

**American Turners National Council Meeting  
Syracuse Turners  
October 7 & 8, 2016**

Friday,	6:00 PM	First Session National Council at Staybridge Hotel Syracuse
Saturday	9:00 AM	Second Session National Council at Syracuse Turners

**MEETING MINUTES**

**First Session**

Meeting was called to order by President Liptak at 6:15pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Everyone remained standing for a moment of silence in memory of all Turners that have passed away since the last meeting.

President Liptak laid out ground rules for the meeting indicating that we'll go slow as we can to allow the proper recording of the minutes. Carole Brennan was appointed Parliamentarian. The meeting will follow Robert's Rules of Order.

President Liptak asked 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dennis Zeller for a roll call of Officers, Committee Chairs and District Representatives. Present were President Liptak, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dennis Zeller, Treasurer Dale Bojanowski, NHPE Chair Michelle Lesperance, Cultural Chair and Bowling Chair Mike Hohman. Joy Bodine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President was absent. Roll call of Districts Reps found Central States – Terry Bodine, Illinois – Nick Barts, Lake Erie – John Paxton, Middle Atlantic – Dave Mulrooney, New England – Dale Bojanowski, New Jersey – Ray Virgens, New York – Marian Oppelt, St Louis – Maria Brett, Upper Mississippi – Dan Hoisington, Western Pennsylvania – Allen Frederick and Western United States – Carole Brennan. There was no District Representative for the Wisconsin District. Endowment Trust President Ed Colton and Jahn Fund President Frank Wedl were present. Note: letters from Central States District appointing Terry Bodine as their representative and Western PA appointed Allen Frederick as their representative were received for this meeting.

President Liptak called for a motion of all reports submitted for this meeting. Sue Knisley made a motion to accept the reports as written; seconded by Marian Oppelt. Carole Brennan amended her submitted report reading a letter received from Denver Turners indicating they will remain members of American Turners. Additionally, Carole confirmed with Joy Bodine that a check from Denver Turners was received for 2016 per capita. Note: the letter from Denver Turners will become part of these minutes. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Dennis Zeller then introduced the guests. Ann Bojanowski, not present; Sandy Zeller, Jim Goetz, Gail Goetz, Dave Mulrooney Sr, Tom Frederick and Tom Bozonelos.

President Liptak then asked Tom Bozonelos to install the new officers and committee chairs elected at the last National Convention. Tom then asked them to raise their right hand and swore each of them in to their duly elected positions.

President Liptak then called for the report of the USA Representative, Michelle Lesperance. Michelle asked if there were any questions from her report. The next meeting will be held in California. Michelle indicated that the next NHPE Chairperson will more than likely be Jessica Hansen. It would be in the best interest of American Turners

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to send Michelle and Jessica to the USA Gymnastics meeting in 2018 especially since the following year the National Festival will be held. And, Michelle would like to attend this meeting in California. A motion was made by Michelle Lesperance, seconded by Marion Oppelt to send Michelle and Jessica to the USA Gymnastics meeting in 2018. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

A motion was then made by Michelle Lesperance, seconded by Sue Knisley to send Michelle to the USA Gymnastics meeting in 2017 to be held in Anaheim, CA. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

A motion was made by Marion Oppelt to accept the NHPEC report. Seconded by Mike Hohman. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Carole Brennan moved to accept the Rules Coordinator report, seconded by Dave Mulrooney. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Sue Knisley made a motion to accept the Turner Topics Editor's report. Seconded by Marion Oppelt. Note: the report contains the dates for publishing Turner Topics for 2017. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

A motion was made by Dale Bojanowski to accept the National Historian's report. Seconded by Marion Oppelt. Carole questioned the usage of the term "digitized" within the report. She provided the definition of something that has been digitized. It's very expensive to digitize our historical information. Carole is writing a grant requesting a grant to digitize our records. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

A motion was made by Sue Knisley to accept the Scholarship report. Seconded by Carole Brennan. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Marion Oppelt made a motion to accept the Marketing report. Seconded by Michelle Lesperance. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

President Liptak opened discussion on present processes i.e. membership cards, marketing American Turners, payroll, accounting etc. duties and responsibilities and how these may apply to the new national secretary, the five applications received, inventorying the contents of the Louisville office and closing such and where American Turners business will be conducted.

A motion was made by Ed Colton to relocate the American Turners National Office and to relocate the contents to the Aurora area to be housed in a commercial size building a.s.a.p. Frank Wedl seconded the motion. Much discussion held. Motion was defeated.

A motion was made by Carole Brennan that the physical inventory of the contents in the Louisville office be relocated to Aurora, IL until sorted in a commercial building. Seconded by Frank Wedl. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Ray Virgens made a motion to have a working business office for American Turners in a location to be determined which is not a person's residence. Seconded by Sue Knisley. Twelve voting members were in favor with five opposed. Passed with no abstentions.

President Liptak raised the question what contents would be expected to be in the working business office and how much of what is in the Louisville office will need to be

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transported to the new office. Much discussion held.

Carole Brennan made motion to have Maria Brett from Concordia Turners review all of the resumes for the new Administrative Assistant, determine and interview the candidates. Seconded by Marion Oppelt. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

President Liptak indicated that Maria will review and revise where necessary the current job description. The “at home” in the current application will be removed. Nick then indicated 2 of the 5 applications received were looking to work from home. Nick believes that these individual will withdraw their application. Maria will limit her search for additional candidates to cities that have a Turner Society.

Sue Knisley made a motion that once Maria finds viable candidates for the National Secretary position, the Executive Committee will make the final decision as to whom will be selected. Seconded by Carol Brennan. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

President Liptak informed those present that the American Turners charter will remain intact having the address of 1127 Kentucky St as spelled out in our ByLaws. To change such, a resolution will be made and voted upon during the next National Convention to be held in 2018.

Turner Brennan offered to (volunteer) assist Ed with sorting the inventory. President Liptak extended the offer to any member of the Council or senior Society member that helps with sorting through the inventory to pay their expenses. A motion was then made by Allen Frederick to pay expenses incurred by any Turner that assists with the sorting of the office inventory. Seconded by Marion Oppelt. Motion amended to include that expenses will be paid in accordance with our current travel reimbursement rules. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Michelle made a motion that Ed and Carol be the coordinators of the inventory project and oversee all volunteers and make decisions as to what is retained, discarded or archived. Seconded by Marion Oppelt. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Discussion held on that membership card process, willingness of Kathi Colton to create and manage 2017 membership cards at a cost of .75/per member compared with current cost. And Weber & Associates are willing to perform our financial responsibilities i.e. account receivables, payables and payroll.

President Liptak asked how soon can we expect to close the Louisville office. A motion was made by Allen Frederick to close the Louisville office by December 31, 2016. Seconded by Carol Brennan. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Sue Knisley made a motion to contract Weber & Associates to provide financial services including payroll. Additionally, Mike Coakley would be a signatory on American Turners accounts even though he’s not a member of the Executive Committee. Seconded by Michelle Lesperance. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

A motion was made by Sue Knisley to give Shirley Luckhardt a \$500 retirement gift. Seconded by Marion Oppelt. Much discussion followed. The motion was then amended by Sue Knisley and seconded by Marian Oppelt to give Shirley \$3,000 as a retirement gift. Seconded by Turner Oppelt. Passed with one abstention.

Turner Wedl mentioned the Jahn Fund had already given Shirley Luckhardt a

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retirement gift of \$500.

Carole Brennan made a motion to give Joann Mueller a retirement gift of \$1,500. Seconded by Marian Oppelt. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

President Liptak indicated we reached the portion of the meeting where a closed session would take place to review and vote upon any received Hall of Fame candidates or Honor Key candidates. Since there were no candidates for either award, the meeting would continue. Note: Craig Sniezek received an Honor Key during the National Convention held back in August.

Dennis Zeller mentioned that no report was provided by Concordia Turners. He asked Maria Brett representing the St Louis District provide a report. Maria then proceeded to verbally inform the members of the Council that they have “been slammed with new enrollments, festival, did a hayride and bonfire at Turner Camp, and other events are being worked on for the spring and fall. Turner Zeller then said that Kansas City Turners has sold their building. A meeting is scheduled to determine their future hoping for cooperation from the younger members with hope to purchase another facility in the same vicinity. A dance group, comprised of 25 to 30 families has been supporting the Society. Should it be decided to disband the Society, any monies remaining are to go in a scholarship fund.

Michelle Lesperance reported Karen Lowren has stepped down from being the Wisconsin District President. The District Board meeting is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>. The Eastside President has indicated that he may run for President of the Wisconsin District. Eastside has found a new facility to rent to hold gymnastics. This is the same facility where the Milwaukee Flyers, young men that perform tumbling demonstrations during basketball games, etc.

Dan Hoisington indicated that he hadn't submitted the Upper Mississippi District report but will do so. He has a copy on his cell phone.

Nick Barts made a motion for Michelle Lesperance to continue as the USA Gymnastics Representative for American Turners. Seconded by Sue Knisley. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

President Liptak then re-appointed Craig Sniezek as the Turner Topics Editor. And then he re-appointed Turner Giles Hoyt as our National Historian.

Carole Brennan made a motion to adjourn the 1<sup>st</sup> session of the National Council meeting at 8:28 PM/ Seconded by Nick Barts. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

### **End of First Session**

**Second Session, Saturday, October 8, 2015, 9:10 A.M., Syracuse Turners was called to order.**

President Liptak thanked Syracuse Turners for hosting the National Council meeting. Syracuse President Dave Schmidt indicated lunch was planned for noon and dinner planned for 7pm.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Liptak recapped the move of the contents in the Louisville office with Ed and Carole overseeing this project. A plan was discussed as to who needs to be present while the items are being packed.

President Liptak then reported on the latest National Convention and the results of the survey taken. It was suggested that the next host of the 2018 National convention put something together like points of interest, activities in the area, things to do, etc. nearby to entice more families to attend possibly planning vacation time for the weekend.

President Liptak then called on Nick Barts to provide a recap of the Marketing Committee and website. Nick indicated he had nothing for the website then went on to the members are Maria Brett, Sean Sendlein, Tim Longarter and Adam Strong. The video that was taken during the Convention has not been uploaded yet because of needed software. Nick apologized for the delay. The correct software is being obtained. The goal is to use the video equipment and software during all of the National Events and activities and then post these making the information available to see by the membership. Their goal is to create a marketing procedure book and committee members will each have responsibilities. The National Committee Chairs need to provide information to the marketing committee for upcoming events and also any results afterwards.

Societies need to collect valid e-mail address to forward to the National Office and also keep the list updated. Kathi Colton will continue to be the person responsible for updating the email addresses in Constant Contact until a new National Secretary has been hired.

Michelle Lesperance reminded everyone that monies are available for Youth members and youth under the age of 18 enrolled in any American Turners program to compete in National events to cover some of the transportation costs. Question was raised how much is in the amount. It was uncertain at this time.

Nick Barts inquired about a new budget for the Marketing Committee to pay for costs associated with promoting American Turners. Nick mentioned one of the goals is to video tape all the National events.

Sue Knisley made a motion to provide \$2,500 for the Marketing Committee. Seconded by Marion Oppelt. Passed with one no vote cast. No abstentions.

President Liptak informed the Council members during the last National Convention the following resolution was passed:

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

If and when the need for any District to have a member other than their District President represent said District on the National Council, a copy of that District Council Meeting Minutes where such action was voted upon and passed, stating the duration of such designation, must be presented to the National Council before such Designee can be officially seated as a voting member of the National Council, and...

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Those people attending the National Council meeting as District Representatives and are not the District President need to provide the above minutes to the National Council. We accepted letters this year. If National Council wishes to modify the Resolution, it needs to be done at the next convention”

**President Liptak went on to say the non-District Presidents present at this meeting were from the Central States, Western PA, and the Illinois Districts.**

**President Liptsk then called on ETF President Ed Colton to give an update on the Justi/Kuntzel litigation. Turner Colton indicated the status was included in the Endowment Trust report submitted for this Council meeting. Nothing new to report other than an email was sent to our attorney asking if there is any information that we should be aware of. So far, there had been no reply. We’re waiting for the court to set a final hearing.**

**The next agenda item discussed was the usage of American Turners designated by office or committee email addresses to correspond. Not use personal or work address. Carole Brennan then recommended the Executive Committee and National Committee Chairs should use their designated American Turners email addresses for American Turners business. Not their personal or work email address.**

**President Liptak then asked if any additional work has or was being done on the new national logo. Nick Barts indicated no and there has been no expenses incurred. A few examples have been created with some feedback. This project is on hold. Turner Colton then reference the logo book he had in hand indicting there a tremendous amount of history associated with our current logo which needs to be preserved. President Liptak than asked if this book could be made available to the membership by being online? Tom Bozonelos volunteered to scan Turner Colton’s logo book and place it on our website.**

**Tom Bozonelos suggested we look into having our website re-designed because our current site is old and outdated. The recommendation is that the new website be done professionally. Tom will research costs to have a new website designed professionally and work with the Executive Committee on how to proceed.**

**A discussion was held on New Ulm and the Upper Mississippi District. It was recommended that the Executive Committee look into a re-districting plan.**

**President Liptak indicated Denver, Milwaukee and Eastside Turners have paid their outstanding per capita for 2016. John Paxton reported that he has informed Cleveland Eastside that they need to get their per capita tax paid up. Passaic sent their check. Dale Bojanowski reported Providence was informed they had until October 21, 2016 to pay their per capita.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**President Liptak then brought up the status of the Upper Mississippi District. Dan Hoisington (New Ulm Representative) was present although Darold Sindt (Upper Mississippi District Rep) wasn’t. The question is whether to move New Ulm to another District because past actions haven’t been successful in establishing a line of communication. Turner Hoisington indicated there hasn’t been a District meeting for the**

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last 4 to 5 years; ever since the closing of St Paul. He also indicated that there are no elections held at the UM District level. He also stated that he re-wrote Bylaws but again these haven't been voted on. Dan mentioned a couple of options: 1) visit with Moline, Northwest Davenport and Keysport Turners or 2) re-create the St Paul Society. Then the Minnesota District could be re-established. The question was asked how to go about establishing a new Society and / or District. New Ulm is looking for an active District; one that they could work with in promoting Turnerism. Consideration is also being given for New Ulm to join the Wisconsin District. Much additional discussion was held. President Liptak then asked should consideration of consolidation of Districts be looked into? The answer was yes. The Executive Committee will look into the consolidation of Districts creating a plan and provide the National Council with their recommendations.

President Liptak then asked about per capita delinquencies. Turner Brennan indicated Denver Turners were paid up as previously stated during this meeting and in her amended report. She said that Joy Bodine had received their check. Carole Brennan added that she has an upcoming meeting in mid-November with Sacramento Turners hoping to bring them back into American Turners.

A check was received from Eastside Milwaukee in the amount of \$222.75. This check was returned because of insufficient funds. Michelle Lesperance stated that Eastside Milwaukee had actually swnt 2 checks. The reason is unknown. Michelle did confirm with Joy Bodine that the 2<sup>nd</sup> check was received and successfully deposited. John Paxton has informed Cleveland Eastside that their per capita is due. Passaic Turner's check was sent. Dale Bojanowski informed Providence Turners that their per capita is due by October 21, 2016.

President Liptak then read the following excerpt from our Bylaws:

“Partial per capita tax must be paid to the American Turners at its National Office on or before January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10 of each year for each membership card issued for the preceding quarter and the stubs for each membership card issued shall be returned with the payment of the tax.”

A discussion was held on per capita due date(s). Since it will take a resolution to pass at the next National Convention to change the per capita tax due dates, it was decided that a notification will be sent out on April 30<sup>th</sup> from the National Office to all of the Societies have not paid their per capita for the current year. Included in the notice will be a reminder to be able to participate in any National Turners event, one must have a current membership card having the current year printed on it.

A discussion was held as to whether the amount of per capita tax collected per dues paying member be increased from \$8.25? It was suggested \$10/per dues paying member. To change the current per capita amount, a resolution will need to be written and passed during the next National Convention. Sue Knisley suggested making a list of what Turners has to offer and what the per capita tax pays for. Sue Knisley then made a motion to have an article written containing information pertaining to what expenses are paid for from the per capita tax, a thermometer showing dues collected with dates and a pie chart containing expenses paid published in every issue of Turner Topics issue. Seconded by John Paxton. Passed unanimously with no abstentions. President Liptak indicated the Executive Committee will write the article. The article, thermometer and pie chart will be sent out to the National Council prior to being published in Turner Topics. The Marketing Committee will create a poster to send to all Societies containing the

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information covered in the above motion. The Executive Committee will send the article, thermometer, pie chart and poster to the National Council prior to publishing in Turner Topics. A poll vote will be taken.

A motion was made by Michelle Lesperance to remove the deadline date of July 1<sup>st</sup> for receiving applications for the Honor Key and Hall of Fame Award. Also, remove the words “It will only be acted upon at an executive session of the National Council” found in the Operational & Procedural Manual. Seconded by Sue Knisley. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Michelle Lesperance raised a question pertaining to the National Bidding Guide specific to the words “to determine if a loss was incurred” which appears on the application form. It was decided to remove this verbiage.

Turner Lesperance reminded everyone about the rules governing District event reimbursement. There are monies available for Districts holding cultural or physical competitions.

**President Liptak brought up Article 4, Section 2 in our Bylaws stating: “National Council (p. 5) stating that National Corporate Secretary and Treasurer are elected at National Convention...” therefore should a resolution be written and submitted during the 2018 National Convention listing the members of the Executive Committee which includes the Corporate Secretary which is a voting member of National Council. Much discussion followed. It was decided that there will be one elected Corporate Secretary during the next National Convention and one Administrative Assistant hired. Also, a Corporate Treasurer is to become an elected position.**

**Lunch Break taken at 11:45**

The meeting reconvened at 1:10pm.

### **Third Session**

President Liptak mentioned any guests that hadn't paid for lunch to please pay \$10 to Syracuse Turners. When checking out on Sunday, please check your bill. Your room was paid for by American Turners therefore ensure that this cost doesn't appear on your bill. Any incidentals are to be covered by each individual. All rooms will be checked for any damage. A credit of \$20 will appear on your credit card.

President Liptak indicated a Corporate Secretary and National Treasurer as well as a representative from the National Council to fill an Endowment Trustee seat. Opened discussion as to whether the 1<sup>st</sup> VP and the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP could/would perform multiple roles until the next National Convention at which time. Much discussion followed. It was decided the 1<sup>st</sup> VP would also act as the interim Treasurer and the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP would act as the interim National Treasurer until the resolution is submitted and passed during the 2018 National Convention.

President Liptak then asked for anyone interested in serving a 2-year term as an ETF Trustee. Michelle Lesperance made a motion for Carole Brennan to fill the vacant ETF seat as a Trustee. Seconded by Marian Oppelt. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

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President Liptak reported receiving 2 bids to host the 2018 National Convention. One was from Louisville Turners and the other was from Concordia Turners.

Ed Colton provided information on our snare drum and drumsticks that were used during Abraham Lincoln's inauguration being displayed by the Frazier Historical museum in Louisville. Turner Colton came across a 2-year contract that had expired. Turner Colton contacted the museum asking them if they'd like to renew the contract for another 2 years. American Turners and the Frazier Historical museum entered into a new 2-year contractual agreement signed by Joann Mueller.

It was decided that the title of a National Secretary will be changed to American Turners Administrative Assistant. Joy Bodine and Tom Bozonelos will train the new employee with travel expenses to be paid per our rules.

The Administrative Assistant will be issued a business credit card with a minimum line of credit to purchase small items such as postage and office supplies.

More discussion held involving the location of the new National office and hiring the new Administrative Assistant. Nick Barts stated the contents of the National Office in Louisville can be stored at Northwest Turners for Turner Colton and Turner Brennan to sort through.

Nick Barts made a motion to move the business office of the National Turners to somewhere in the Aurora, IL area. Seconded by Marian Oppelt. Passed unanimously with one abstention.

Frank Wedl indicated he did not feel it would be a problem supporting financially i.e. \$5k to cover costs associated with the new office. He would need to bring this matter up before the Jahn Fund Trustees to vote on.

### **Third Session**

A brief recess was taken to allow the Endowment Trust to convene to discuss whether any monies would be given to American Turners for the purpose of relocating the National office.

Turner Bozonelos then read the motion made by Jim Goetz at the special session of the Endowment Trust. Jim Goetz made a motion to authorize the Endowment Trust to donate \$5k for this year 2016 to cover associated costs for the relocation of the National office to Aurora, IL. Any future monies for this purpose will have to be requested to and voted upon by the ETF Trustees.

President Liptak asked for National Council members to check their emails at least every other day. Also, a response is expected within 2 days. It was also asked that the each National officer and Committee chairperson use his or her elected position's email address.

President Liptak reported during the ETF meeting that was held a couple of weeks ago prior to this meeting it was brought up to get a business cash back credit card to use to make purchases for the grant programs. Carole Brennan made a motion to authorize the application for a business credit card (w/cash back benefits) for American Turners. One card would be issued to American Turners, one card would be issued to the

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Administrative Assistant having a small credit limit, one card would be issued to the Endowment Trust and one card would be issued to the Jahn Fund. Seconded by Frank Wedl. Much discussion followed including the amount of the credit limit. More information needs to be gathered. Motion passed with one no vote.

The discussion on different credit limits on the same account and what assets to list when applying for the card(s) was discussed. This amount of the credit limit was tabled until more information can be obtained from the bank.

Carole Brennan explained what Tech Soup is and its purpose. Techsoup accepts donations from large corporations and then in turn donates to 501 c3 non-for-profit organizations computer hardware and software. Turner Bozonelos mentioned that he has made many purchases primarily of software from Techsoup for American Turners. If any Society is not a 501 c3, they can ask the National Office to make the purchase for them from Techsoup to get the discount and the Society can reimburse the National Office. (This was not mentioned during the meeting but the ETF has grant that covers hardware and software purchases. This is the Computer Grant Program.)

Carole Brennan reported in Washington DC there is a museum called the National Museum of American People. One division of this museum opened for African-American people. They would like permission to say American Turners for the German American segment as part of the museum. They would publish our website and not ask for any money to do so. Last item Carole mentioned was she has re-activated her business keeping non-profits unbalanced. She had orange folders containing information about fund raising. How to keep your donors happy, etc. She asked that anyone interested in receiving this material, to let her know and then she'll send the material to you.

Michelle Lesperance volunteered to review all expense reports from this National Council meeting and forward the information to Mike Coakley for payment. Expense reports should be sent to the National Office email and Tom will then forward to Michelle to review.

President Liptak mentioned an idea that Turner Colton had mentioned to him was to consider reaching out to local colleges in search of an intern to assist with the office work even if we hire someone. This person would have to be trained and 'managed' since they would have no previous office experience.

Michelle Lesperance reported no Society stepped up to host a National Volleyball Tournament. Madison Turners had planned on hosting a tournament this past summer but this fell through. Will try again in 2017. Toledo Turners is trying to put together a Soc Hop meet in January 2017. They are unsure of the interest in attendees. There were enough Societies that verbally indicated they would participate to make this a National event. Therefore, a motion was made by Sue Knisley to approve the National Gymnastics Tournament to be held at Toledo Turners in January 2017. Seconded by Marian Oppelt. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Turner Lesperance reported receiving bid from Covington Turners to host the 2017 National Softball Tournament. The tournament would be held the 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. A motion was made to approve by Sue Knisley and seconded by Carole Brennan. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

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**Nick Barts reported outside of New York Turners, there hasn't been any interest to participate in a 3on3 tournament or a 5on5 tournament. Nick would be glad to try to put this together if there's an interest.**

**Dale Bojanowski made a motion to approve the bid received from Ft Wayne Turners to host the 2017 National Golf Tournament the first full week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Seconded by Nick Barts. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.**

**Ft Wayne Turners are the hosts of the 2019 National festival which has already been approved.**

**Mike Hohman reported Akron Turners will host National Bowling in 2017 which was approved last year. No bids were received by the deadline of June 2016 to host the 2018 National Bowling Tournament. The deadline has been extended 6 months until the end of 2016 for Societies to submit a bid. Once any bids are received, the National Bowling Committee will be notified and then will recommend a Society to the National Council for approval. Hopefully a Society will be selected in January 2017.**

**No National Bowling Committee meeting this year. The National Cultural meeting will be held at Aurora Turners in the spring or fall of 2017.**

**The NHPEC meeting will be held in the spring of 2017 at Ft Wayne Turners to prepare for the 2019 National Festival.**

**A motion was made by Sue Knisley to accept the bid from Aurora Turners to host the National Council meeting the weekend of September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Seconded by Mike Hohman. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.**

**Dave Mulrooney made a motion to accept Concordia Turner's bid to host the 2018 National Convention. Seconded by Nick Barts. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.**

## **GOOD & WELFARE**

**Michelle Lesperance presented a thank you letter and certificate sent to American Turners from the Special Olympics for our donation. These will be scanned and posted on our website and Facebook. We were placed on their winner's circle.**

**Turner Colton informed the Council members that the Endowment Trust is always looking for ways to give back to the Societies which has primarily been through physical education grants. It's been challenging to new grants where the majority of the Societies could take advantage of.**

**Dan Hoisington announced New Ulm Turners was voted "Business of the Year" by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce.**

**With there being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Sue Knisley to adjourn Seconded by Marian Oppelt. Passed unanimously with no abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 4:06pm.**

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**The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Turners, Inc was called to order at 4:06pm by President Liptak. Turner Liptak then read the following:**

“The American Turners, Inc. was incorporated on the 15th day of March, 1988 in Louisville, Kentucky. Under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, a meeting of the members of a non-profit corporation must be held at least annually, with minutes prepared and kept on file of all corporate meetings. Likewise, there has to be an annual filing with the Office of the Secretary of State, verifying that the corporation is still in existence and supplying information on the verification form received from the Secretary of State’s Office along with the appropriate fee each year that it is received.”

**President Liptak asked 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dennis Zeller for a roll call of Officers, Committee Chairs and District Representatives. Present were President Liptak, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Treasurer Dennis Zeller, NHPE Chair Michelle Lesperance, Cultural Chair Sue Knisley and Bowling Chair Mike Hohman. Joy Bodine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Corporate Secretary was absent. Roll call of Districts Reps found Central States – Terry Bodine, Illinois – Nick Barts, Lake Erie – John Paxton, Middle Atlantic – Dave Mulrooney, New England – Dale Bojanowski, New Jersey – Ray Virgens, New York – Marian Oppelt, St Louis – Maria Brett, Upper Mississippi – Dan Hoisington, Western Pennsylvania – Allen Frederick and Western United States – Carole Brennan. There was no District Representative for the Wisconsin District. Jahn Fund President Frank Wedl and Endowment Trust President Ed Colton were present. Note: letters from Central States District appointing Terry Bodine as their representative and Western PA appointed Allen Frederick as their representative were received for this meeting.**

**President Liptak then called for a motion to be made stating “the National Officers and Council members of the American Turners shall serve as the officers and board of directors for the American Turners, Inc.” Dave Mulrooney so moved. Seconded by Nick Barts. Passed unanimously with no abstentions.**

**President Liptak then called for any Good & Welfare for the American Turners, Inc. There being none, Dave Mulrooney made a motion to adjourn the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Turners, Inc. Seconded by Frank Wedl. Passed unanimously with no abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.**

**Meeting Minutes attested by:**

**National President Liptak \_\_\_\_\_**

**Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Lieu of a Corporate Secretary**

**Date: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**