 3. 4</u>	231.17. 9
			Equipment: Blocks	8. 0. 0	
			Dies	5. 0. 0	
			Typewriter Etc.	<u>9. 0. 0</u>	<u>22. 0. 0</u>
					<u>£6493.16. 8</u>
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I have examined the book of account and relative documents of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and certify that the above Balance Sheet & Income & Expenditure Account correctly set out the financial position of the Union as at 31st December, 1958.
18th, February, 1959. H.G. Carruthers

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F.A.S.A. (Honorary Auditor)

A.J. Hodsdon, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

APPENDIX BTHE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIASUMMARY OF REGISTRATIONS1947-48 to 1958-59(a) ACTUAL NUMBERS

	<u>N.S.W.</u>	<u>Qld.</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>TAS.</u>	<u>VIC.</u>	<u>W.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1947-48	1586	350	282	136	2637	391	5381
1948-49	1817	390	324	157	2885	461	6034
1949-50	1925	301	266	115	2864	485	5956
1950-51	1682	450	310	136	2491	500	5569
1951-52	1572	325	330	103	2446	495	5271
1952-53	1601	371	302	177	2541	548	5540
1953-54	1640	316	274	119	2424	500	5273
1954-55	1349	317	300	152	2649	474	5241
1955-56	1474	334	284	189	2967	572	5820
1956-57	1752	407	301	219	3471	449	6599
1957-58	1977	816	445	309	4264	689	8500
1958-59	1819	964	544	330	4190	779	8626

(b) PERCENTAGES

1947-48	29.4	6.5	5.2	2.5	49.0	7.4	100.0
1948-49	32.3	5.1	4.5	1.9	48.1	8.1	100.0
1949-50	30.1	6.5	5.4	2.6	47.8	7.6	100.0
1950-51	30.1	8.6	5.4	2.3	44.6	9.0	100.0
1951-52	29.7	6.2	6.3	2.0	46.4	9.4	100.0
1952-53	28.8	6.7	5.5	3.2	45.9	9.9	100.0
1953-54	31.1	6.0	5.2	2.3	46.0	9.4	100.0
1954-55	25.6	6.1	5.7	2.9	50.6	9.1	100.0
1955-56	25.4	5.7	4.9	3.2	51.0	9.8	100.0
1956-57	26.6	6.2	4.6	3.2	52.6	6.8	100.0
1957-58	23.3	9.6	5.2	3.6	50.2	8.1	100.0
1958-59	21.1	11.2	6.3	3.8	48.6	9.0	100.0