

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

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(51st Congress)

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MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales	(founded 1887)
Victorian Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1891)
Queensland Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1895)
Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1902)
South Australian Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1905)
Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1905 disbanded 1908 reformed 1928)
Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1929)
Queensland Women's Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1929 disbanded 1940 reformed 1948)
New South Wales Women's Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1932)
Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1936 disbanded 1942 reformed 1942)
South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1937)
Tasmanian Women's Amateur Athletic Association	(founded 1937 disbanded 1940 reformed 1951)

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Minutes of Half-Yearly Congress of the Union, the fifty-first Congress, held at the Marco Polo Motel, Cnr. Harker St. & Flemington Rd., North Melbourne on Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th September, 1978.

First Session - Saturday, September 16 - 9.00 a.m. to 12.50 p.m.
Second Session - Saturday, September 16 - 2.30 p.m. to 5.35 p.m.
Third Session - Sunday, September 17 - 9.02 a.m. to 12.33 p.m.

There were present:

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

Delegates: New South Wales - Mrs.F.Wrighter, BEM, R.M.Durie, C.D.Lee.
Queensland - Mrs.S.McMinn, AM, T.C.Blue, J.D.Bailey.
South Australia - Mrs.Ey, BEM, M.R.Aitken, E.R.Graham.
Tasmania - Mrs.M.Ebzery, OAM, G.T.Briggs, N.J.Ruddock.
Victoria - Mrs.M.Mahoney, G.A.James, Dr.F.P.Larkins.
Western Australia - Mrs.V.Hancock, D.Peggs, F.T.Treacy, OBE.

Life Members: Mesdames J.Bonwick, M.McQuiston, BEM, D.I.Magee, MBE;
Miss M.L.Neville; Messrs. L.B.Curnow, OBE, C.H.Gardiner.

1. The President declared open the Half-yearly Congress of the Union and it was resolved that the notice convening the meeting be taken as read. A welcome was extended to all members.

2. The President advised that he would not deliver an address at this stage but under General Business would make a report dealing with items that had required attention since the last meeting. He referred to one important matter concerning the Commonwealth Games team arising from reports received from team captains; members of the 1978 Commonwealth Games team had held a meeting in Edmonton and resolved to set up committees in each State in order that any views or recommendations could be referred to the Union for consideration. It was agreed that Mr. McDonald's action in inviting the men's captain, Max Binnington and the women's captain, Charlene Rendina to attend this meeting of Congress be approved. A welcome was duly extended to Mr. Binnington and Mrs. Rendina, congratulations extended on the performances of their respective teams and an invitation extended to remain at the Congress during the morning session and, if desired, to take the opportunity to address the meeting before dealing with the business on the Agenda.

Mr. Binnington accepted the invitation to address the meeting and advised that at the meeting of athletes held in Edmonton it was agreed that the Union should be advised of discussions held by the Australian Athletes Representative Council which had been set up in order that the Union, when making decisions, could ask the athletes' opinion. There was general discussion on the Games and, in particular, on the value of the European tour prior to the Games. Both Mr. Binnington and Mrs. Rendina expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be present and to address the meeting.

3. ADMISSION OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

It was resolved to admit press and broadcasting representatives to the

Congress, subject to their not reporting the substance of any discussion held in camera, and to submitting for approval any statements on controversial issues.

4. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, SELECTION COMMITTEE AND HONORARY STATISTICIAN

4.1 Board of Management: Nominations were received for -
Mr. M.R. Aitken (SAAAA), Mr. T.C. Blue (QAAA), Mr. G.T. Briggs (TAAA), Mrs. J. Bonwick (QWAAA), Mr. C. Darvall (AAA of NSW), Mr. R.M. Durie (AAA of NSW), Mrs. M. Ebzery (TWAAA), Mrs. M. Edwards (TWAAA), Mrs. W. Ey (SAAAA & SAWAAA), Mr. R.C. Frith (AAA of NSW), Mrs. V. Hancock (WAWAAA), Dr. F.P. Larkins (VAAA), Mr. C.D. Lee (AAA of NSW), Mrs. E. McMinn (QWAAA), Mrs. D.I. Magee (NSWAAAA & TWAAA), Mrs. M. Mahony (VWAAA), Mrs. M. Robinson (TWAAA & Miss L. Neville), Mr. N.J. Ruddock (TAAA), Mr. F.T. Treacy (WAAAA), Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSWAAAA).

An exhaustive ballot resulted in the following persons being appointed to the Board of Management: Mr. M.R. Aitken, Mr. T.C. Blue, Mrs. D.I. Magee, Mrs. W. Ey, Mr. G.T. Briggs, Mr. R.M. Durie, Mrs. M. Robinson.

4.2 Selection Committee: Nominations were received for -
Mr. E. Bartholomeusz (QAAA), Mr. G.T. Briggs (TAAA), Mrs. D. de la Hunty (WAWAAA), Mrs. W. Ey (SAAAA & SAWAAA), Mr. P. Jenes (VAAA), Mr. H.F. McEwan (SAAAA), Mrs. M. McQuiston (VWAAA), Mr. P. May (WAAAA), Mr. H.L. Ralph (AAA of N.S.W.) Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSWAAAA).

A ballot resulted in the appointment of Mr. G.T. Briggs, Mrs. W. Ey, Mr. P. Jenes, Mrs. M. McQuiston, Mr. P. May and Mrs. F. Wrighter. Mr. May was elected Chairman.

4.3 Honorary Statistician: Nominations were received for -
Mr. P. Jenes (VAAA), Mr. H.F. McEwan (SAAAA), Mr. J.L. Masters (AAA of NSW), Mr. N.B. Stanton (WAAAA & WAWAAA).

A ballot resulted in the appointment of Mr. P. Jenes as Honorary Statistician.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary advised that an approach had been made to Mr. A.J. Hodsdon for permission to have the perpetual trophy for the Men's Junior Track and Field Championships in his name. Mr. Hodsdon had expressed appreciation of the honour and accepted. The Secretary advised that quotations had been obtained and the price for a suitable trophy would be approximately \$150, plus engraving.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

6.1 The Administration Budget for 1979 was received. The Honorary Treasurer spoke to the report and advised that no provision had been made for a subsidy from the Commonwealth Games and it was hoped that the Union would be able to obtain the bulk of the current deficit from this.

6.2 It was resolved that the Administration Budget be received.

7. REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

7.1 Technical Committee: It was resolved that the report of the Technical Committee re 1979 Track and Field Championships programme be adopted.

8. REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS:

8.1 The Secretary advised that all annual reports had been received.

9. REPORTS OF TEAM MANAGERS:

9.1 Women's Junior Track and Field Team to Honolulu: It was resolved that the report from the Manageress, Mrs. M. Patterson, be received.

9.2 Women's Cross Country Team to New Zealand: It was resolved that the report from the Manageress, Mrs. D. Chettle, be received.

9.3 European Team: It was resolved that the report from the Manager, Mr. H.J. Elliott, be received. The President advised that he had written to Mr. Elliott thanking him for his management of the team.

9.4 It was resolved that recommendations contained in the reports received be referred to the Board of Management.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 Australian Broadcasting Commission: Acknowledgment received from Mr. J. Norgard to a letter from the President of the Union congratulating the A.B.C on its coverage of the Commonwealth Games.

10.2 Victorian Women's A.A.A.: Advice received that the Council of the Victorian Women's A.A.A. had resolved not to send minutes of its meetings to the Union or other associations. The President urged the Victorian Women's Association to re-consider their stand in this matter and to follow the usual practice of circulating minutes. Mrs. Mahony agreed to take this matter back to the Victorian W.A.A.A. Council.

10.3 Victorian A.A.A.: Letter submitted by the Victorian Association on behalf of the Collingwood Harriers A.A.C that the question - "Should Mr. Boyd attempt selection in any future team?" be referred to the Union Congress. It was resolved that the letter be received and deferred for discussion under General Business.

11. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS UPON NOTICE:

11.1 Law 102 (agenda item 1) Notice of motion received from the New South Wales Women's Amateur Athletic Association that Law 102 be amended by inserting after the words "the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales" in the first paragraph the words "Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association"; by inserting after the words "the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association" in the same paragraph the words "The Australian Capital Territory Women's Amateur Athletic Association" and by deleting from the second paragraph the words "and the Australian Capital Territory".

11.1.1 A welcome was extended to representatives of the A.C.T. Branch, Mrs. J. Cross and Mr. D. Wilson. Mrs. Cross distributed copies of a submission supporting the proposed affiliation and spoke to the motion.

11.1.2 It was resolved that the motion as submitted be amended by deleting the words "the Australian Capital Territory Women's Amateur Athletic Association".

11.1.3 Upon being put to a vote it was resolved that the motion, as amended, be not adopted.

11.2 Law 128 (Agenda item 2) It was resolved that the motion deferred from the July 1978 Extraordinary Conference that paragraph (a) be amended by deleting "three" in the first line and substituting "four" be not adopted and Law 128 (a) be amended to read -

"As from the next Congress the Constitution Committee shall comprise of three members, at least one of whom shall be a man and at least one of whom shall be a woman.

11.2.1 It was resolved that the remaining items listed under item 2 on Page 2 of the Notices be referred to the Board of Management.

11.3 Law 131.3 (Agenda item 3) On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Administration Committee it was resolved that Law 131.3 be amended by adding "His or her duties shall be

- To develop and foster coaching courses for athletes in each State and to co-ordinate the same at a national level.
 - To sponsor and implement courses and seminars within States for the advancement of track and field coaches and to co-ordinate and develop the same nationally.
 - To plan, organise and develop national coaching camps and seminars for athletes and coaches of athletes.
 - To plan and co-ordinate pre-embarkation training and coaching of national teams and to assist individual coaches and athletes as may be necessary and/or desirable.
 - To liaise with the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association.
 - To initiate and implement programmes for the development, advancement and education of track and field coaches in Australia.
 - To disseminate among coaches advances made internationally in techniques of coaching.
 - To establish and maintain a register of track and field coaches in Australia.
 - To report to the Board of Management on his/her activities and work.
 - To attend Congresses and Board of Management meetings as directed by the Board.
 - To travel overseas with teams as he/she may be requested to do so from time to time.
 - To liaise with and co-ordinate the work of the Union Technical Committee and to advise and assist it where necessary.
 - To liaise with officials of the Union to ensure that technical arrangements for the conduct of national championships conducted by the Union are properly carried out and that proper equipment implements and facilities are available for the conduct of such championships.
- 11.4 Law 131.4 (Agenda item 4) On a motion from the Secretary in the absence of the Executive Director it was resolved that Law 131.4 be amended by adding "His or her duties shall be
- To act as Secretary of Congress and of the Board.
 - To be an ex-officio member without a vote of all standing committees (with the exception of the Selection Committee) and to ensure that their allotted duties are performed.

- To attend to the day to day affairs of the Union and administer the office.
- To receive all moneys due to the Union and to deposit them without undue delay to the credit of the Union in a bank to be nominated by the Board.
- To conduct the correspondence of the Union.
- To carry out the instructions of Congress and the Board.
- To perform all other functions provided for in this Constitution.
- To work in close liaison with the National Executive Director and the Technical and Coaching Director in the administration of activities initiated by them.

11.5 Law 188AA (previously numbered 188B) It was resolved that Agenda items 5 and 23 - deferred from the Extraordinary Conference and submitted by the Queensland W.A.A.A. respectively - be consolidated as recommended by the Constitution Committee and the following law be adopted:

"188AA. The 3 x 3000 metres Open, the 3 x 3000 metres Junior and the 3 x 1000 metres Sub-junior Road Relay Championships of Australia for Women shall be held annually."

11.6 Law 128 (Agenda item 6) Notice of motion submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee that item (h) be amended by adding the words "and thereafter shall consist of three members".

11.6.1 In reply to a query in this regard the President ruled that the motion which was carried at the last Conference did not cover what was to happen after 1980.

11.6.2 It was resolved that Law 128(h) be amended to read as follows:

"A selection committee which shall, until the 1980 Congress, consist of three men and three women and thereafter shall consist of three members."

11.6.3 It was further resolved that in the event of the Olympic Games Team being selected after the Annual Congress in 1980 it be selected by the outgoing committee.

11.7 Law 139 (Agenda item 7) Notice of motion received from the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association that the law be amended by deleting the words "or life members". The law would then read:

"139 Nominations for the offices of President, Vice President or Treasurer of the Union, or for membership of the Board or of Union Statutory Committees, may be made only by Association....."

The motion was lost.

11.8 Law 140 (Agenda item 8) On a notice of motion submitted by the Secretary it was resolved that the law be amended by inserting after the word "associations" the words "and life members". The law will now read:

"140. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, Vice President or Treasurer between annual congresses, nominations in writing shall be invited from associations and life members and shall close twenty-one days prior to the election, which shall be conducted by a mail vote of associations.

in the meantime the President may appoint an acting Treasurer".

11.9 Law 141 (Agenda item 9) On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that the law be amended by inserting after the word "associations" the words "and life members". The law will now read:

"141. In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board between annual congresses, nominations shall be invited from associations and life members and a successor shall be elected at the next congress. Nominations shall close twenty-one days before the holding of such congress."

11.10 Laws 144 and 145 (Agenda item 10) On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that the heading DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY and Laws 144 and 145 be deleted. Consequential to the adoption of Law 131.4 (minute 11.4).

11.11 Law 159 (Agenda item 11) Notice of motion received from the Queensland Women's Amateur Athletic Association that the law be amended by deleting the words "At a Congress of the Union each men's association shall be entitled to be represented by two delegates and each women's association by one delegate: and substituting the words "At a Congress each association shall be entitled to be represented by two delegates:."

Delete the words "a member or"

Delete the words "of a men's association" and substitute "of an association". Delete the word "he" after the word "attending" and substitute the words "that delegate".

The law, if so amended, would read:

"159. At a Congress of the Union each association shall be entitled to be represented by two delegates who in each case shall be members of such association. In the event of one delegate only of an association attending that delegate shall be entitled to exercise two votes. A quorum shall consist of such numbers of delegates whose voting entitlement represents not less than two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast."

The motion was lost.

11.12 Law 159A (Agenda item 12) Notice of motion received from the Victorian Women's Association that the following law be adopted:

"159A. At a Congress of the Union, one observer per affiliated association shall be permitted to attend. An observer must be a financial member of that association. An observer cannot partake in debates or voting."

The motion was lost.

11.13 Law 153 (Agenda item 13) Notice of motion received from the Honorary Treasurer that the first paragraph of the law be amended by deleting "sixty-five cents" and substituting "one dollar".

11.13.1 There was lengthy discussion on this subject and several amendments to the amount of one dollar were received and lost. It was finally resolved that the first paragraph of the law be amended by deleting "sixty-five cents" and inserting "ninety cents". The law will now read:

"153. All officials and competing athletes, irrespective of age, must be registered members of their respective associations and each association shall pay annually to the Union, registration dues of ninety cents per registered

member of such association, except those under twelve years of age, and such sum shall be due and payable on the first day of April in each year in respect of individuals granted registration during the year ended the thirty-first day of March preceding. The payment shall be accompanied by a statement of the number of athletes and officials in respect of whom registration dues are paid."

11.14 Law 163A (Agenda item 14) On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that the law be amended by inserting after "amend" in the first line the words "at an Annual Congress or at a Half-Yearly Congress the"; by inserting after "the tenth day of December following" the words "or the tenth day of July following respectively" and by inserting after "the seventh day of January" the words "or the seventh day of August respectively". The law will now read:

"163A. Notices of motion to amend at an Annual Congress or at a Half-Yearly Congress the Constitution Laws, General Rules or Competition Rules of the Union shall be forwarded by the Secretary to reach the Constitution Committee by the tenth day of December following or the tenth day of July following respectively 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 notices of motion as amended are forwarded, together with its comments, to reach the Secretary by the seventh day of January or the seventh day of August respectively."

At the commencement of the afternoon session a welcome was extended to Mr. J. Keeling, Secretary of the Little Athletics Union, who had been invited by the President to attend the Congress. Mr. Keeling addressed the meeting.

11.15 Law 186 (Agenda item 16) It was resolved that this Congress confirms that at the last Conference it was determined that the Marathon Championship be for men and the law should read as follows:

"186. The Marathon Championship of Australia for Men shall be held annually."

11.16 Law 186A (Agenda item 17) On a notice of motion by the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association it was resolved that the law be amended by deleting "5,000 Metres" and substituting "4,000 Metres. The law will now read:

"186A. The 12,000 Metres Cross Country Championships of Australia for Men and the 4,000 Metres Cross Country Championship of Australia for Women shall be held annually."

11.17 Law 186C (Agenda item 18) On a notice of motion from the South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association it was resolved that the following law be adopted:

"186C. The 1500 Metres Sub-Junior Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women shall be held annually."

11.18 Law 186C (Agenda item 19) A notice of motion from the Queensland Women's Amateur Athletic Association that a new law be adopted lapsed upon the adoption of motion 11.17.

11.19 Law 188A (Agenda item 20) It was resolved that a notice of motion from the South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association that a Sub-Junior 1500 Metres Road Walk be added be adopted, but that the law be re-drafted as recommended by the Constitution Committee. The law will now read:

"188A. The 5000 metres Open, the 3000 metres Junior and the 1500 metres Sub-Junior Road Walking Championships of Australia for Women shall be held annually."

11.20 Law 188A (Agenda item 21) It was resolved to hold over until dealing with Item 68.

11.21 Law 190A (Agenda item 24) Notice of motion received from the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association that the first sentence be amended by deleting the word "nineteen" and substituting the word "twenty". The motion was lost.

11.22 Law 190A (Agenda item 25) Deferred until later in the meeting.

11.23 Rule 204 (Agenda item 26) A notice of motion submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee that the rule be amended by replacing the word "eighteen" by "sixteen" was not adopted.

11.24 Rule 207A (Agenda item 27) On a notice of motion from the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association and the Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association it was resolved that paragraph (a) of the rule be amended by deleting "three members" and inserting "six members, four of whom shall be rostered on each day of the Championships, at least two of whom shall be women and at least two of whom shall be men". The rule will now read:

"207A(a) For Track and Field Championships a Jury of Appeal of six members, at least two of whom shall be women and at least two of whom shall be men, 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 at each Annual Congress of the Union. An association may nominate only one member to the Jury of Appeal. Four of the Jury shall be rostered to act as the Jury on each day of the Championships."

11.25 Rules 208, 209, 214, 228, 236 and 237 (Agenda item 28) On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that the word "Association" be replaced by "Associations" where appropriate in General Rules 208, 209, 214, 228, 236 and 237.

11.26 Rule 208 (Agenda item 29) On a notice of motion from the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association, the Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association and the Secretary for the Constitution Committee, it was resolved that the rule be amended by deleting "three consecutive days" and substituting "four consecutive days". The rule will now read.

"208. The Track and Field Championships of Australia shall be held in the Territory of the association to which the control of the meeting has been allocated. The Championships shall be conducted on four consecutive days. At least three months clear notice of the proposed dates and place of Championships shall be given by the controlling association to the Union and to each other association. No alteration to the proposed dates or place may then be made without the approval of the Union. Postponements due to weather conditions shall be made by the controlling association only after consultation with the Union."

11.27 Rule 211 (Agenda item 30) It was resolved to defer for discussion later in the meeting.

11.28 Rule 217 (Agenda item 31) On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the rule be amended by inserting the words "Subject to the provisions of Law 188B".

The rule will now read:

"217(A) Subject to the provisions of Law 188B each association may enter two competitors in its official team in each event;

(b)....."

11.29 Rule 218B (Agenda item 32) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the rule be amended by inserting the words "100 metres hurdles" before "110 metres hurdles" in paragraph (a).

11.30 Rule 219 (Agenda item 33) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the rule be amended by adding the words "for men" after "Championships" in line 4. The rule will now read:

"219. A perpetual challenge shield to be known as the Richard Coombes Shield, shall be awarded to the Association whose representatives gain the greater number of first places in the Championships for men. If two or more Associations tie with an equal number of first places, the Association gaining in addition the greatest number of second places shall be declared the winner of the said Challenge Shield. Should the result still be unresolved, the tie shall remain."

11.31 Rule 219A (Agenda item 34) Notice of motion received from the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association and the Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association that the following rule be adopted:

"219A. A perpetual challenge shield to be known as the Doris Mulcahy Shield, shall be awarded to the women's association whose open representatives gain the greater number of first places in the Championships. If two or more associations tie with an equal number of first places, the association gaining in addition the greatest number of second places shall be declared the winner of the said challengeshield. Should the result still be unresolved, the tie shall remain."

The motion was lost.

11.32 Rule 219A (Agenda item 35) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"219A. A perpetual challenge shield to be known as the Doris Mulcahy Shield, shall be awarded annually to the association whose open representatives gain the greater number of first places in the Championships for women. If two or more associations tie with an equal number of first places, the association gaining in addition the greatest number of second places shall be declared the winner of the said challenge shield. Should the result still be unresolved, the tie shall remain."

11.33 Rule 219B (Agenda item 36) The following notice of motion submitted by the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association and the Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association was withdrawn:

"219B. A perpetual challenge shield to be known as the Doris Magee Shield shall be awarded to the women's association whose representatives gain the greater number of first places in the Junior Women's Championships. If two or more associations tie with an equal number of first places the association

gaining in addition the greatest number of second places shall be declared the winner of the said challenge shield. Should the result still be unresolved, the tie shall remain."

11.34 Rule 219B (Agenda item 37) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"219B. A perpetual challenge shield to be known as the Doris Magee Shield shall be awarded annually. The basis of the award shall be as in General Rule 219A, but relate to the Junior Championships for women."

11.35 Rule 220 (Agenda item 38) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the rule be amended by adding the words "for men" after "Championships" in line 4 and the word "male" after "senior" in line 9. The rule will now read.

"Rule 220. A perpetual challenge cup to be known as the C. Ronald Aitken Cup shall be awarded annually to the association which achieves the highest average of points in that year's Open Track and Field Championships for men. The averages shall be calculated in the following way: Points shall be allotted to associations for each Championship on a basis of six points for first place down to one point for sixth place, and the total points scored by each association shall be divided by its total number of registered senior male athletes for the year ended the thirty-first day of March of the year preceding the year of the Championships. Only the official representatives of associations shall be eligible to score points."

11.36 Rule 223 (Agenda item 39) On a notice of motion submitted by the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association and the Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association it was resolved that the rule be amended by deleting the words "five members" and substituting "six members". The rule will now read:

"223. A Technical Committee of six members, two of whom shall be the Manager and the Technical Manager of the meeting nominated by the controlling associations shall be appointed by the Board at least one month before each Australian Track and Field Championship meeting. Each member of the Technical Committee other than the Manager and Technical Manager of the meeting shall be reimbursed 50% of return economy air fare and such expense shall be a charge against the Track and Field Championships Meeting. Not more than two members of such Technical Committee shall be from any one association. Apart from the Manager and the Technical Manager, each association may nominate one member. Nominations shall be called for from associations at least three months before the Championship Meeting, such nominations to be accompanied by a statement of the full qualifications of the nominee. Congress delegates shall not be appointed to the Technical Committee. In the event of there being insufficient nominations at the date of closing of nominations, or if any person appointed be not available when required, the Board shall have power to fill such vacancies as still remain."

11.37 Rule 227B (Agenda item 40) The following notice of motion submitted by the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales was withdrawn: That the rule be amended by adding "400 metres relay (4 x 100)" and "1600 metres relay (4 x 400)".

11.38 Rule 227B (Agenda items 41 and 42) On a notice of motion from the South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association it was resolved that

the rule be deleted and replaced by the following:

"227B. The Championship Events shall be conducted for the following:

Boys Under 15

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 90m Hurdles.

High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump.

Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw.

Boys Under 17

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 110m Hurdles.

High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Pole Vault.

Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw, Hammer Throw.

Boys Under 19

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles.

2000m Steeplechase, 3000m Walk.

High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Pole Vault.

Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw, Hammer Throw.

4 x 100m relay, 4 x 400m relay.

Girls Under 15

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 100m Hurdles, 1500m Walk.

Long Jump, High Jump.

Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw.

Girls Under 17

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 100m Hurdles, 1500m Walk.

Long Jump, High Jump.

Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw.

Girls Under 19

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles.

4 x 100m relay, 4 x 400m relay.

Long Jump, High Jump,

Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw.

The sequence of events shall be arranged by the associations responsible for the conduct of the Championships."

11.38.1 The President referred to a letter received from the New South Wales Secondary Schools Athletic Association requesting direct affiliation with the Union. It was resolved that the President reply advising that this was not open under the constitution.

11.39 Rule 227B. (Agenda item 43) A notice of motion from the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales "that in general there be more events for girls at the championships" was withdrawn.

11.40 Rule 227C (Agenda items 44 & 45) Deferred until later in the meeting in order that the delegate from the South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association may look at re-wording the notice of motion.

11.41 Rule 228 (Agenda item 46) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the heading before the rule be amended by including the words "for men" after "Australia". The heading for Rule 228 shall now read:

"12,000 METRES CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA FOR MEN".

11.42 Rule 231 (Agenda item 47) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the rule be amended by inserting the word "male" after "senior". The rule will now read:

"231. Notwithstanding the provision of General Rule 230 it is permissible for an association to enter additional individual competitors, not to exceed whichever is the greater of fourteen in number or one for every one hundred senior male athletes registered for the previous season, for the 12,000 metres cross country championships of Australia."

11.43 Rule 213 (Agenda item 48) The following notice of motion submitted by the New South Wales Women's Amateur Athletic Association - that the rule be amended by deleting the word "fourteen" and substituting the word "six" - was withdrawn.

11.44 Rule 213A (Agenda item 49) A notice of motion from the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association that the following new rule be adopted was withdrawn:

"213A. It is permissible for a women's association to enter additional individual competitors, not to exceed six (6) in number, for a 5,000 metres Cross Country Championship of Australia for women."

11.45 Rules 232A and 232B (Agenda items 50 and 51) As recommended by the Constitution Committee it was resolved that these items be withdrawn in view of item 66 on the Agenda.

11.46 Rule 240 (Agenda item 52) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the heading before the rule be amended by including the words "for men" after "Australia". The heading before Rule 240 will now read:

"8,000 METRES CROSS COUNTRY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA FOR MEN."

11.47 Rules 253, 253A and 254 (Agenda items 53, 54 and 55) It was resolved that these items be withdrawn in view of items 60 and 68 on the Agenda.

11.48 Rules 255A and 255B (Agenda items 56 and 57) It was resolved that these items be withdrawn in view of item 69 on the Agenda.

11.49 Rule 257A (Agenda item 60) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the heading and the following new rule be adopted:

"CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA FOR WOMEN

257A. The Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women shall be held on the same week-end at the same venue as the 12,000 metres Cross Country Championships of Australia for men. The order of events for women shall be 1500 metres Sub-Junior, 3000 metres Junior, 4000 metres Open."

11.50 Rule 257A (Agenda item 61) A notice of motion from the New South Wales Women's Association that the following heading and rule be adopted was withdrawn:

"3000 METRES ROAD WALKING JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA FOR WOMEN

256. A 3000 metres Road Walking Championship of Australia for Women shall be held."

11.51 Rule 257 (Agenda item 68) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"257. The Road Walking Championships of Australia for women shall be held on the same week-end and at the same venue as the Road Walking Championships of Australia for Men.

The order of events for women shall be 1500 metres Sub-Junior Road Walk, 3000 metres Junior Road Walk, 5000 metres Open Road Walk."

11.52 Rule 257B (Agenda item 62) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"257B. General Rule 230 shall apply to the Cross Country Championships of Australia for women, subject to the alteration of the second sentence to the following: Each women's state association may be represented by only one team consisting of not less than three and not more than four competitors, the first three of whom to finish shall count for points."

11.53 Rule 257C (Agenda item 73) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"257C. General Rule 239 shall apply to Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women, subject to amendment of the word "four" in the second sentence to "three"."

11.54 Rule 257D (Agenda item 64) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"257D. General Rule 231 shall apply to the Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women, subject to the amendment of the word "fourteen" to "six" and "male" to "female"."

11.55 Rule 257E (Agenda item 65) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rules be adopted:

"257E. With the substitution where appropriate of the words "Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women" for the words "12,000 metres Cross Country Championships of Australia", General Rules 228, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237 and 238 shall apply to the Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women."

11.56 Rule 257F (Agenda item 66) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"257F. The following team awards shall be made:

"The Mirror Shield" The State whose representatives gain the least number of points in the Open Cross Country event, shall be entitled to hold, until the next meeting, a perpetual shield to be known as "The Mirror Shield".

The "Neil Gould Shield" The State whose representatives gain the least number of points in the Junior Cross Country event shall be entitled to hold, until the next meeting, a perpetual shield to be known as the "The Neil Gould Shield".

The "Stella McMinn Shield" The State whose representatives gain the least number of points in the Sub-Junior Cross Country event, shall be entitled to hold, until the next meeting, a perpetual shield to be known as "The Stella McMinn Shield".

11.57 Rule 257 (Agenda item 67) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"ROAD WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA FOR WOMEN"

257. With the substitution, where appropriate, of the words "Road Walking Championships of Australia for Women" for the words "Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women", General Rules 257B, 257C, 257D and 257E shall apply."

11.58 Rule 257I (Agenda item 69) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"257I. The following team awards shall be made:

The "Lillian Neville Shield" The State whose representatives gain the least number of points in the Open Road Walk shall be entitled to hold, until the next meeting, a perpetual shield to be known as the "Lillian Neville Shield".

The "Mabel Robinson Shield" The State whose representatives gain the least number of points in the Junior Road Walk shall be entitled to hold, until the next meeting, a perpetual shield to be known as the "Mabel Robinson Shield". (The method of scoring shall be by scoring the least number of points according to positions in which the scoring members of a team finish. The finishing positions of non-scoring members of a team, and the members of a team which fails to finish the requisite number to score, shall be eliminated)."

11.59 Rule 257J (Agenda item 70) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following heading and new rule be adopted:

"ROAD RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA FOR WOMEN"

257J. With the substitution, where appropriate, of the words "Road Relay Championships of Australia for Women" for the words "Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women", General Rules 257B, 257C, 257D and 257E shall apply."

11.60 Rule 257K (Agenda item 71) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"257K. The Road Relay Championships of Australia for Women shall be held on the same week-end as the Cross Country Championships of Australia for Women. The order of events shall be 3 x 1000 metres Sub-Junior, 3 x 2000 metres Junior and 3 x 3000 metres Senior."

11.61 Rule 257L (Agenda item 72) On a notice of motion from the Secretary for the Constitution Committee it was resolved that the following new rule be adopted:

"257L. The following awards shall be made:

The "Joan Beretta Shield" The State whose representatives win the Open Road Relay shall be entitled to hold, until the next meeting, a perpetual shield to be known as the "Joan Beretta Shield".

The "Spittles Shield" The State whose representatives win the Junior Road Relay shall be entitled to hold, until the next meeting, a perpetual shield to be known as the "Spittles Shield".

The "Mary Chambers Shield" The State whose representatives win the Sub-Junior Road Relay shall be entitled to hold, until the next meeting, a perpetual shield to be known as the "Mary Chambers Shield"."

11.62 Rule 312 (Agenda item 73) A notice of motion submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Technical Committee to rescind the rule and substitute a new rule lapsed.

11.63 Rule 312 (Agenda item 74) On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that Rule 312 be deleted.

11.64 (Agenda item 75) The President ruled the following submission received from the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales out of order.

"All persons on attaining the age of 40 years for men and 30 years for women are automatically reinstated as competing amateurs, provided that they no longer compete in professional events."

11.65 (Agenda item 76) It was resolved that the following submission received from the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association and the Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association be adopted:

"That all reference in the Constitution to trophies awarded to various competition, be taken out of the Constitution and included as an Appendix (NO. 10)."

11.66 Law 185B (Agenda item 15) Notice of motion received from the South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association that the following new law be adopted.

"185B. Sub-Junior Track and Field Championships of Australia shall be held in such Track and Field events as the Union shall from time to time determine."

11.66.1 It was resolved that debate on this matter be adjourned in order that it may be thoroughly investigated by the National Executive Director.

11.67 Law 190A (Agenda item 25) Notice of motion received from the South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association that the law be amended by adding:

"A male Sub-Junior for the purpose of Championships of Australia shall be an athlete who is under the age of 17 years on the date of his event. A female Sub-Junior for the purpose of Championships of Australia shall be an athlete who is under the age of 15 years on the date of her event."

11.67.1 It was resolved that debate on this matter be adjourned in order that it may be thoroughly investigated by the National Executive Director.

11.68 Rule 211 (Agenda item 30) Notice of motion received from the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association and the Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association that the rule be amended by deleting all Track and Field events as shown therein and substituting the schedule of events as submitted by the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Associations to the Extraordinary Congress on 15th and 16th July 1978; subject to any amendment proposed by the Rules Committee.

11.68.1 It was resolved that Rule 211 be deleted and replaced with the following:

"211. The sequence of events for the conduct of the Track and Field Championships of Australia shall be presented to the Half-yearly Congress immediately preceding such championships for approval. This sequence of events shall be circulated to Member Associations at least two months prior to the Congress."

11.68.2 It was resolved that the programme for the 1979 Championships be determined by the Western Australian Associations and notified to Member Associations by the 15th October 1978.

11.69 Rule 227C. (Agenda item 44) Notice of motion received from the

South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association that the first sentence be amended by adding:

"Each association shall be entitled to enter one additional competitor in any event provided that competitor has reached a standard equivalent to the performance of the third placed competitor in that event in the previous year's championship. Such performance must have been recorded within 3 months prior to the championship."

11.69.1 It was resolved that the motion be re-worded as follows:

"Each association shall be entitled to be represented by one competitor in each event. An association may enter additional competitors provided all such entrants have reached a prescribed standard in the events concerned within three months prior to the closing date of entries for the championships. The standard shall be determined by the Scoring Tables and Standards Committee of the Union and performances shall be certified in writing by the relevant association."

11.69.2 It was resolved that this rule take effect from the 1979 championships.

11.70 Rule 227C(Agenda item 45) A notice of motion from the New South Wales Women's Amateur Athletic Association that the first sentence be amended by deleting "one competitor" and substituting "two competitors" was withdrawn.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 President's Report:

12.1.1 The President expressed appreciation for the endorsement of his action in inviting Commonwealth Games Team captains to attend the Congress.

12.1.2 Reference was made to an invitation from the Secretary of the Little Athletics Union for a representative from this Union to attend its next meeting.

12.1.3 A report was received on advertisements placed for the position of National Technical and Coaching Director. Applications closed at the end of August and the Board will now have to look at the applications received and make a decision as to whether to make the appointment from those received or to re-advertise.

12.1.4 Report received on meeting with Dr. John Daly, President of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association to discuss future liaison between the two organisations.

12.1.5 The President referred to the circumstances involved with the change of date from Saturday, 2nd September, to Sunday 3rd September, for the Australian Cross Country Championships and made the following rulings:

(1) That when a date or conditions for an events have been determined by the Union, managers at their meeting have no right to alter them.

(2) If a member association wishes to alter the date of an event it may not do so until the resolution setting the date has been amended by following the appropriate Union procedure.

12.2 Office Premises:

12.2.1 Report received that the Secretary and the National Executive Director have been looking at suitable premises.

12.2.2 It was resolved that the question of office premises for the Union and the furnishing of same be referred to the Board.

12.3 Advertising Contracts Involving the Use of Athletes:

12.3.1 The Secretary referred to a letter received from the IAAF regarding Rule 53 (viii) which stated that negotiations must be conducted by the Union but the proceeds may be refunded to clubs or associations.

12.3.2 It was resolved that the question of the application of IAAF Rule 53 (viii) be referred to the National Executive Director to consider and report to associations and the matter be brought forward at the next annual congress. Any queries raised in this regard in the interim period shall be dealt with by the Board.

12.3.3 It was resolved that the President write to each association stating that the letter has been received and setting out the IAAF ruling.

12.4 Criteria for Selection for the World Cup:

12.4.1 The question of criteria for selection and what action is taken to determine the fitness of athletes participating in the World Cup was raised.

12.4.2 The Secretary referred to plans being made to enable selected athletes to spend a couple of weeks prior to the meeting at an American-style training camp - all members of the team would be expected to participate. Enquiries to be made of the Canadian Organising Committee to ascertain whether ticketing can be arranged to allow these plans to be carried out.

12.4.3 With regard to the question of selection criteria the Secretary stated that he hoped that an Australia v New Zealand match will be conducted which will be a selection trial; otherwise selectors will have to operate on known performances.

12.4.4 It was emphasised that steps should be taken to ensure that the Australian segment of the team is fit prior to departure.

12.5 I.A.A.F World Cross Country Championships: It was resolved that the following matters shall apply with regard to the team for the World Cross Country Championships:

- a) That the trial be held on the last week-end in January, Saturday and Sunday, 28th and 29th.
- b) That the trial be held in the State of Victoria conducted by the Victorian Associations at a suitable venue.
- c) That athletes who will be considered eligible for selection will be those who before the trial have the appropriate inoculations. The appropriate inoculations to be ascertained by the Secretary no later than September 30th next.
- d) That the first six placegetters in the 1978 Cross Country Championships of Australia for Men shall have their air fares paid from the Cross Country Teams Fund to compete at the trial.
- e) That an athlete seeking selection in the World Cross Country Team and being in Australia at the time of the trial must compete to be eligible. However, the selectors are to be notified that in the event of an athlete being absent overseas at the time of the trial he may be eligible for selection on submitting to the selectors before the time of the trial accredited performances which he wishes to have taken into account.
- f) That selection criteria for the World Cross Country Championships be the first six placegetters at the trial, together with a further three to be selected at the discretion of the selectors.
- g) That consideration of sending a junior team to the World Cross Country

Championships be referred to the Selection Committee to make a recommendation to the Board for decision.

h) That in view of the current world standards and in the light of the recent experience of the women's team in New Zealand, the Union would not send a women's team to the World Cross Country Championships.

12.6 New Zealand Cross Country Championships: It was resolved that a team of six women, accompanied by a manageress, be entered for the 1979 New Zealand Cross Country Championships.

12.7 Walking Judges: On the recommendation of the Secretary it was resolved that the association/s conducting a meeting at which a national walking championship or selection trial is to be held shall be responsible for calling for applications for appointment as a walking judge. The association/s shall submit the names of all applicants to the Walking Committee which shall appoint the panel of judges.

12.7.1 The Secretary advised that Messrs. Smith and Wilson had been appointed by the I.A.A.F to the International Walking Panel. A further application received on behalf of Mrs. M. Patterson would be referred to the meeting of the I.A.A.F in Puerto Rico in October.

12.8 I.A.A.F Congress - Puerto Rico: Mr. C.D. Lee referred to the agenda for the Congress to be held in October which he and his co-delegate, Mrs. D.I. Magee, had studied carefully. It was resolved that in future the Board examine these agenda and, if possible, discuss them with the delegates.

12.9 Letter from Victorian A.A.A. re R. Boyd: The question raised under correspondence - "Should Mr. Boyd attempt selection in any future team?" - was discussed at length. It was resolved that the Victorian Association be advised that in answer to its letter of the 6th September 1978 in relation to the selection of Mr. Boyd that there is not now, nor has there ever been, a matter before the Union to disqualify him from selection in the future and that any endeavour that he makes as to selection will be viewed on athletic performance, and that otherwise the matters raised by the letter be referred to the Board.

12.10 Australia versus New Zealand: A submission was received from the National Executive Director stressing the importance of conducting such a match and including details of estimated expenses and possible sponsorship. It was resolved that the Union conduct such a meeting as recommended by the National Executive Director.

12.11 International Athletes: The Western Australian A.A.A. reported on negotiations being conducted with U.S. athletes to attend the 1979 Australian Track and Field Championships. These athletes would be travelling at their own expense. There was discussion on the possibility of them taking part in the Australian versus New Zealand Match.

It was agreed that this matter be discussed between the National Executive Director and the host State.

12.12 Commonwealth Games Trials: A query was raised regarding expenses incurred in respect of air travel for the trials held in Brisbane. It was resolved that member associations be asked to submit statements of accounts within 28 days of to-day's date and if they are not received by the Secretary by that time they will not be considered for inclusion in the equalisation scheme.

12.13 Congress Agenda: It was resolved that in future the agenda and accompanying documents be circulated to member associations two weeks before each Congress.

12.14 Run Runs: There was general discussion on problems being encountered with regard to prizes for fun runs.

12.15 Australian Olympic Federation: There was general discussion on the proposal that this Union nominate Mr. A.J. Hodsdon as a Life Member of the A.O.F. and it was resolved that a supporting dossier be prepared to go before the next Congress and on that criteria the Union will make a decision.

12.16 Appreciation: It was resolved that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Mr. A.H. McIvor on his services to the Union.

12.17 Constitution: It was resolved that the Constitution be re-printed and that the Constitution and Rules Committee make such drafting and numerical corrections as necessary.

12.18 Women's Marathon - Puerto Rico: The Secretary advised that entries had now closed for this event and athletes would be selected during the following week.

12.19 Oceania Team Management: A query was raised on the reason for the selection of Australia's nominees by means of a mail vote and it was agreed that, if possible, the Committee should meet to make such nominations.

12.20 Australian Championships: There was general discussion on the possibility of one or other of the Union officers being in attendance at Australian Championship meetings.

12.21 Delegates: In reply to a query in this regard the President ruled that the resolution that one man and one women be appointed as delegates to the Australian Olympic Council and the Commonwealth Games Association takes effect from March 1979.

12.22 Confederation of Sport: It was resolved that the question of a delegate to the Confederation be referred to the Board.

12.23 The President referred to the fact that the New South Wales Women's Association had carried a motion that no girls registered with that association shall compete against girls registered with men's associations. Mrs. Wrighter advised that this applied only to competitions conducted by affiliated bodies within the State of New South Wales.

The President thanked all members for their attendance and expressed a hope that the congress in Perth could be over a period of one day only. It was agreed that the Western Australian Association be advised as soon as possible if this was certain in order that accommodation bookings etc. could be finalised

The meeting closed at 12.33 pm.