

**AGENDA FOR THE  
77<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS  
Hosted by Concordia Turners, St. Louis, MO  
AUGUST 3rd – 4th, 2018**

Call to order at 7:00 P.M. by National President David P. Liptak.

Presentation of the United States Flag and the American Turners Flag.

Pledge of Allegiance (please remain standing).

National Anthem (please remain standing).

Moment of silence in memory of Turners who have passed away.

Words of welcome from Concordia President, Maria Brett.

Introduction of Concordia Convention Committee.

Introduction of distinguished guests (non-Turner guests).

Recognition of 40 yr.+ Members, Military Members, Newest Members, Interview Speakers.

Introduction of National Officers and Chairpersons:

National President	David Liptak
National First Vice President	Dennis Zeller
National Second Vice President	Joy Bodine
National Treasurer	Dennis Zeller
National Corporate Secretary	Joy Bodine
National Health & Phys. Ed. Comm. Chairperson	Michelle Lesperance
National Cultural Committee Chairperson	Sue Knisley
National Bowling Committee Chairperson	Mike Hohman
President of the Endowment Trust	Edwin Colton
President of the Jahn Education Fund	Frank Wedl
National Administrative Assistant	Kate Payne
Marketing Committee Chairperson	Nick Barts
National Scholarship Chairperson	Giles Hoyt
National Historian	Giles Hoyt
Turner Topics Editor	Craig Snizek

Introduction of National Council District Representatives:

Central States	Deb Martin
Illinois	Nick Barts
Lake Erie	John Paxton
Mid Atlantic	Dave Mulrooney
New England	Dale Bojanowski
New Jersey	Absent-Ray Virgens
New York	Marion Oppelt
St Louis	Ross Hetz
Upper Mississippi	Darold Sindt
Western Pennsylvania	Allen Frederick
Western US	Dennis Fredricks
Wisconsin District	Michelle Lesperance

Special Thank You to the Delegates who volunteered to help with tasks to organize and run this 77th National Convention.

National President appoints:

- Temporary Convention Chairperson
- Temporary Convention Secretary(s)
- Temporary Convention Parliamentarian

President Liptak hands the chair over to the Temporary Chairperson.

Announcements of importance to the delegates and convention.

- ❖ Anyone whom wishes to receive Part B of the Convention Minutes as a hard printed copy, please be sure to note it on the sign-in sheet prior to the conclusion of the Convention. Everyone else, verify your email address. Thank You.
- ❖ Any corrections in spelling shall be given to the Convention Secretary at the end of this session.
- ❖ Anyone making nominations, motions, seconds or addressing the Convention, to please stand, give your name and the District you represent.
- ❖ This National Convention will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. In the event there is a discrepancy between the American Turners By-Laws and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, the By-Laws shall then govern. (Article 4 Section 1 G.)

- ❖ Announcement of rules to govern the convention proceedings and the rules of debate (for a more clear-cut procedure), located in this agenda.

Temporary Chairperson calls for **REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE** and the distribution of that report to the delegates. Temporary Chairperson announces that errors in spelling should be given in writing with proper spelling, to the permanent convention secretary at the end of this evening's session.

Temporary Chairperson then asks for any changes to the Credential Committee Report other than spelling.

Temporary Chairperson calls for a motion to accept the report or corrected report of the Credentials Committee, to establish the total federal votes for the convention and to seat the delegates.

Temporary Chairperson announces that the National Convention is now ready to form a permanent organization and asks for a vote for the election of these Temporary officers:

- Permanent Convention Chairperson
- Permanent Convention Secretary(s)
- Permanent Convention Parliamentarian
- Permanent Convention Sgt. at Arms and 2 Assistants  
(none of whom shall be from the same district or running for any office)

Permanent Officers assume seats at the head table and the Chairperson assumes chair.

Chairperson calls for a motion to dispense with the reading of reports from the National Officers, Committee Chairpersons, and Districts since they were printed in Part A of the minutes and were distributed to all delegates by email and on the website.

Chairperson calls for a motion to accept each report:

- National President
- National First Vice President
- National Second Vice President
- National Treasurer
- National Corporate Secretary
- National Health & Physical Education Committee
- National Cultural Education Committee
- National Bowling Committee
- Endowment Trust Fund
- Jahn Education Fund
- Turner Topics Editor
- Marketing Committee
- Scholarship Committee

Any other reports of importance to this Convention, including, but not limited to:

Illinois District  
Central States District  
Lake Erie District  
New York District  
St. Louis District  
Wisconsin District

- Chairperson will announce that committees will meet on Saturday and announce the time and location of each committee meeting.
- Chairperson will ask convention secretaries if there are any special requirements as to the preparation of minutes.
- Chairperson will announce at the close of this session that the temporary committee chairpersons are responsible for reporting to the Convention podium to pick up their committee packets.
- Chairperson will announce that the temporary committee chairpersons will be responsible for starting the committee meetings to elect a permanent Chairperson and secretary.
- Only seated delegates may chair or record committee meetings.
- Chairperson will announce that the National Committee Chairs are expected to be at their respective committee meeting to provide pertinent information to the delegates.
- Chairperson will announce that all minutes from committee meetings shall be submitted to convention secretaries immediately following the meetings (**NO EXCEPTIONS**). The Chairperson and secretary of each committee shall not leave the premises until their committee's minutes have been typed and signed.
- Chairperson asks societies to consider placing a bid to host the 2020 National Convention.
- Chairperson announces the location of the host of the 2019 National Festival. Fort Wayne, IN. Dates are July 24-27 (Wed-Sat), 2019
- Chairperson announces location and date of the fall National Council Meeting. (Turners of Delaware, Wilmington, DE October 5 & 6, 2018)
- Chairperson calls for donations to the Endowment Trust Fund.
- Chairperson entertains a motion to adjourn the first session of the Convention.

**SATURDAY MORNING - COMMITTEE MEETINGS START AT 8:00 A.M.**

Reference the 77<sup>th</sup> American Turners National Convention schedule for committee meetings and times and report directly to your meetings PRIOR to the start time.

Lunch 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Committee meetings resume at 1:15 p.m. as scheduled.

**SECOND SESSION - SATURDAY AUGUST 4, 2016 2:45 PM**

Chairperson calls the second session of the National Convention to order.

Chairperson calls for the reading of the minutes of previous session's committees in this order:

NHPE  
Finance  
Cultural  
Long Range Planning  
Bowling  
By-Laws  
What American Turners Can Do For You

**NOTE:** Reports of each committee shall be read in their entirety.

*Any recommendation or resolution shall be referred to new business.*

A motion is made by each committee chairperson to approve the report as read; seconded by a delegate on the floor. Then vote.

*"I, (committee chairs name), make a motion to approve the (name of committee) as read";  
seconded by a delegate from the floor. Vote to approve or reject.*

Chairperson calls for report of the nominating committee.

Procedure for Elections: Chairperson announces rules for the election. Election shall be by a majority of the federal votes cast. If a majority is not achieved, the nominee with the least votes shall be dropped and another vote taken until a majority is reached.

Chairperson calls upon the Sgt. of Arms and two assistants, none of whom shall be from the same district or a nominee for any office. Tellers pass out and collect all official ballots for each election unless any nominee is unopposed and is elected by acclamation.

Chairperson instructs the Convention Secretary to record the vote(s) by district and then repeats them to assure accuracy. All original tally sheets shall be signed by the Convention Chairperson, Convention Secretary and each of the 3 tellers. These are filed with the National Corporate Secretary along with the original copy of the National Convention minutes until the meeting. The National Council votes to destroy the ballot sheets.

A seconding speech is in order for all elected offices. Seconding speeches shall last no longer than 2 minutes.

Chairperson starts the election process by opening further nominations from the convention floor prior to voting for each of the following offices for two (2) year terms in this order:

- National President
- National First Vice President
- National Second Vice President
- Trustee for the Endowment Trust Fund (6 year term)

At the conclusion of this election (4 offices), the Chairperson will announce that the election of National Chairpersons as recommended by the bowling, cultural, and health & physical education committees will now be held.

Seconding speeches are limited to 2 minutes each.

Chairperson starts the election process.

- National Bowling Committee Chairperson
- National Cultural Education Chairperson
- National Health & Physical Education Committee Chairperson

Chairperson calls for any old and unfinished business.

Chairperson calls for New Business. Resolutions shall be discussed as numbered. Resolutions dealing with the By-Laws of the American Turners shall be voted upon by each district represented and federal votes in the affirmative and in the negative shall be recorded by the secretary showing a two-thirds (2/3) majority to pass. Other resolutions and recommendations may be by voice vote and a majority is needed to pass.

Chairperson calls for anything for the Good and Welfare of the organization

Chairperson requests a motion for the location and dates of the 2020 National Convention.

Chairperson calls for a vote of "thanks" to all National Officers and Council members for their efforts and services.

Chairperson asks for a vote of appreciation to the Concordia Turners.

Final announcements on banquet information, i.e. Happy Hour, dinner & dance times, etc.

Chairperson calls for final adjournment of this American Turners National Convention in 2018.

Chairperson introduces the newly elected National Officers and National Committee Chairs.

## **RULES TO GOVERN THE CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS AND RULES OF DEBATE**

1. Robert's Rules of Order will govern the Convention proceedings according to Article 4 Section 1 G of The By-Laws.
2. Delegates will be permitted to speak for not more than three minutes at any one time, and no delegate will be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the Convention. These regulations shall not apply to delegates submitting reports, who may speak as often as occasion requires.
3. Time and consideration is to be given the Convention Secretary in obtaining the exact wording of all motions, the name and District of the proposer and the delegate who seconded the motion.
4. All orally presented resolutions or amendments are to be submitted to the Convention Secretary in writing before a vote is taken.
5. Committee Reports: (A resolution cannot be "killed" in committee.)
  - (a) Consists only of a recommendation that the referred resolution or motion be adopted, or rejected; or
  - (b) The committee can recommend a substitute resolution, that the referred resolution be postponed definitely or indefinitely, or be amended by the change of only a few words.
  - (c) A report is best organized according to the following topics:
    - 1) A description of the way the committee undertook its charge;
    - 2) The facts uncovered or information obtained;
    - 3) The finding or conclusions derived from the facts/information;
    - 4) All reports should list the resolutions and motions, with recommendations and suggestions at the end of the report.

**NOTE: Since more than one committee may take action on any resolution, for timesaving and to eliminate duplication of effort and debate:**

6. All committee resolutions and motions, with recommendations and/or suggestions are to be automatically referred to New Business; where they are to be considered and voted upon in the chronological order of the numbers assigned by the Convention Secretary to the resolution and approved motions.
7. The reporting member of the committee is to make the following motion that, "Under New business, this convention should implement the recommendations on all resolutions and motions as reported." No second is required since the motion is made on behalf of the committee.

8. Committee reports without corrections, recommendations, resolutions, or motions can be accepted as read, without a second.
9. Committee minority's rights with respect to reports. "Minority report" is a privilege the assembly may accord, not a matter of right--since the appointment of the committee implies the assembly is primarily interested in the finding of the majority of the committee's members. When the minority of a committee wishes to make a formal presentation of its views, it is customary unless the assembly refuses permission, to receive its report immediately after the report of the committee. When the minority report is presented, it is for information and it cannot be acted upon except by a motion to substitute it for the report of the committee. Whether the views of the minority are formally presented or not, however, any member can move that resolutions proposed by the committee be amended, or that they be postponed indefinitely, or that some other appropriate action be taken.

#### **EQUIVALENCE OF TERMS; INCORRECT MOTIONS.**

**Motion to adopt an entire report.** In rare instances after an assembly has received a report, it may have occasion to adopt the (entire) report; an affirmative vote on such a motion has the effect of the assembly's endorsing every word of the report--including the indicated facts and the reasoning--as its own statement. Unlike motions to take the action recommended in a report, a motion "to adopt the report" should be made by someone other than the reporting member and requires a second. Adoption of an entire report is seldom wise except when it is to be issued or published in the name of the whole organization.

The expressions **adopt**, **accept**, and **agree to** are all equivalent--that is, the text adopted becomes in effect the act or statement of the assembly.

A common error is to move that a report "be received" after it has been read--apparently on the supposition that such a motion is necessary for the report to be taken under consideration or to be recorded as having been made. In fact, this motion is meaningless, since the report has already been received. A motion to receive it is unnecessary if the time for its reception is established by the order of business.

Another error--less common, but dangerous--is to move, after the report has been read (or even before the reading), that it "be accepted," when the actual intent is that of the mistaken motion to receive, as just explained. If a motion "to accept" made under any of these circumstances is adopted and is given its proper interpretation, it implies that the assembly has endorsed the complete report.

**77<sup>th</sup> AMERICAN TURNER NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**"Rich History - Grand Future"**



<b>FRIDAY</b>	
12:00-4:00pm	<b>Registration</b>
3:00-4:00pm	<b>Credential</b>
4:00-5:00pm	<b>Nominating</b>
5:00-7:00pm	<b>Dinner "A Taste of St. Louis"</b>
7:00-9:00pm	<b>Opening Session &amp; Motivational Speakers</b>

<b>SATURDAY</b>	
8:00-9:30am <b>NHPEC</b>	8:00-8:45am <b>Finance</b>
	8:45-9:30am <b>Cultural</b>
9:30-11:00am <b>Long Range Planning / Brainstorming</b>	
11:00-12:00pm <b>Bowling</b>	11:00-12:00 <b>Bylaws</b>
12:00-1:15pm <b>Lunch</b>	
1:15-2:30pm <b>What American Turners Can Do For You (ETF, Jahn, Scholarship and National Administrative Assistant) and Marketing, Social Media &amp; Publications</b>	
2:45-6:30pm <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session</b>	
6:30pm <b>Happy (1/2) Hour</b>	
7:00pm <b>Dinner &amp; Pool Party</b>	

## ***National Presidents Report for the 2018 National Convention***

We have had an interesting 2 years since our last Convention. We opened a National Office in North Aurora and closed down our office in Kentucky. We brought a new Administrative Assistant on board. Our National Events overall have stayed consistent. We brought back National Gymnastic events, one in Toledo in January of 2017 and this year at East Side Milwaukee in June. We attempted a Volleyball Tournament in 2017 and Jr. Golf this year and each had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. The question is where do we go from here?

I first want to thank my Executive Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Dennis Zeller, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Joy Bodine, National Council Members, Our National Event Chairs, Our ETF and Jahn Fund Presidents and their Committees, and the 1850 Foundation for their assistance with our office move (\$20,000).

I also want to Thank Kate for everything she has done since coming on board. She has had to try and bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century regarding technology. I think everyone will agree she has improved our communication from the National Office with Districts and Societies. She has taken the initiative to visit Societies in Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Iowa. She is spearheading our new Silkstart program which will help us continue to give Districts and Societies support with membership and marketing.

### ***Our Statement leading up to this Convention has been "Rich History, Grand Future"***

Our history is very rich, but the question is how do we make it interesting enough to share with our youth, do they even care? How do we get our Senior members to want to share, or have they lost interest?

We had a possibility of 168 Delegates coming to this Convention we were only able to get 80, less than 50%. We have over 10K members, and we are relying on 80 people to attend, absorb all the information discussed and take the information back to the Districts and Societies they represent.

Because of all the information that transpires in 2 years and the short amount of time we have at Convention, we have tried to prepare you the best we can. We did not have any intentions of changing our history as to how the Convention should run, it was done to help us be more productive.

We have also tried to make all that are here aware of the responsibility you have as a Delegate. As mentioned, either your Society and/or District has helped with the cost of you attending, which is how it should be. But it also makes us responsible for taking information back and sharing the information with the Societies and Districts we represent. We know this is not an easy task and will work with you to help you share the information.

We need to continue to be a safe haven for our Members and our youth. We need to find a way to begin to have our senior members mentor our youth, and our youth mentor are seniors. This will take some out of the box thinking.

We have two Funding bodies, the Endowment Trust Fund and the Jahn Education Fund, that are looking for ways to help promote and grow our Organizations, we need to come up with ways to help them do this.

I am looking forward to all of your ideas and insight at this 77th National Convention. When we all work together, Our Grand Future is very bright.

National President  
David Liptak

To the 77<sup>th</sup> National Convention  
American Turners  
Concordia Turners--St. Louis, Missouri  
Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Convention time seems to roll around sooner every year. The past two years have been busy ones. Many thanks to Dave Liptak for his role as President of American Turners and many thanks to Joy Bodine for her many hours in writing and rearranging the by-laws and all the changes in the Operations Manual over the past two years. Most of my involvement has been in email and conference calls. This is the way of society in this age of electronics. Get the task finished in the fastest possible manner. But let's not forget to focus our attention on the details that are very important.

Many thanks goes to Michael Hohman for his running of the National bowling Tournament this past year in Ft. Wayne. The running scores and places were tabulated and emailed the Monday following the weekend tournament schedule for each of the weekends. As in the past my luck ran out the day before I arrived in Ft. Wayne but I still had a great time visiting with friends from past Turner functions.

My hope is that much can be accomplished in the short time we are together to find a way to grow our membership and revitalize our smaller Societies. Our older members must not step aside and just say do with it what you can, but be active in helping in building up a smaller Society. They have a wealth of knowledge in American Turners. Let's tap their memories for their successes and failures and find the solutions for the world of today. We need everyone to work together in building our future. Do not short-change yourselves, you can get involved in National Events. We have the National Festival in Ft. Wayne this next summer. You might be too young, but you are never too old to participate and you cannot be ashamed of what you can't do because your competition is in the same boat. They added the four years to their age the same as you.

One statement I hope I do not have to make is "Where are all of your Delegates?"

With Turner Greetings

Dennis Zeller  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of American Turners



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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report to the National Convention

Dear American Turner Officers, National Council members, Delegates, and Guests,

In the previous two years I have helped with the transition to help acclimate our new Administrative Assistant, have updated the By-laws, Operational and Procedural Manual, Convention Procedural Guide and the Convention Committee Guide. I have served as Chair of the Convention Support Team to make some changes to our National Convention including predetermining the chairperson and secretary of each of the convention committees so that they can come to the Convention prepared for their meetings, have written all the Resolutions to make changes to the By-laws, and have helped with the planning for the 77<sup>th</sup> Convention. None of this work has been a result of my being 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. One thing that the National Council still needs to do is determine job descriptions for the Executive Officers. Hopefully that will get done before the next National Convention.

Our main emphasis after the National Convention is to encourage everyone to attend the National Festival July 23-27, 2019 in Fort Wayne, IN. National Festivals have been a part of American Turners since the establishment of the original organization in 1848. Originally they were held annually, (except during the Civil War), but in 1885 they began being held only once every 4 years (except for the lapses during the wars). It is always the year before the Summer Olympics because participation in the National Festival was part of the preparation for those athletes. Today it doesn't make any difference whether you are Olympic material or whether you compete in the games with no Olympic dreams. WE NEED YOU! Fort Wayne is hoping for 750-1000 participants. We hope you choose to be one of those participants.

I look forward to a fruitful National Convention. We have much to discuss about the future of American Turners. I'm so glad you are here to be a part of that process. I salute you for taking the time out of your busy life to contribute your ideas.

With Turner greetings,

Joy Bodine

Hello Delegates, Council and Guests,

It has been an amazing (almost) 2 years with American Turners. I think we're all aware that there's been a lot of changes being made in major attempts to have better communication, use of technology, more widely known understanding of grants and scholarships, flow of procedures and many others still on the way. I'm confident that all of us are going to start feeling, seeing, hearing how the differences are really helping our organization soon if you haven't already.

I started traveling to as many societies that my schedule will allow. So far, I have been to 15 Societies. Every Society that I've visited has overwhelmed me with joy and hope. It's great to know your own society in and out, but I didn't really know what to expect when walking through unfamiliar doors. I found myself feeling at home with my Turner Family without skipping a beat! The members and staff were welcoming and friendly, all of the amenities you each offer are so wide spread, but then again they aren't. Each and every one of our Societies truly has Turnerism still strong and true. I've been able to see first hand at how operations work, help come up with ideas for activities that could generate more participation, give specific grant options through the ETF, and best of all, make more Turner friends and family. I look forward to visiting every society in the very near future.

I've been diligently working on a new computer program for all of American Turners. Although the build itself is taking a bit longer than we thought on paper, I know it will be well worth the wait. This new computer system will allow (but not require) members to use technology through our website to do many things. We will be able to Renew Dues online, Register for events (and pay any fees), have real time up to date information, Events calendars that link to each other for a better cross marketing...It is going to be a major change with a little learning curve that will get impressive results when we all work together with it. We really need each and every one of you to participate. This could be sending in pictures, volunteering to help learn the system, suggesting to others that you know love technology to step up. Let's keep this momentum of changes coming!

I've been working on rebuilding our finances into a new accounting book. The transition of the office made this portion of my job a little hairy, but a full financial report will be coming.

The National Office was filled with thousands and thousands of files when I started. I have gone through all of it over the last year and a half and was able to consolidate (by scanning, shipping off to appropriate areas, then shredding) to 5 file cabinets. After I visited our American Turners Archives at IUPUI in Indianapolis, I'm looking forward to going through many more things again to help fill in the blanks of history for our historian's records.

The daily grind of running the National Office is quite smooth for now. With a lot of new changes coming, I look forward to building new routines of activity for all of you with your Societies. I'm very excited about all of these amazing changes and I hope you are too!

Turnerly,

Kate Payne

August, 2018



**Michelle Lesperance**  
**Chairperson**

## NHPEC Report to the 77<sup>th</sup> National Convention

The last two years has passed by so quickly, so here we are again at another National Convention and preparing for the next National Festival. Ft. Wayne Turners will be hosting the National Festival, July 24-27, 2019. Ft. Wayne is getting contracts signed with a great high school that will enable us to have gymnastics, track & field and volleyball at one site. We will have swimming and diving at the Natatorium which is an excellent swimming facility. Pickleball has been added to the list of events offered for ages 18 and over.

Festival competition will again be starting on Wednesday. After the banquet on Saturday evening the Festival will conclude, leaving Sunday open for traveling home. Remember we have a transportation fund for our children to compete at the National Festival. So I'm asking everyone to get children involved at your Society, sign them up for a Youth Membership, and both children and adults get prepared for some exiting competition at the National Festival. Make sure you pay attention to every issue of Turner Topics from now until next summer to catch all the Festival news. I hope to see all of you at Ft. Wayne Turners for the next National Festival.

Thank you to John Wamser at Eastside Turners for hosting the National Gymnastics Championship this year. There were over 150 girls and boys competing from Eastside, Aurora, Northwest Chicago, Ft. Wayne, River City and Madison. The meet also included tumbling, trampoline and double mini tramp competition and also a fun Sr. gymnastics meet for a few enthusiastic adults.

In 2017 Toledo Turners hosted the National Gymnastics meet with over 100 girls. Let's keep the momentum rolling for a big turn-out at the National Festival. We won't have a National Gymnastics meet in 2019 because of the Festival, but it's not too early to start thinking about hosting the National Gymnastics Championship in 2020.

This summer Aurora Turners hosted the National Softball Championship with 7 teams competing from Aurora, Ft. Wayne and Covington. Thank you to Aurora for once again doing a great job hosting the event. And congratulations to the Aurora Turners A team for winning the championship.

Keystone Turners is hosting the National Golf Tournament. At the time of writing this report there are an estimated 130 golfers registered from 12 societies.

Unfortunately we have not had a National Volleyball tournament in years. It has been attempted a couple of times, but lack of enough registrations resulted in cancelation. I'm hoping for a good turn-out in volleyball at the Festival next summer. Hopefully we can carry the enthusiasm into the following year for a National Championship.

Last summer I was fortunate enough to attend the German Turnfest in Berlin. I had a wonderful time with the American Turners group while we were both tourists and competitors. It was a magnificent event with over 80,000 participants. We met Turners from many countries and came home with a lot of great memories. If you are able, I highly recommend you make plans to attend the next German Turnfest in Leipzig in 2021. Look in the Turner Topics for information as it becomes available.

On August 8, 2018 I will be attending the USA Gymnastics Advisory Council meeting in Providence, RI. I have been the American Turner representative for USAG since 2007. This will be the last USAG Advisory Council meeting I will attend. Jessica Hansen from Holyoke Turners will be the new American Turner representative. I know she will represent us well.

Thank you to all the members of the National Health of Physical Education Committee for your years of dedication and support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Lesperance". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Michelle Lesperance  
NHPEC Chairperson

Delagates, National Council, and honored guests,

Welcome to the 77th annual convention of the National Turners. The American Turner organization has been around a long time. We are now striving to make sure that our organization moves forward and continues to be successful for another 100 years. It is hard for many of us to accept changes but we need to keep an open mind and listen to new ideas and perhaps try them before you say it can't be done and shut your mind down.

Cultural will also move forward and try new ideas. The national cultural committee wil meet in September to go over old ideas and discuss new ideas to get ready for next years National festival. The entry forms and catagories will be out in a later Turner Topics so be sure to look and see if there isn't something that you can do. The National festival isn't only physical but cultural and there is so many things that everyone of all ages can do. You can compete in both physical and cultural so lets make this a great National festival.

I have attended the last council meeting and will continue to do so as long as I am National Cultural chairperson.

With Turner Greetings,

Sue Knisley

National Cultural Chair

**NATIONAL BOWLING REPORT  
TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Concordia Turners, St. Louis, MO  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The 2018 tournament was held in Fort Wayne, Indiana in April of 2018. There were 80 teams participating (48 men's and 32 women's) with a total of 323 Bowlers. Participants came from Akron, American Turners Detroit, American Turners New York, Aurora, Beaver Falls, Cincinnati, Elgin, Fort Wayne, Long Island, Lincoln, Monaca, Northwest Chicago, North St. Louis, Rochester, Southside (Indy), and Syracuse (NY). The Tournament ran well, except for delays on the second shift start on Doubles and Singles events on Saturday of two weekends. Proposed rule changes to change the start time from 12:30pm to 1 pm on Saturdays may help. I would like to thank all the Fort Wayne volunteers for a job well done!

The 2019 National Bowling tournament will be held in Aurora, Illinois in April of 2019. Also, Syracuse is submitting a bid on the 2020 National Bowling Tournament.

Bids for the 2021 National bowling tournament will be open from December 2018 to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. If Society is interesting in hosting the 2021 National Bowling Tournament, please remember these dates.

The National Bowling Committee held a meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to review and propose changes to the national bowling tournament rules and associated documents. Attendees to the meeting were Gail Goetz, Craig Sniezek, Nick Barts, and Mike Hohman. The biggest changes were changing the start time on Saturday afternoon shift from 12:30 to 1:00pm. Also, reduced the required minimum number of lanes at a host bowling house was changed from 32 to 24. The handicap base for men was lowered to 220 with no maximum handicap and the handicap base for women lowered to 200 with no maximum handicap. Also, a clause on lane courtesy (only one lane on either side permitted) and smoking breaks to help the shifts complete bowling on time was added.

Also, due to a new work schedule and family commitments, I will not be running for National Bowling Chair the next 2 year term. Please consider another nominee for the 2018 National Convention appointment in August of 2018.

Respectfully submitted



Mike Hohman  
National Bowling Chairman

Hello Fellow Turners,

The past 2 years have been difficult on a number of different levels. I had to endure an illness that prevented me from doing the job of National Marketing Chairman for almost a year. I am glad to say that I am healthy again but when I returned to my marketing duties some of the projects that I had started had fallen by the wayside. My plans to introduce more videos onto our social media platforms proved to be too difficult due to a lack of funds for travel expenses to our various tournaments and championships. While our two Facebook pages are getting good traffic to them, a lack of new content keeps them mostly ineffective in becoming a big asset to us. I would like to thank Kate Payne for being a tremendous help in keeping them as up to date as possible. In the coming year I hope to shut down one of our current Facebook pages so that we are not having to work to keep two pages updated all the time. The other thing that some of you may have noticed is that our Smartphone App has been shut down. I am extremely proud of what we were able to accomplish with this project given the limited funding and man power we had. However, after spending 100's of man hours getting the app up and running, we were unable to keep the App updated with new content and so it was no longer worth the financial burden to keep it up and running. Thankfully after speaking to the app company and explaining that we are a nonprofit organization, they have agreed to keep the original content that is on their servers at no charge (normally there would be a yearly fee). So that if in the future we decided to revisit the idea we will not be starting from scratch.

The bulk of my efforts recently as Marketing Chairman have been in internal marketing helping to support Kate in the development of the new Website and Database. This tool will become a tremendous asset to our internal marketing efforts. However, this projects success is solely dependent on having a strong relationship between each and every society and the National Office. The project can be extremely successful as long as we have the required help from the societies in keeping a good flow of information, new articles, pictures, videos etc.... I look forward to continuing to work with Kate to make this project as valuable as possible.

In the past 6 years as a member of the National Council and the last 3 as National Marketing Chairman I have tried my best to introduce new ideas and projects in the hopes of drawing outside people to our organization. This is the key to our long term stability and survival. This is a monumental task given the variety of activities that our societies offer. No two societies are alike. That is one of the things that I love about Turners but it makes drawing people in on a national level very difficult. So when looking at ways to significantly increase our numbers there are only a few options still available to us. As our national events become smaller and smaller, or get cancelled altogether and as more societies lose members, lose buildings, struggle to keep the doors open, or simply disband we see that we are fighting a losing battle. For this reason it is my opinion that the time is now to see if there is an opportunity to merge with a like-minded non-profit organization that shares many of our beliefs and values. There is one organization out there that is very similar to us and it is the Sokol's. The Sokol's as some of you know are our Czech counterparts. They believe in fitness, holding several national competitions a year in sports like gymnastics and volleyball. They believe in a strong education and cultural programs just as

we do. Their website even states their founder Dr. Miroslav Tyrs' based their organization on the belief of "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body". I encourage you all to go to their website ([american-sokol.org](http://american-sokol.org)) and see what they are all about. But, keep in mind that a true merger of two organizations is an extremely difficult and lengthy process. This is a process that takes tremendous compromise and an openness to new ideas and different ways of thinking. Which if we are honest with ourselves the Turners have never really been good at. Are we as Turners willing to open our doors to new members? Are we open to changing our name? Our Logo? Sharing our assets? Can we compromise to insure our continued survival? These are the questions that I would like you and your societies to start asking yourselves. I am not asking for any motions or decisions to be made at this convention but in your time between sub-committee meetings discuss this with your fellow Turners and see how they feel? When you leave this convention, go back to your societies and start discussing it with them. And really talk about it, just don't dismiss it out of hand because it seems like a radical new idea. My hope is that you will talk about our struggles openly and honestly with each other and see that we need to make big changes in the next 5 to 10 years if we are to continue to survive. And be ready to come to the 2020 convention with a decision on if this is something you would like to try and/or your ideas on how we can make this work. I have not approached the Sokol's in any way to start a dialogue with them. And I will only speak with them in the future if this membership supports the idea with a vote at a future convention.

With Turner Greetings,

Nick Barts

National Marketing Chairman

**American Turners  
Turner Topics Editor  
Convention Report  
2018**

First I would like to thank the National Council for their support of me as Turner Topics Editor this being my 14<sup>th</sup> year as your editor. We have come a long way from where we were when I first started. We have reduced printing costs, lead times, postal costs, prep times and quality. What used to take three to four weeks takes us less than 5-7 business days' layout to mailing.

I would like to thank the Jahn Fund for their support of Turner Topics as they are the main source of financing paying for printing and postage, \$24,000 annually. Without them we could not publish the various issues of the Topics. The Topics is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest expense of the American Turners budget that costs approximately \$24,000 annually.

The printing firm of Thrift-Remsen of Rockford, Ill. has been great to work with. If an article or something doesn't look right they fix the article at no extra cost. As for postage when we moved the printing from Louisville to Rockford we didn't realize it but our postage cost came down a bit due to the location of our membership in proximity to Rockford.

With next year, 2019, being a festival year, we will publish 5 issues i.e. January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August/September and October/November/December. The years that are non-festival year's we will continue to publish 4 issues January/February/March, April/May/June, July/August/September and October/November/December.

We continue to gather e-mail addresses, currently about 3500 addresses, from members for Turner Topics in our effort to go GREEN or "electronic delivery". Some might not know what "Green" means – making the publications available to the membership electronically. **THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT EVERYONE IS GOING "GREEN", IF SOMEONE WANTS TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A HARD (PAPER) COPY, WE WILL STILL SEND YOU ONE BUT YOU NEED TO LET US KNOW.** With a majority of our membership going GREEN receiving an electronic copy of Turner Topics, saving money on printing and postage costs.

Receiving articles for Turner Topics continues to be an issue. Some publications repeat info that has been printed before. Most of the time the info is not dated but to remind members of important programs, tournaments, etc.

We also have started to send the older issues of Turner Topics to IUPUI. These are available to view online. The current records are about 10 years behind. Hopefully by the end of 2018, these records will be up-to-date.

With Turner Greetings

Craig Sniezek  
Turner Topics Editor

American Turners Scholarship Committee

Report to the National Convention

July 2018

Our Scholarship Committee is well constituted, and includes Joy Bodine, Tom Bozonelos, Dale Bojanowski, Dave Liptik (ex officio) and myself, Giles Hoyt, who serves as chair.

Our scholarship program as it is currently formulated supports Turner ideals and membership, and is sufficiently open to benefit active Turner youth. As stated in the last report, we now have solid criteria for candidates that support Turner values but at the same time leave open the possibility for long term involved Turner young people to apply for a scholarship regardless of major course of study. We are looking forward to seeing applications for the next academic year, which were due on 1 July.

Our scholarship fund is sufficient that we are able to support the present number of candidates with sufficient amounts. Our attempts to put information in the hands of Turner clubs are slowly succeeding. We do need more effort from the individual clubs to alert their young members. Perhaps discussing this at the conventions would help. The info is on the web and our Topics editor, Craig Sniezek, includes the scholarship materials in the Topics.

As always we look forward to hearing from the membership on how the scholarship program could be improved.

Giles R. Hoyt  
Chair

American Turners  
Report of the National Historian, July 2018

Gut Heil!

The National Historians with the help of Greg Mobley, Archives Specialist at the IUPUI Special Collections and Archives, responded to the usual variety of questions sent primarily through the American Turners website, but also through direct e-mail contact. Generally they involve genealogical questions concerning Turner activities of ancestors or research questions from scholars doing work on German-American or sports history.

The Special Collections and Archives at the IUPUI University Library is the official repository of Turner documents. A lot of the material, especially photographs, has been digitized and is available on the web.

We added some items found during the move of the National Office to Aurora, IL.

A reminder: Books of Turner interest can be purchased on-line at [www.ighs.org](http://www.ighs.org). Click on publications.

Another reminder is that Turner Topics has been digitized and are available on the web through the IUPUI University Library. The website is <http://ulib.iupui.edu/digitalscholarship/collections> A lot of work can be saved by using these fully searchable texts.

Turner Greetings

Dr. Giles R. Hoyt, National Historian

Officers, Delegates and all American Turners:

This Convention marks two years since our last deliberations of American Turners at Clinton, MA in 2016. Since then a lot of changes have taken place, the operations of our National organization have changed and improved to a degree; yet a lot remains undone and much vital action is still in limbo.

Thru all this your Endowment Trust has remained constant in its service to our American Turners. For the past years od 2016, 2017 and the first half of 2018 I offer these facts:

Year	Total Grants	Endowment Share	Endowment Net Income
2016	24	\$ 46,564	\$ 30,289
2017	26	56,781	64,520
2018 (1/2 year)	17	56,650 (thru June)	30,000 (estimated)
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Totals	67	\$159,995	\$124,809

As you can see the Endowment Trust in 2018 is headed for a banner financial year; a year in which we have already equaled last years total expenditures, a year in which we have strayed dramatically away from our normal Grant programs and a year in which we have been shamed into financial aid while our own income has decreased. As witnessed, we have operated in the “Red” in each of the past two years and presume 2018 will end on the negative side also. Still, your Endowment Trust has not rejected a single application received during this 3-year period!

Looking ahead this will most likely require the reduction of existing Grant amounts and perhaps even the elimination of some existing Grant(s) entirely!

In the meantime, over the past five years I have tried to get the National Council to define for the Endowment Trust exactly what is “a Society in Good Standing” with the resulting “paid up current per capita tax and listing for the National Directory” as the only requirements while at the same time expending countless time and money on “Marketing, Social Media and Long Range Planning” with no thought to “if” the Endowment Trust will be able to provide all its current benefits to any new Society accepted into membership, with no proven track record nor indication if they will be a viable and active Society of the American Turners! In truth, out of the 52 current existing Societies in American Turners, if every one of those Societies were actively functioning the Endowment Trust could NOT afford to offer the Grants we currently make available!

If my information is correct and accurate we have Societies licensed in 17 different States under varied State laws, different fiscal years, different membership requirements and just minimal commitment to American Turners. From this assortment we have molded these Societies into the following groupings:

25 total members or less	10
25-50 total members	9
50-100 total members	5
100-300 total members	16
300-600 total members	5
600- and more	7

Note: there are 15 of these total Societies trying to survive with no building

It is a known fact at recent National Festivals that we get NO representation from more than ½ the total Societies within American Turners, having anywhere from 600-800 individual participants; this from a National organization with over 12,000 members and we have no legal authority to require participation by anyone in any of our National events.

Why is the Endowment Trust concerned in events not involving them directly? Because eventually each Society needs financial help, which the parent organization does not have the means to provide, and in preparing to meet these needs we are involved like it or not. How does the National stand financially?

It has been 17 months since we began our National operations from the new office in North Aurora, IL. During this time members of the National Council have never received a full and complete financial report. After almost two full seasonal changes there has been no National Budget presented and we have no positive information of what it costs to operate our National Office per year!

On the positive side; more National events have been offered during 2018 than we have enjoyed in many years past! Having been present at three of these I have been impressed with how well organized, conducted and efficiently they were run. Competitors were in attractive team uniform, they were enthusiastic and took part with the competitive spirit we have come to cherish as American Turners.

This report is offered with the best interests of our entire membership at heart. Your Endowment Trust continues to serve those interests to the best of their ability in cooperation with the National Executive Committee and the National Council of the American Turners.

Respectfully submitted with best wishes for a successful and productive National Convention!

\_\_\_\_\_, President American Turners Endowment Trust



# American Turners Jahn Education Fund (ATJEF)



**Trustees:** *Frank C. Wedl, Hans H. Sammer, David Askren  
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**Advisors:** *Peter Horn, Peter Sammer, Ray Virgens*

## 2018 National Convention Report

It is with much pleasure that we report the addition of long time Turner Ray Virgens to the Advisory Board of the Jahn Fund. Turner Virgens, President of the New Jersey District, was elected to the Advisory Board by unanimous vote of the Trustees at our meeting on February 22, 2018.

As of June 30, 2018 the value of our investment portfolio was \$2,327,825.44. Our disbursements for 2018 to date, total \$39,000, which is inclusive of the following items: \$24,000 (\$12,000 of which is a late 2017 donation) toward the publication of Turner Topics\*; \$2,000 for our share of the Tax Compilation for 2016 and 2017; \$7,000 for the Illinois Turner Camp playground construction; \$5,000 for the Ft. Wayne Turner Society playground equipment; \$1,000 for requests received through our Cultural Activity Expense Reimbursement Program.

Pursuant to an inquiry by NHPE Chair Michelle Lesperance, the matter of a Festival Transportation Fund for the 2019 Turnfest was discussed at our June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was agreed to allocate \$25,000 for the purpose of reimbursing transportation expenses for qualified youth and adult participants in physical and/or cultural competition. It is our hope this will encourage greater participation at Festival #77 than has been experienced in the recent past.

\*Note: As you are probably aware, Turner Topics is now being published in an attractive, 20 page, full color, glossy format. Having been advised by Topics Editor Craig Sniezek that a deal was worked out with the printing firm (Thrift Remsen) which would keep the cost within budget, we continue our support for Turner Topics in the amount of \$24,000 per year. President Liptak agreed with Editor Sniezek to the changing of the format. Not known to us at this time, is what, if any, benefit has been realized from the effort to transition from hard copies to e-copies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trustees for the American Turners Jahn Education Fund

Frank C. Wedl, Chairman

## CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS 2018 REPORT TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Central States 2017 District Convention was hosted by River City. In attendance were Fort Wayne, Louisville, Michiana, and River City Societies. Athenaeum and Toledo had last minute health related emergencies. The following statistics were presented at the 2017 Fall Convention:

Society	Members 2015	Members 2016	Members 2017
Athenaeum Turners	46	40	36
Cincinnati Turners	125	129	124
Covington Turners	766	789	735
Fort Wayne Turners	654	651	579
Louisville Turners	169	208	297
Michiana Turners	25	22	21
River City Turners	121	149	167
South Side Turners	30	32	21
Toledo Turners	62	60	70

The District had a District Bowling Tournament at Michiana in November. We had a very productive conference call instead of a spring meeting to discuss delegates for the National convention. We have our maximum of 30 delegates attending the National Convention with a good number of first-timers.

### **ATHENAEUM TURNERS** help plan and participate in these annual events:

Karneval, and St. Benno Festivals hosted by the Atheneaum Foundation, volunteer at St. Nicholas Festival and have a booth at the Germanfest held at the Atheneaum. The Turner Rifles meet periodically at the Indiana Gun Club. They have an annual Athenaeum Turner Picnic, takes trips to Brown County, volunteer at the Volksmarch and enjoy the Indianapolis Symphony at Conner Prairie. They have no organized gymnastics or bowling. They do not own their building. They give out a scholarship each year.

### **CINCINNATI TURNERS** This information is from their face book and website.

They have men's softball. They have weekly archery April-September and weekly darts. Cornhole begins in March. The Cornboil is in August.

Turkey Shoots in the fall. The Auxiliary has children's activities, such as Kid's Camp-out for one night for ages 6-10, KidKraft nights and Christmas party for kids. Monthly fishing tournaments and a youth fishing derby open to the public from May-October.

Fish Fries on Fridays during Lent. New Year's Eve party, Halloween party, Superbowl gathering, St. Pat's Day specials and monthly Karaoke Nites.

### **COVINGTON TURNERS** are very busy with boys and girls basketball leagues.

Celebrate their members of 20 years, they also recognize 40 year members. They have an award for a man and woman for outstanding service each year and a Sports Hall of Fame. Each May they host a Ludlow Derby (Rat Races) which is the night before the Kentucky Derby. They had Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties, Golf outing and Chili cook-off. This info is from facebook/website.

**FORT WAYNE TURNERS** hosted National Golf 2017, hosted National Bowling 2018, and will host the District bowling in November 2018 and in 2019 the National Festival. They continue to offer many programs for members:

Youth – co-ed basketball, gymnastics, and bowling Adult – basketball, bowling, golf, volleyball, softball, and cornhole league; Fish Fry Fridays, retiree luncheons, monthly euchre nights, and pool league.

Germanfest and the Johnny Appleseed festival continue to be their two largest fundraisers. They again have partnered with SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) for their duck race on the river, a 5K race, kid's zone, beer garden, live music, and food. They held their first OkTURNERfest a day open to the public with kid's games, beer tasting, German food and music. Their annual awards dinner is in January to honor 25 and 40 year members as well as awarding Man, Woman, and Youth of the Year and Fort Wayne's highest award the Vorwart's Award. They sponsored 3 members for the Honor Flights to DC. Their website is [fortwayneturners.org](http://fortwayneturners.org).

**LOUISVILLE TURNERS** has a very successful Contemporary Theater Arts circus performed yearly in March with about 200 participants. This past year was our 68th performance. Our gymnastic program has evolved to reflect the needs of our community and are more circus/aerial arts related with about approximately 20 classes a week and more than 150 students. We were able to refinance our club this past spring and things are going better for our society. We had an active member pass away in 2017 and held a music festival in September. Chitwoodstock, with proceeds split between the family and Louisville Turners. We plan to make this an annual festival with proceeds going towards different organizations such as suicide prevention, scholarships for local youth and Louisville Turners updates and repairs. Our pool was voted the 2nd best place to swim in 2017 and hoping for THE best in 2018. We have operated a Circus/Swim camp for the 3rd summer in a row with this year having 4 weeks and over 120 campers. Summer camp was developed and run by our Turner teens and is a huge fundraiser for many updates and repairs. Our docks are in major need of repair, but we are happy to report we have a slow but growing boat club.. Our club is the host of many musical events throughout the summer with more they 1000 people.

Our Sports Club is still going strong with softball and kickball almost every night of the week. Our Lounge has Karaoke every Friday, Bluegrass jam and potluck on Sundays and bands a couple times a month. This year our club suffered a major flood reaching heights just an inch from our 2nd floor which is the location of our lounge. We are grateful to a community of people that come together to help relocate mud, lots of mud.

**MICHIANA TURNERS** meet for social events in different locations, have a Red Hat Group for the women and a Geezer Gathering for the men. They participate in District events and at the National level. They hosted the Central States District Bowling Tournament in November, 2017.

Bowlers from Cincinnati and Michiana participated.

**RIVER CITY TURNERS** have had some changes; paint, flooring, bathrooms and a pro shop. They received grants from American Turners to assist them in purchasing new pit blocks and to upgrade their computer and printer. Their emphasis is gymnastics and are hoping for a larger building in the future. They have 48 girls on the gymnastics team, they offer recreational gymnastics for boys and girls, tiny tot's classes, home school classes and open gym for Special-needs. They also have Zumba classes for adults and adult open gym on Friday nights. Open gym for members and non-members on Saturday mornings. They provide a place for the Royals Special Olympics cheerleading team to practice from November through March. They have cultural activities and scrap booking. They honored their six 40 year members.

**SOUTHSIDE TURNERS** are bowlers and participate in the District and National Bowling Tournaments.

**TOLEDO TURNERS** hosted the American Turners National Gymnastics Championships in January 2017 with 100 participates with teams from Aurora, Concordia, Fort Wayne, Monaca and Toledo. Their gymnastics programs remain strong. They have 188 student gymnasts in pre-school age classes, general gymnastics classes and USAG competitive teams of 23 girls and 26 boys. Their gymnastic section hosted a Halloween party and family Christmas party. They had twelve bowlers participate in the American Turners Jr. Bowling Tournament. They had a children's summer bowling league. They have a new group called Toledo Turners/BSC Trail Riders that meet monthly to ride dirt bikes and ATVs at Maumee State Forest trails. The Toledo Turners Deutsche Volkstanz Gruppe section is busy performing German and Austrian dances and songs. They have 20 members who perform at many events and nursing homes. They are willing to perform or teach at any Turner Society. In cooperation with the other clubs at their property, they continue to support several festivals.

Their largest is for three days with over 35,000 guests attending. This is the German American Festival in August.

[www.gafsociety.org](http://www.gafsociety.org) or [www.germanamericanfestival.net](http://www.germanamericanfestival.net). Their website is [www.toldeoturners.com](http://www.toldeoturners.com).

Athenaeum will be hosting the Central States District Convention in October 2018

With Turner greetings,

Deb Martin  
Central States District Representative

## ***Illinois District Report***

This has been a very challenging last two years that has seen many of our societies in transition. Elgin, Eiche, and Northwest Turners are all trying hard to decide what their future path will be. And all of our Societies are trying new ideas to increase membership participation.

### ***Aurora Turners:***

Aurora Turners continues to have a large number of programs that bring families together at Aurora Turners. Their most popular events are: Gymnastics, Softball, Flag Football, and Basketball but they have many more that are enjoyed year round. Every day of the week there is something to enjoy at their club! To go with their great sports program they have outstanding food and great drink specials.

### ***Northwest Turners:***

Northwest Turners continues to have one of the best gymnastics programs in the state! Our membership has grown steadily over the last 6 years and we now have almost 325 members. Sadly our social functions are still poorly attended but we will continue to work on giving our members more variety in our activities. We started a new Oktoberfest last year that was well attending and we hope to build on that in future years. Our goals for the future is to try to bring our gymnastics parents and kids more into the Turner fold by encouraging them to become members and to take advantage of all that the Turners have to offer. We are pleased to announce that we have signed a new 5 year lease to keep our gymnastic program and hall at Schiller Park.

### ***Eiche Turners:***

Eiche Turners is still trying to decide their future. They have a declining membership base and limited funds, but they still continue to meet several times a year and host 2 parties for their members.

### ***Lincoln Turners:***

Lincoln Turners continues to have Volleyball every Friday night in Chicago for its members followed by sandwiches and drinks. They host their annual meeting and members party at Illinois Turner Camp. They also host one of the most highly attended parties in the Illinois District, their Christmas Party at the Dank Haus.

### ***Elgin Turners:***

Elgin Turners is in the middle of a little bit of a transition. They have a new and energized board of directors and are working hard to provide their members with an outstanding experience through their bar, restaurant and other social activities. In the last year they have tried very hard to reach out to their members more with regular newsletters and weekly emails. They are also working hard trying to clean up the outside of their building with the newly formed "garden club". With their newly renovated gym they have been able to offer the local Little League teams a place to practice in the winter months. And the Illinois District hopes they will continue to be the host of our 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament for years to come. As well as trying a new Golf Tournament and 15 mile Bike Ride. They also continue to have a great Fish Fry on Friday nights as well as other specialty dinners and events throughout the year.

### ***Illinois Turner Camp:***

Illinois Turner Camp is the place that never changes. Our youth program is going strong but there is a push to increase the number of kids who are participating. We try to host a dozen sports tournaments over the summer including: Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball, Bags, Horseshoes, Bocci Ball, a Fun Run, and our yearly youth Olympics. Under our new caretaker we have seen much of our crumbling infrastructure replaced or updated. Including 7 new water wells, remodeling of all of our bathroom and shower facilities, and much more. There are still many big ticket items that will need to be replaced in the coming years that we will have trouble funding but we are in a good position to be

able to carry on for years to come. This year we also hosted a free Pickleball Clinic to our members in hopes of increasing participation at next years TurnFest in Fort Wayne! We had 4 of the best Pickleball players in the state of Illinois come out and provide instruction to 40 new players. Our hope is to get most of them to Fort Wayne.

## L.E.D. Report National Convention 2018

Akron: I the largest club in the Dist. In the past few years they have held the National golf and bowling tournaments. They hold many activities on their property. Their membership has held steady for the last few years, and have many new volunteers for help around the club.

Buffalo: Does not have a club house, and rents facilities for gym classes and events. Due to Lake Erie snow effect, their school year ends in mid to late June.

C.E.S.T. is in an older section of Cleveland. They are mainly a volleyball club, with players coming from over 45 miles away. They are also present at nat. golf.

Detroit: Doesn't have a clubhouse either, they hold their meetings in someone's home. They hold many events for their members, they also donate to local scholarships and gymnastic events.

S.T.V. We are in a precarious position with them. No one is able to have any type of commutation with them in 1 ½ years their club house is never open.

Respectfully Submitted

John Paxton

L.E.D President

**NEW YORK DISTRICT  
REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION  
August 3-4, 2018  
CONCORDIA TURNERS**

**This Report is based on the one generally presented at our National Council Meeting. As in the past, our District continues to hold its meetings twice a year and if situations occur which need to be addressed – we have phone discussions. Since ATNY is our only society which has a clubhouse – our District Meetings are held at their facility in the Bronx.**

**Our District sponsors various activities such as the interclub gymnastics meet at ATNY and our annual cultural competition. When possible, we also hold a volleyball meet. I don't believe we will be holding one this year.**

**The District, in addition to sending delegates to this Convention, also sent representatives to the Phys Ed Meeting and to the Bowling Meeting. Delegates will also be sent to the Council Meeting.**

**But the item that we are trying to work on now is combining the New York and New Jersey Districts. We have had a couple of meetings but there are a couple of snags that have come up. Raymond Virgins of the NJ District and Jim Goetz and I will be getting together in the future to see what we can do to straighten this matter up.**

**I will not be reporting on the status of the NY societies since I will be making a report to the Council Meeting as to the NYD, LI Turners and ATNY.**

**Submitted by:**

*Marion Oppelt*

## **Concordia Turners**

Our most recent event was yet another successful gymnastics, tumbling and trampoline, dance, Martial Arts, and Cup Stacking season. We held our annual Stiftungsfest and Honorary dinner May 12<sup>th</sup>. This gave the Society and its members, young and old, an opportunity to showcase their developing skills learned within the past year. The event is our largest fundraiser for the Society. It was attended by members as well as extended family and friends. Over 300 students participated in this event. In addition, the adult gymnastics class contributed with a unique routine of their own. This Stiftungsfest and Honorary dinner ended our gymnastics season with an event that brings our youth and Honorary members together for a similar purpose.

## **Summer Camp**

Another successful year of summer camps have been well attended with Concordia hosting. We have tapped into the skills of our youth members to work and/or volunteer for these camps. They have brought a plethora of talents to share with the attendees. This also gives them opportunities to earn service hours as is required for most of our High School students as well as mature in their career skills with the hopes to be a contributing member to the our Society as well as society as a whole.

## **Challenges**

One of the on-going challenges Concordia is facing is that our building is old and the continued maintenance is draining our finances at a faster rate than we can replenish all too often. Most recently, we have re-piped all the water supply to the pool. This was a huge undertaking as the pool is a vital element to our summer profits. We depend on not only our members but the community to enjoy our pool to increase our revenue.

Secondly, because the age and size of the building, the utility costs continue to rise. The inefficiency of the older parts of the building lends themselves to quicker wear and tear with little time to rebound. We do have a very dedicated team of volunteers the work diligently 1 evening a week but this concern continues to way heavy for us.

Lastly, because of the nature of the programs (gymnastics, tramp and tumbling, pool, etc.), the cost of insurance is an on-going financial hurdle. We consistently attempt to maintain good coverage at an affordable cost.

## **Kansas City Turners**

No report. They are in the process of reorganizing and have little to no contact with the St. Louis District.

## **North Turners**

North Turners are active at the St. Louis District camp along with having social events such as bowling outings, fishing trips, Christmas parties, picnics at the Turner camp etc.

## **Challenges**

Their biggest challenge is maintaining membership and ongoing activities for their members that encourage attendance.

**Schillers**

Schillers are very active at the Turner Camp. They contribute to the maintenance by cutting lawn, pool cleaning, and maintenance. They host a lot of functions that revolve around the Turner Camp (hay rides, bonfires, BBQs, etc.,)

**Challenges**

Some of their challenges include continued membership growth and membership participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Hetz

President of the St. Louis District

# WISCONSIN TURNER DISTRICT

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**TO:** 55<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION  
August 3, 2018

**FROM:** WISCONSIN DISTRICT

The Wisconsin District and its societies have gone thru a few changes this past year. The National Council voted to merge the Wisconsin District and the Upper Mississippi District to form the Upper Midwest District. A meeting was scheduled to start the merger process, but unfortunately it was cancelled. To date we still operate as the Wisconsin District.

This year we accepted the New Ulm Turners as a society in the Wisconsin District, so we are now a District with 5 societies – New Ulm, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Eastside Milwaukee and Madison. As you will read, all five societies are extremely different. Yet we all are proud to promote Turnerism in our own way.

**NEW ULM TURNER HALL:** The past year has been eventful at Turner Hall. We are proud to have the oldest Turner Hall in America still used for its original purpose. Our major accomplishment was a complete remodeling of our kitchen for the first time since 1956. Costing more than \$400,000, it also included a new HVAC system for the building and a new sewer system. The new kitchen is much more efficient and is set up for both the restaurant and banquets. Past president Ed Weber ably chaired the capital campaign that raised funds for the project.

Four fundraising events also stand out. For several nights around Halloween, we have hosted a very popular Haunted House, primarily to support our gymnastics program. Our annual gala, with the theme, “Secrets,” raised more than \$10,000. Our Ribfest, supported by local pork producers, fed hundreds of hungry local residents. The annual Sauerkraut supper, a long time tradition for our Turner Ladies, raised several thousand dollars.

We also honored our heritage. In July, we hosted a city-wide event to recognize the 100th anniversary of a nationally-significant WWI protest at Turner Hall, featuring one of America’s finest historian, Dr. Michael Neiberg. That same evening, we unveiled a newly-restored portrait of our founder, Wilhelm Pfaender, with the help of several descendants. Pfaender founded Turnvereins in Heilbronn and Ulm in Germany, and Cincinnati, Newport (KY), and New Ulm. At Stiftungsfest in November, we saluted our Damenverein — Turner Ladies. This 125-year old auxiliary organization regularly assists with banquets and weddings and contribute thousands of dollars each year to our work. The film, A Salute to the Turner Ladies, is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/67jCFGFWpzg>.

*Daniel Hoisington*

**SHEBOYGAN:** Sheboygan Turners is pleased to say we still hold gymnastic classes on Monday and Friday nights. Though we have been without a building of our own for over 50 years, our society is able to provide this service to the community. We have a good working relationship with the Sheboygan Recreation Department allowing us to keep our classes at Horace Mann Middle School each year. This is a fine facility and well maintained.

The 2017-18 school year needed a minor adjustment in scheduling. The public school system started a competitive sports program for middle school students. Their practices and game times conflicted with our 6-7 year-old class. As a result, we dropped that class and integrated those children into the class for the next age group, 8-11 year olds. The instructors have been able to divide the girls into appropriate groups and everyone is happy. At the end-of-the-season demonstration the girls received certificates of achievement.

Being in a public school sometimes has other drawbacks too. School functions scheduled for Friday nights causes cancellation of Rec. Department classes, which includes us. However, we try to offer make-up classes on Monday nights. This has worked well.

Once again, our society has received Instructor Grant money from the Endowment Trust Fund. This is very much appreciated. As more sports opportunities are made available elsewhere in the community, our gym classes become smaller. That's a fact of life all over, which is why the Endowment Trust is such an important resource in the Turner organization.

As we are very small, there are no social events to speak of. However, the Board of Directors did go out for dinner at Christmas time.

*Roxanne St. Pierre*

**MILWAUKEE:** The Milwaukee Turners in the recent past have re-enforced our long term commitment to the original mission and principles of our society and of the American Turners, starting with a 'Sound Mind in a Sound Body,' and including four key principles for liberty, tolerance, reason and justice.

Our building holds National Historic Landmark status, and a prime objective has been to secure the building financially and otherwise. We are directly across from the new Bucks arena development, and are in the process of negotiating for a new restaurant operator to both respect our historic legacy and help provide secure income for the future.

Our historic gym continues to offer traditional gymnastics to a wide variety of ages. Our most popular offering is rockclimbing, indoors and with outdoor trips to Devils Lake WI. We have also introduced ice climbing, and have a treadwall as well. Aerial silks is another popular skill that we offer, as well as general fitness and a weekly yoga class.

We publish a monthly E-Newsletter, have a FB page with over 4,500 likes or followers, and have sponsored major films on outstanding rockclimbers in the last two years, to hundreds of people in our ballroom. Our ballroom, also leased out, is a major venue for concerts and public gatherings, including weddings.

We are honored to maintain present our 1911 memorial to over 20 of our members, Gentiles and Jews, who gave their lives to abolish slavery in the U.S. and preserve the Union.

We have two major "sound mind" and social justice initiatives. "Confronting Mass Incarceration" seeks to address the meteoric rise in incarceration in the U.S. and particularly in Wisconsin which jails people at double the rate of our neighboring Minnesota, accompanied by cutbacks in education and to our university system, with physical education being eliminated from many schools. We had seven events last fall, including Heather Ann Thompson speaking on her 2017 Pulitzer prize winning book, "Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy," see <http://www.pulitzer.org/winners/heather-ann-thompson>. We invite you to see her outstanding lecture on the Milwaukee Turners You Tube channel, as part of the annual Frank P. Zeidler memorial lectures, named after the former editor of our newsletter and mayor of Milwaukee. Another related topic and effort is promoting "College in Prison."

Our other initiative is sponsoring annual Jane's Walks named after Jane Jacobs, who fought for preservation of diverse and living neighborhoods. We sponsored the kickoff event in our ballroom, and the committee and partners held over 36 related neighborhood walks, which may be the most of such Jane's Walk celebrations in over 200 cities worldwide, combining both physical activity and social awareness.

We continue to partner with and sponsor an important local storytelling organization Ex Fabula, and also hosted a lively and diverse Shorewood Solidarity Network Immigration stories event.

In sum, we are continuing to try to be relevant in our downtown city location, to people of all ages and backgrounds to apply Turner history and principle to today's society.

*Art Heitzer*

**EASTSIDE MILWAUKEE:** The East Side Turners were put in a difficult position in September 2016. We were told on very short notice that we no longer had our facility that we occupied for over 25 years. We rented the facility from a church and used it for classes. Our decision was either to fold or change direction. The Milwaukee Flyers just got a new facility in the inner city and we had a relationship with them. Wildcard Gymnastics had people that had a Turner background that accepted our adult program. M&M Gymnastics had a history with the Swiss Turners in Milwaukee. All three groups became part of a new Board of Directors for the East Side Turners. The East Side Turners became a supporting group for these three entities.

We needed something that would bind us together as groups. This year we hosted the National Turner Gymnastics meet at Wildcard and M&M Gymnastics. It allowed us to direct ourselves for the future and establish our groups within the American Turners. We currently have 21 members and about 50 new junior members from the meet. We will adjust our numbers to work within the framework of next year's Turnfest in Fort Wayne.

*John Wamser*

**MADISON:** Madison Turners is in its 163rd year and doing well. Turner membership was 199 at last count.

Our gymnastics program continues to expand under our director Anna Hassel. We had 233 students in our recreational gymnastics program and 34 recreational gymnastics classes per week. We have 72 girls in our team program and they have been doing well in competition this year. We have open gymnastics classes for Tots which can have 10 to 40 children involved and open gymnastics classes for kids which may have 10 to 55 children registered. We also have birthday parties where people can rent the gym and then have a birthday celebration. One of our local high schools, Monona Grove, has contracted for time for their gymnastics students to use our gym. We rent space to a cheerleading program that also meets here. Our major difficulty is being able to hire enough qualified gymnastics instructors.

Our Banquet Hall has been doing well. We rent this out for weddings, meetings, parties and occasionally will schedule music events.

Our two volleyball courts are kept busy. We have recreational play, team play and also volleyball classes. We also rent Court time to a program that involves an elite group of volleyball youth from our community. Our major difficulty is finding enough hours per week to allow people to play. We have play 7 days per week from morning to late evenings. We also have a pickleball program which has been expanding nicely.

The Madison Mannerchor, our German choir, rehearse weekly at Turner Hall and holds its two annual concerts and dinners at our banquet facility. We have been successful in recruiting some younger members this year which will help with our continued existence. The Madison Maennerchor started in 1852 and has been an important part of Madison Turners since the inception.

*Paul Wertsch, MD*

On behalf of the Society Presidents within the Wisconsin District, we hope everyone keeps living the Turner motto Sound mind – Sound body.

*Michelle Lesperance*  
Wisconsin District President

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Change Principal Offices

**WHEREAS:** The National Convention and National Council have taken actions that change the Principal Office and Registered Agent of the corporation in Kentucky and established a second Principal Office and Registered Agent in Illinois

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** The National Council finds that it is in the best interests of the American Turners that such action be taken

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** The actions of the National Council require a change in the By-laws of the organization:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The By-laws of the American Turners be amended and that the Article 1 Offices, Sections 1, 2 of and 3 of said Bylaws that state:

**SECTION 1. PRINCIPLE OFFICES**

**The principle office of the Corporation for the transaction of its business is located at 1127 East Kentucky Street Louisville, KY 40204.**

**SECTION 2. CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**The county of the Corporation's principle office can be changed only by amendment of these By-Laws and not otherwise. The National Council may, however, change the principal office from one location to another within the named county by affirmative vote of a majority of the National Council, and such changes of address shall not be deemed an amendment of these ByLaws.**

**SECTION 3. OTHER OFFICES**

**The corporation may also have offices at such other places, within or without the State of Kentucky, where it is qualified to do business, as its business may require, and as the National Council may, from time to time, designate.**

be deleted and in place thereof the following sections be added:

**Section 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICES**

**The principal office and the office of the registered agent shall be established in Kentucky and Illinois.**

**Section 2. OTHER OFFICES**

**The Corporation may have other offices and registered agents, either within or outside the State of Incorporation, as such place or places as the National Council may from time to time appoint, provided, however, that any such appointment by the National Council shall be subject to approval, disapproval, or change by the National Convention at its next convention.**

RESOLUTION # 1 PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Correct People Attesting the Minutes of the National Convention.

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 National Convention, Section 1, National Convention, F on page 5 states:

The minutes of the national convention shall be attested by the **Chairman and the Secretary of said body** and delivered to the delegates as soon as possible after the adjournment of the convention. Distribution to delegates, societies and/or districts not attending the convention will be made together with copies to the National Office.

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 National Convention, Section 1 National Convention, G on page 5 states:

All acts of the National Convention that are not subject to approval by a referendum, shall take effect upon the adjournment of a National Convention once the minutes have been attested by the **National Corporate Secretary and the National President.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Article 4 National Convention, Section 1 National Convention, G be corrected as follows:

All acts of the National Convention that are not subject to approval by a referendum, shall take effect upon the adjournment of a National Convention once the minutes have been attested by the **National Convention Chairperson and Secretary(s).**

RESOLUTION #   2   PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Correct National Council Executive Body members

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 Administration, Section 2 National Council B on page 5 states:  
Officers of the National Council and of the Corporation are President, **First Vice President and Second Vice President**

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 Administration, Section 2 National Council C on page 5 states:  
Additional elected members of the National Council are  
a. Chair of Health and Physical Education Committee  
b. Chair of Cultural Educational Committee  
c. Chair of the Bowling Committee  
d. **National Secretary**  
e. **National Treasurer**

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** It is the desire of National Council to combine several job titles

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Article 4, Administration, Section 2, National Council, B, on Page 5 be revised as follows:

**Elected Corporate Officers will be up to 5 people including President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and National Corporate Secretary.**

**AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Article 4, Administration, Section 2 National Council, C on page 5 be revised as follows:

Additional elected members of the National Council are

- a. Chair of Health and Physical Education Committee
- b. Chair of Cultural Educational Committee
- c. Chair of the Bowling Committee

RESOLUTION #   3   PASSED            REJECTED           

AMEMENDED           

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS            FOR            AGAINST

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Approval of giving the Executive Committee power to spend up to \$1500 without National Council approval.

**WHEREAS:** A motion was approved at the 2013 National Council meeting to allow the Executive Committee to spend up to \$1500 without Council approval but no resolution was written:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** to Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, A. National Council, s, on Page10 be added as follows:

**The Executive Committee shall be authorized to spend up to \$1500 in funds as necessary to conduct business, or as a result of unforeseen circumstances, without National Council approval.**

RESOLUTION #   4   PASSED            REJECTED           

AMEMENDED           

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS            FOR            AGAINST

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Modification of rules for verification of Designated District Representative when not the District President.

**WHEREAS:** Not all Districts are able to provide minutes from a District Convention designating a District Representative to replace a District President

**AND WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 4, Administration, Section 2, National Council, on page 5 states:

Appointed Members of the National Council are District Presidents or designated representatives. If and when District Presidents do not represent a District on National Council, **a copy of that District’s meeting minutes where such an action was voted on and passed must be** presented to the National Council. Upon being officially seated, the designated Representative will assume all the same duties, authority, privileges, and benefits as accorded the District Presidents.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the By-law be revised as follows:

Appointed Members of the National Council are District Presidents or designated representatives. If and when District Presidents do not represent a District on National Council, **a letter from the District stating the designee and duration of such authorized delegate must be** presented to the National Council. Upon being officially seated, the designated Representative will assume all the same duties, authority, privileges, and benefits as accorded the District Presidents.

RESOLUTION #   5   PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to correct Maintenance of Corporate Records

**WHEREAS:** The principal office of American Turners has been changed to Illinois and is already stated in Article 1, Offices, Section 1, Principal Offices

**AND WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 6, Corporate Records, Reports and Seals, Section 1, Maintenance of Corporate Records, on page 16 states:

**The Corporation shall keep at its principle office in the State of Kentucky.**

Minutes of all meetings of the National Council and Executive Committee indicating the time and place of holding such meetings, whether regular or special, how called, the notice given and the names of those present and the proceedings thereof will be maintained.

Adequate and correct books and records of account, including accounts of its properties and business transactions and accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses will also be maintained.

A copy of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, as amended to date, shall be open to inspection by the National Council at all reasonable times during office hours.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the By-law be revised as follows: **The Corporation's books and records shall be maintained at such place within the continental United States as the National Council, with the approval of the National Convention, shall from time to time designate. If a change is needed for any reason between conventions, the National Council may designate a new location, subject to approval by the National Convention at its next Convention.** Minutes of all meetings of the National Council and Executive Committee indicating the time and place of holding such meetings, whether regular or special, how called, the notice given and the names of those present and the proceedings thereof will be maintained.

Adequate and correct books and records of account, including accounts of its properties and business transactions and accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses will also be maintained.

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A copy of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, as amended to date, shall be open to inspection by the National Council at all reasonable times during office hours.

RESOLUTION # 6 PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Change National Secretary

**WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 4 Administration, Section 8 National Office on page 14 reads:

The American Turners shall maintain a National Office wherein the **National Secretary** shall accomplish its business and where all appropriate records shall be maintained and preserved.

**AND WHEREAS:** It is not necessary to specify the title of the person overseeing American Turner work

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the By-law be revised as follows: The American Turners shall maintain a National Office wherein the business of the organization shall be conducted and where all appropriate records shall be maintained and preserved.

RESOLUTION # 7 PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

February 4, 2018

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Modification of rules governing the Turner Topics

**WHEREAS:** Publication of the Turner Topics is currently expensive for American Turners

**AND WHEREAS:** It has been expressed by some American Turners that they would prefer not to receive the Turner Topics

**AND WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 4, Administration, Section 6, Per Capita Tax, on page 14 states:

The American Turners shall publish an official organ, and **the expense of publishing and placing every member of the American Turners on the subscription list of this organ, presently known as “American Turner Topics”, shall be allocated from the General Fund of the American Turners.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the By-law be revised as follows: **The American Turners shall publish an official newsletter called the American Turner Topics which will be available to every American Turner member.**

RESOLUTION # 8 PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

February 4, 2018

**TO:** Bylaws Committee

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Definition of a Society being in Good Standing

**WHEREAS:** There is currently no definition of a society in good standing,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Page 11 of the Bylaws Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, C Societies j should read as follows:

**To be considered a society in good standing, a society must have paid its previous year's per capita tax in full. Societies must also have submitted their completed National Directory form as requested by the National Office.**

RESOLUTION # 9 PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

February 4, 2018

**TO:** Bylaws Committee

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** The ability of National Council members to chair their own committee meetings during National Convention

**WHEREAS:** Elected members of the National Council would like to chair their own committee meetings during the National Convention

**AND WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 4 Administration, Section 2 National Council, F on page 6 states:

Elected members of the National Council shall have all the rights of delegates at the National Convention **except the right to vote and hold convention office. They may not represent a district.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Bylaw be revised as follows:

**Elected members of the National Council shall have all the rights of delegates at the National Convention. They may represent their district if no other delegate is available.**

RESOLUTION # 10 PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

February 4, 2018

**TO:** Bylaws Committee

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** National Bowling Chair as elected member of National Council

**WHEREAS:** National Council wishes to have the National Bowling Committee as a part of the NHPE Committee

**AND WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 4 Administration, Section 2 National Council, C on page 5 states:

- C. Additional elected members of the National Council are
  - a. Chair of Health and Physical Education Committee
  - b. Chair of Cultural Educational Committee
  - c. Chair of the Bowling Committee

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The By-law be revised as follows:

- C. Additional elected members of the National Council are
  - a. Chair of Health and Physical Education Committee
  - b. Chair of Cultural Educational Committee

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The current By-law Article 4 Administration, Section 2 National Council, K Prerequisites for nomination to National Office e which states:

- d. The method of election of the Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee, Cultural Education Committee **and Bowling Committee** shall be as prescribed to all elected members except due to the technical nature of these offices, the Health and Physical Education Committee of the National Convention, the Cultural Education Committee of the National Convention and the **Bowling Committee of the National Convention** respectively shall be required to submit nominees for these offices to the convention. The National Scholarship Chairperson and National Marketing Chairperson shall be appointed by the National President with recommendations from the respective committees.

**BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:**

- e. The method of election of the Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee and Cultural Education Committee shall be as prescribed to all elected members except due to the technical nature of these offices, the Health and Physical Education Committee of the National Convention and the Cultural Education Committee of the National Convention respectively shall be required to submit nominees for these offices to the convention. The National Scholarship Chairperson and National Marketing Chairperson shall be appointed by the National President with recommendations from the respective committees.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The current By-law Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, A National Council g on page 9 which states:

The National Council shall appoint and fully define the responsibilities of committee members who shall serve on a voluntary basis, these being:

- i. National Committee on Health and Physical Education to serve under the elected Chair of Health and Physical Education and that person be active in his/her Society/District Physical Education program
- ii. National Committee on Cultural Education to serve under the elected Chair of Cultural Education.
- iii. **National Bowling Committee to serve under the elected Chair of National Bowling.**
- iv. Such other committees as may be formed from time to time.
- v. All procedures, rules, regulations and administration of Festivals established and administered by these committees will be published in the Operational and Procedural Manual, subject to modification upon approval of the National Council and ratification of the National Convention.

**BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:**

The National Council shall appoint and fully define the responsibilities of committee members who shall serve on a voluntary basis, these being:

- i. National Committee on Health and Physical Education to serve under the elected Chair of Health and Physical Education and that person be active in his/her Society/District Physical Education program
- ii. National Committee on Cultural Education to serve under the elected Chair of Cultural Education.
- iii. Such other committees as may be formed from time to time.

- iv. All procedures, rules, regulations and administration of Festivals established and administered by these committees will be published in the Operational and Procedural Manual, subject to modification upon approval of the National Council and ratification of the National Convention.

RESOLUTION # 11 PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

February 4, 2018

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Revision of the By-law affecting At Large Members

**WHEREAS:** It is desirable to place the annual amount paid to American Turners by At Large members in the Operational and Procedural manual instead of in the By-laws

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the current Article 4, Section 4 Duties, d. Members of Societies and Members At Large, h Members at Large, vii on Page 12 which states:

The annual dues of members at large **shall be \$50.00 or as revised by vote of the National Convention.** Dues will be submitted to the National Office, with the application, by the first day of January.

**BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:**

The annual dues of members at large **shall be determined by National Council by 2/3 majority vote and published in the Operational and Procedural Manual.** Dues will be submitted to the National Office, with the application, by the first day of January.

RESOLUTION #   12   PASSED                    REJECTED

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AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

February 4, 2018

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Admission of a Society to America Turners

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, C Societies provides for admission of a new society to American Turners but does not address at what point in time the society becomes a member in good standing and eligible to enjoy any of the benefits offered by the American Turners through membership

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, C Societies h read:

**Any new society will serve a one-year trial period from the date of being accepted by the National Council. What a new society is entitled to during their trial period will be determined by the National Council.**

RESOLUTION #   13   PASSED                    REJECTED                   

AMEMENDED                   

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS                    FOR                    AGAINST

February 4, 2018

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Clarification of Eligibility of Delegates to the National Convention

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 Administration, Section 3 Districts and District Convention, G on page 8 states:

Districts shall **not be delinquent in payment of per capita tax for the fiscal year preceding the convention. If such arrears occur, delegates may be seated with voting restricted to resolutions only.**

**AND WHEREAS:** Delegates from societies who have not paid their per capita tax are not eligible to be seated as delegates at a National Convention

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Article 4 Administration, Section 3 District and District Conventions G page 4 be revised to read:

Districts shall **assist the National Office in attempting to ensure that all Societies within the District are in good standing for the fiscal year preceding the National Convention. A Society deemed not in good standing shall not be allowed to have any of its members seated at a National Convention.**

RESOLUTION # 14 PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_



# **77<sup>th</sup> National Convention**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## **AMERICAN TURNERS**



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**(Minutes)**

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Deb Axson	Terry Johnson	Jennifer McCabe	Guy Schultz
Terry Bodine	Barbara Koehler	Kevin McCart	Brett Sickler
Carole Brennan	Cindy Law	Deb McGee	Heidi Sickler
Ron Eason	Kim Lloyd	Ed McGee	Dot Steinlage
Tabetha French	Cricket Markland	Mike McGee	Gwennan Thomas
Giles Hoyt	Jim Markland	Velma Miller	DJ Wagner
Mary Johnson	Deb Martin	Andy Pappano	Donnie Watkins

**ILLINOIS DISTRICT - 39 Federal Votes – Scott Lau, Delegation Chairperson**

Judy Armstrong	Tom Bozonelos	Pam Lau	Ray Seppelfrick
Betty Barts	Bob Haderlein	Scott Lau	Craig Sniezek
Glen Barts	Laurie Haderlein	Joe Lusk	Deb Sniezek
Nick Barts	Ross Hugi	Donna Reynolds	

**LAKE ERIE DISTRICT - 9 Federal Votes, John Paxton, Delegation Chairperson**

Todd Michl	John Paxton	Linda Paxton	Paul Schneider
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**MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT - 7 Federal Votes, David B. Mulrooney, Delegation Chairperson**

Betty Klabunde	David B Mulrooney	David J. Mulrooney	
Phil Klabunde		Keith Mulrooney	

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - 15 Federal Votes – Dale Bojanowski, Delegation Chairperson**

Dale Bojanowski	Jessica Hansen	Chris Ritchell	
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**NEW JERSEY DISTRICT – 1 Federal Vote – No Representation**

**NEW YORK DISTRICT - 4 Federal Votes – Marion Oppelt, Delegation Chairperson**

James Goetz	Elaine Makowski	Marion Oppelt	Frank Wedl
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**ST. LOUIS DISTRICT - 4 Federal Votes – Ross Hetz, Delegation Chairperson**

Maria Brett	Ross Hetz	Sean Sendlein	Sandy Zeller
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**UPPER MISSISSIPI DISTRICT - 5 Federal Votes – Justin Selk, Delegation Chairperson**

Justin Selk	Brad Sievers		
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**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT - 36 Federal Votes – George Petrik, Delegation Chairperson**

Tom Eiler	George Petrik		
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**WESTERN UNITED STATES DISTRICT – 15 Federal Votes – Harold Niehenke, Delegation Chairperson**

Harold Niehenke

**WISCONSIN DISTRICT - 4 Federal Votes – Roxanne St. Pierre, Delegation Chairperson**

Dan Hoisington	Roxanne St. Pierre		
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**AMERICAN TURNERS 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**Concordia Turners – August 3-4, 2018**

**DELEGATES LISTED BY COMMITTEES**

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

George Petrik WPD	Roxanne St. Pierre WISD	Scott Lau	ILD
Kevin McCart CSD	Marion Oppelt NYD	Dale Bojanowski	NED
David B Mulrooney MAD	Ross Hetz STL	Justin Selk	UM

Guests: Dennis Zeller and Brad Sievers

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Judy Armstrong ILD	Paul Schneider LED	Ross Hetz	STL
Deb Martin CSD	RoxanneStPierreWISD	Justin Selk	UMD
DavidBMulrooney MAD	James Goetz NYD	Chris Ritchell	NED

Guests: Dennis Zeller

**HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

George Petrik WPD	Mike McGee CSD	Tom Bozonelos	ILD
Bob Haderlein ILD	Jim Markland CSD	Ray Seppelfrick	ILD
Ross Hugi ILD	Cricket Markland CSD	Terry Johnson	CSD
Pam Lau ILD	DJ Wagner CSD	Barbara Koehler	CSD
Judy Armstrong ILD	Kevin McCart CSD	Nick Barts	ILD
Glen Barts Sr ILD	Phil Klabunde MAD	Cindy Law	CSD
Tabetha French CSD	Paul Schneider LED	Joe Lusk	ILD
Donnie Watkins CSD	Virginia Moldan Wisc	Todd Michl	LED
Dot Steinlage CSD	Marion Oppelt NYD	Linda Paxton	LED
Ed McGee CSD	Ross Hetz STL		
Deb McGee CSD	Jessica Hansen NED		

Guests: Dennis Zeller, Edwin Colton ILD

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Tom Eiler WPD	Carole Brennan CSD	Ross Hugi	ILD
Betty Barts ILD	John Paxton LED	Giles Hoyt	CSD
Scott Lau ILD	Roxanne StPierre WISD	Kevin McCart	CSD
Jennifer McCabe CSD	Dan Hoisington WISD	Brad Sievers	UMD
Kim Lloyd CSD	Dale Bojanowski NED	Justin Selk	UMD
Heidi Sickler CSD	Tabitha French CSD	Guy Schultz	CSD
Gwennan Thomas CSD	Elaine Makowski NYD	Brett Sickler	CSD
Andy Pappano CSD	Laurie Haderlein ILD		

Guests: David Liptak

**CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Craig Sniezek ILD	Gwennan Thomas CSD	Deb Martin	CSD
Laurie Haderlein ILD	Andy Pappano CSD	Velma Miller	CSD
Barb Koehler CSD	Brad Sievers UMD	Deb Sniezek	ILD
Mary Johnson CSD	Justin Selk UMD	Roxanne StPierre	WISD
Guy Schultz CSD	Sandy Zeller STL	James Goetz	NYD
Heidi Sickler CSD	Donna Reynolds ILD	Brett Sickler	CSD

**DELEGATES LISTED BY COMMITTEES** (continued)

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Tabetha French CSD	Deb Axson CSD	John Paxton LED
Jennifer McCabeCSD	DJ Wagner CSD	Linda Paxton LED
Donnie WatkinsCSD	Carole Brennan CSD	Todd Michl LED
Mary Johnson CSD	Terry Bodine CSD	Sandy Zeller STL
Kim Lloyd CSD	Brett Sickler CSD	Dale BojanowskiNED
Ron Eason CSD	Terry Johnson CSD	Ross Hugi ILD
Ed McGee CSD	Chris Ritchell NED	Craig Sniezek ILD
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Mike McGee CSD	Giles Hoyt CSD	Pam Lau ILD
Guy Schultz CSD	Deb Martin CSD	Judy ArmstrongILD
Heidi Sickler CSD	Velma Miller CSD	Betty Barts ILD
Cindy Law CSD	Nick Barts ILD	Glen Barts Sr ILD
Gwennan ThomasCSD	Marion Oppelt NYD	Scott Lau ILD
Andy Pappano CSD	Phil Klabunde MAD	Dan Hoisington WISD
Jim Markland CSD	Deb Sniezek ILD	Roxanne St. PierreWISD
Cricket MarklandCSD	David J. MulrooneyMAD	Ross Hetz STL

Guests: David Liptak, Joy Bodine, Dennis Zeller, Sue Knisley, Michelle Lesperance

**BOWLING COMMITTEE**

Bob Haderlein ILD	Gwennan ThomasCSD	Terry Bodine CSD
Craig Sniezek ILD	Donna ReynoldsILD	Brett Sickler CSD
Judy ArmstrongILD	Joe Lusk ILD	Guy Schultz CSD
Ray SeppelfrickILD	Deb Martin CSD	Heidi Sickler CSD
	Velma Miller CSD	Justin Selk UMD

Guests: John Paxton, Linda Paxton, Paul Schneider

**BY-LAWS**

Tom Eiler WPD	James Goetz NYD	Kevin McCart CSD
Tom Bozonelos ILD	Sean Sendlein STL	Jim Markland CSD
Tabetha French CSD	Chris Ritchell NED	Cricket Markland CSD
Jennifer McCabeCSD	Andy Pappano CSD	Jessica Hansen NED
Kim Lloyd CSD	Deb Axson CSD	DavidBMulrooneyMAD
Ed McGee CSD	DJ Wagner CSD	Frank Wedl NYD
Deb McGee CSD	Carole Brennan CSD	Giles Hoyt CSD
Mike McGee CSD	Betty Klabunde MAD	Laurie Haderlein ILD
Cindy Law CSD	Phil Klabunde MAD	Brad Sievers UMD
Dan Hoisington WISD	Ron Eason CSD	

Guests: Edwin Colton, Michelle Lesperance, Dennis Zeller, Sandy Zeller, George Petrik, Marion Oppelt, Elaine Makowski, Roxanne St. Pierre

**WHAT AMERICAN TURNERS CAN DO FOR YOU**

All Delegates were invited to attend this informational meeting.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of Credentials Committee  
77th Convention  
American Turners  
August 3, 2018

Chairman - Dave B. Mulrooney (MAD)

Secretary - Kate Payne (ILD)

Meeting was called to order at 3:21 by David B. Mulrooney (MAD)

### Committee Members:

George Petrik - WPAD	Roxanne St. Pierre - WISD Marion Oppelt - NYD Harold Hiehenke - WUSD	Scott Lau -ILD Dale Bojanowski - NED Justin Selk -UMD
Kevin McCart -CSD	absent	
David B Mulrooney -MAD		
Paul Schneider - ab.LED	Ross Hetz - STL	

Committee Guests: Dennis Zeller (STL) and Brad Sievers (UMD)

### Federal Votes:

Central States District	30
Illinois District	39
Lake Erie District	9
Middle Atlantic District	7
New England District	15
New Jersey District	1
New York District	4
St. Louis District	4
Upper Mississippi District	5
Western Pennsylvania District	36
Western United States District	15
Wisconsin District	4

CSD no changes

ILD Delete Erin Beck, Randy Roe

LED Not present

MAD No changes

NED No changes

NYD No changes

STL No changes

WID Delete Virginia Moldan  
WPAD No changes  
WUSD Not present

77 Total delegates after deletions.

Without WUSD (15) and LED (9) being present = 144  
It was determined by the Credentials Committee that there are:

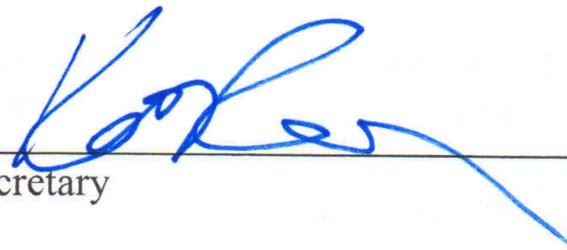
144 Federal votes  
2/3 = 96  
Simple Majority = 73

Ross Hetz (STL) moved that there are 144 Federal Votes, 96  $\frac{2}{3}$  and Simple Majority 73, seconded by Dale Bojanowski (NED). Vote passed unanimously.

Kevin McCart (CSD) moved to adjourn, Marion Oppelt (NYD) seconded. Vote passed unanimously at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

**77th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF  
THE AMERICAN TURNERS  
Hosted by Concordia Turners, St. Louis, MO  
AUGUST 3rd – 4th, 2018**

Call to order at 7:14 P.M. by National President David P. Liptak (ILD) after video presentation.

Presentation of the United States Flag and the American Turners Flag.

Pledge of Allegiance (please remain standing).

National Anthem (please remain standing).

Moment of silence in memory of Turners who have passed away.

Words of welcome from Concordia President, Maria Brett.

Introduction of American Turner Past Presidents, Ed Colton (ILD) and Tom Bozonelos (ILD).

Recognition of Military Members, Newest Members, first time delegates, Members by decades, Interview Speakers.

Special recognition of our 80 Year Member, Leonard Senlein (STLD)

National President appoints:

Temporary Convention Chairperson Dan Hoisington (WISD)

Temporary Convention Secretary(s)

Temporary Convention Parliamentarian

Dan Hoisington takes the Chair.

Chairman makes announcements of importance to the delegates and guests.

Introduction of National Officers and Chairpersons:

National President David Liptak

National First Vice President Dennis Zeller

National Second Vice President Joy Bodine

National Health & Phys. Ed. Comm. Chairperson Michelle Lesperance

National Cultural Com Chairperson Sue Knisley

National Bowling Committee Chairperson Mike Hohman

President of the Endowment Trust Edwin Colton

President of the Jahn Education Fund Frank Wedl

National Administrative Assistant Kate Payne

Marketing Committee Chairperson Nick Barts

National Scholarship Chairperson Giles Hoyt

National Historian Giles Hoyt

Turner Topics Editor Craig Sniezek

Introduction of National Council District Representatives:

Central States Deb Martin

Illinois Nick Barts

Lake Erie John Paxton

Mid Atlantic Dave Mulrooney  
New England Dale Bojanowski  
New Jersey Absent-Ray Virgens  
New York Marion Oppelt  
St Louis Ross Hetz  
Upper Mississippi Darold Sindt  
Western Pennsylvania Allen Frederick Western  
US Dennis Fredricks  
Wisconsin District Dan Hoisington

Special Thank You to the Delegates who volunteered to help with tasks to organize and run this 77th National Convention.

Temporary Chairperson calls for REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE and the distribution of that report to the delegates. Chairperson David B. Mulrooney read the minutes of the Credentials Committee.

Dale Bojanowski moved to accept the Credentials Committee meeting. Seconded by David B. Mulrooney. Vote passed unanimously.

Dale Bojanowski moved to amend delegates numbers represented to include 2 missing districts. Discussion held over no representatives for 2 districts and recounting the Federal Votes. A vote was requested by show of hands. Motion withdrawn by Dale Bojanowski after Parliamentary recommendation.

Motion to table the seating of the delegates until tomorrow by David J. Mulrooney, seconded by Jim Goetz. Motion withdrawn.

Total Federal Votes are 144  
2/3 Majority=96  
Simple Majority=73

Temporary Chairperson announces that the National Convention is now ready to form a permanent organization and asks for a vote for the election of these Temporary officers:

Permanent Convention Chairperson  
Permanent Convention Secretary(s)  
Permanent Convention Parliamentarian  
Permanent Convention Sgt. at Arms and 2 Assistants  
(none of whom shall be from the same district or running for any office)

Permanent Officers assume seats at the head table and the Chairperson assumes chair.

Craig Sniezek (ILD) moved to elect Dan Hoisington, Kate Payne, Tom Bozonelos to respectively as permanent seats. Seconded by Dave B. Mulrooney (MAD). Vote passed unanimously.

Chairperson calls for nominations or volunteers for Sergeant at arms. Deb Sniezek (ILD) as Sergeant at Arms, Jennifer McCabe (CSD), Keith Mulrooney (MAD) volunteered as assistants. Craig Sniezek (ILD) moves to accept these positions as announced. Seconded by Sean Sendlein (STL). Vote passed unanimously.

Chairperson announces all reports of National Officers and Chairs available from Part A.

National President  
National First Vice President

National Second Vice President  
National Treasurer National Corporate Secretary  
National Health & Physical Education Committee  
National Cultural Education Committee  
National Bowling Committee  
Endowment Trust Fund  
Jahn Education Fund  
Turner Topics Editor  
Marketing Committee Scholarship Committee  
Any other reports of importance to this Convention, including, but not limited to:  
Illinois District  
Central States District  
Lake Erie District  
New York District  
St. Louis District  
Wisconsin District

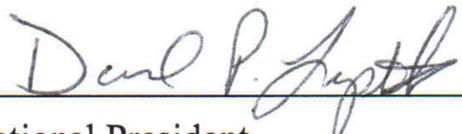
Scott Lau (ILD) moved to accept all reports as presented in Part A, Frank Wedl (NYD) seconds. Vote passed unanimously.

Ed Colton took the floor with a motivational speech. Work, Support, Vote, Elect, Inform are the keys to answer the repetitive question, "Where have all the Turners gone?"

Concordia President Maria Brett took the floor with a series of speeches to include the history and struggles from past Concordia Presidents, LaVerne Rodgers, Jill Pfeuffer and Ross Hetz.

Chairperson entertains a motion to adjourn the first session of the Convention. Phil Klubunde (MAD) moved to adjourn, Jennifer McCabe (CSD) seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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National President

  
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Convention Secretary

## NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of National Health and Physical Education Committee  
77th Convention  
American Turners  
August 4, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 8:16am by Temporary Chairman, Tom Bozonelos

Nick Barts (ILD) 1st and Jessica Hanson (NE) 2nd nominating Tom Bozonelos Temporary Chair

Nick Barts (ILD) 1st and Barb Koehler 2nd (CSD) nominating Pam Lau Temporary Secretary

Nick Barts (ILD) 1st Pam Lau (ILD) 2nd nominating Tom Bozonelos Permanent Chair

Nick Barts (ILD) 1st and Judy Armstrong (ILD) 2nd nominating Pam Lau Permanent Secretary

Secretary - Pam Lau (ILD)

Committee Members: Following Delegates were in attendance

George Petrik	WP
Bob Haderlein	ILD
Ross Hugi	ILD
Pam Lau	ILD
Judy Armstrong	ILD
Glen Barts Sr	ILD
David Liptak	ILD
Donnie Watkins	CSD
Dot Steinlage	CSD
Ed McGee	CSD
Deb McGee	CSD
Mike McGee	CSD
Jim Markland	CSD
Cricket Markland	CSD
DJ Wagner	CSD
Phil Klabunde	MAD
Paul Schneider	LED
Marion Oppelt	NYD
Ross Hetz	STL
Jessica Hansen	NED
Tom Bozonelos	ILD
Nick Barts	ILD
Terry Johnson	CSD
Barb Koehler	CSD
Cindy Law	CSD
Ray Seppelfrick	ILD
Joe Lusk	ILD
Todd Michl	Lake Erie

Linda Paxton Lake Erie

Committee Guests: Dennis Zeller St. Louis, Ed Colton ILD

Chairperson hands the meeting over to National Health and PE Chairperson, Michelle Lesperance (WID).

NHPEC conducts the reading of reports and discussions.

Gymnastics-Eastside Milwaukee

\*River City would like to host next Artistic Gymnastics Meet

Softball-Aurora

\*Looking for new host for future tournaments, Fort Wayne recommended as a permanent host due to being centrally located

\*Looking for leadership from younger players

Golf-Keystone

\*Looking for a new chairman

USAG Report

\*Very Important to make sure that ALL COACHES for any youth activities are monitored to protect our kids

\*Look up Lindsey's Law, recommended that Society's review the video program

\*Photo release form to be included in National Festival

NHPEC Report

\*Changes made to Softball bat regulations were made

\*Reviewed proposed change to bring Bowling under NHPEC, our recommendation to leave bowling as is

Discussions of upcoming National events begin.

2019-

National Festival-July 24-27, Fort Wayne, IN

Review changes in Rulebook and Supplemental Book

\*NHPEC Chair has authority to make adjustments to rules, age groups, levels, etc... to enable the best competition possible

\* 50+ is the Senior Women Level for Parallel Bars and Pommel Horse

\* National Volleyball Coordinator is Jeff Schutte to be contacted at [jschuette@cjtf.org](mailto:jschuette@cjtf.org)

\* Pickle ball added - See Rules

\*Golf minimum age 14 - See Rules

\*Volleyball will try to match up players with teams when needed

\*Check changes in the supplement to Gymnastics

\* See changes to Track warm ups

Tentative Festival Schedule was mentioned and will be published shortly

\*Jahn Fund will pay out \$25,000 for transportation to festival, Youth and Adult included

2021-German TurnFest Leipzig, Germany

Discussions of changes to Youth Transportation Fund

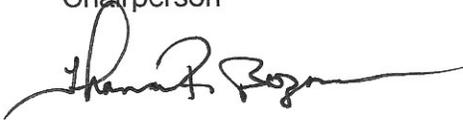
\*Youth events \$25 minimum, \$100 maximum per child for transportation costs to National Championships (not including National Festival)

Nominations for The National Health & Physical Education Chairperson.  
Phil Klabunde (MAD) nominated, seconded by Pam Lau (ILD) for Michelle Lesperance for  
Chairman.

Chairperson entertains a motion to close the meeting. Motion presented by Jessica Hanson  
(NE), seconded by Pam Lau (ILD). Motion passed 9:42 am

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Bozonelos  
Chairperson



Pam Lau  
Secretary

## NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of Finance Committee  
77th Convention  
American Turners  
August 4, 2018

Chairman - Scott Lau ILD

Secretary - Jennifer McCabe CSD

Committee Members:

Tom Eiler, WPAD  
Betty Barts, ILD  
Scott Lau, ILD  
Jennifer McCabe, CSD  
Kim Lloyd, CSD  
Heidi Sickler, CSD  
Gwennan Thomas, CSD  
Carole Brennan, CSD

John Paxton, LED  
Roxanne St. Pierre, WISD  
Dan Hoisington, WISD  
Dale Bojanowski, NED  
Tabetha French, CSD  
Elaine Macawoski, NYD  
Lauri Hadlein, ILD  
Ross Hogi, ILD

Giles Hoyt, CSD  
Kevin McCart, CSD  
Brad Sievers, UMD  
Justin Siek, UMD  
Guy Schultz, CSD  
Brett Sickler, CSD  
Andy Pappone, CSD

Committee Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 8:14am by temporary chairperson Scott Lau.

Motion to make temporary Chairperson and temporary Secretary the permanent Chairperson and permanent Secretary by Giles Hoyt (CSD), seconded by Dale Bojanowski (NED). Vote held, all in favor, motion passed

Discussions were held in regards to the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements provided prior to Convention.

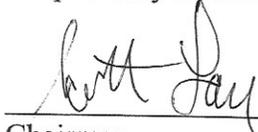
Recommendation to make a motion to authorize a standing financial committee by Carole Brennan (CSD), with the terms of which are to be determined. Roxanne St Pierre (WISD) seconded. Vote passed with one against.

After further discussion, Carole Brennan moved to amend recommending motion to be a sub committee reporting to the treasurer. Seconded by Gwennan Thomas (CSD) Vote passed unanimously.

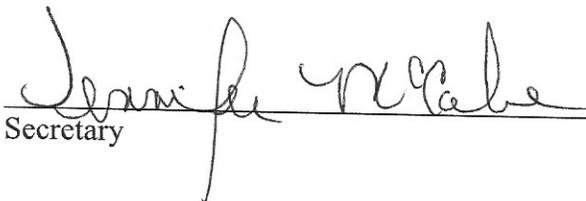
Further discussion of how this committee would operate and whom should be on this committee; recommended that they should have a financial background of some sort.

Dale Bojanowski (NED) moved to adjourn, seconded by Frank Wedl (NYD). Vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

## NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of Cultural Committee  
77th Convention  
American Turners  
August 4, 2018

Chairperson – Sandy Zeller (STL)

Secretary - Deb Martin (CSD)

Meeting was called to order at 8:50 by Temporary Chairperson Sandy Zeller (STL).

Chairperson calls the roll of delegates of Cultural Committee:

Craig Sniezek	ILD	Brett Sickler	CSD	James Goetz	NYD
Laurie Haderlein	ILD	Andy Pappano	CSD	Alicia Clarke	WUS
Barbara Koehler	CSD	Brad Sievers	UMD	Sandy Zeller	STL
Mary Johnson	CSD	Deb Martin	CSD	Donna Reynolds	ILD
Guy Schultz	CSD	Velma Miller	CSD	Justin Selk	UMD
Heidi Sickler	CSD	Deb Sniezek	ILD		
Gwennan Thomas	CSD	Roxanne St. Pierre	Wisc		

Temporary Chairperson introduced Committee Guests: Joy Bodine, 2nd VP of American Turners and David Liptak, President of American Turners.

Temporary Chairperson entertained a motion to permanently seat the Temporary Chairs. Motion presented by Barbara Koehler (CSD), seconded by Velma Miller (CSD). Vote passed unanimously.

Chairperson introduces National Cultural Committee Chair, Sue Knisley (ILD) and hands the meeting over to her for information and debates.

Sue Knisley(ILD) mentioned we had no resolutions presented for cultural.

Discussion about National Festival in 2019 in Ft. Wayne, all ages can participate in cultural.

Discussion of Cultural categories.

Sue Knisley (ILD) talked about the different categories in the Cultural Red Book found at [amturners.org](http://amturners.org).

If you are performing in Instrumental category, you must bring your own instrument. Instead of piano, laptop can be used. Discussion from Craig Sniezek (ILD) about possible use of piano at a church and possible use of church choir/organ director as judge.

James Goetz (NYD) mentioned the need for matting on photos and paintings, etc.

Sue discussed the labels need careful and complete description for each entry.

James Goetz (NYD) started discussion about who can participate in Cultural at National Festival, President David Liptak and Craig Sniezek (ILD) shared information about Youth membership can participate in any National Events. Craig also mentioned that each society should have Youth membership as part of their bylaws.

Sue Knisley (ILD) said to read and follow the instructions in the Cultural Red Book, but also made mention of the rule about all work must be done from the last Festival of July 2015, not before, to the present National Festival. Group competition must have group form and each individual in the group must have a form. Sue discussed Miss American Turners entry can be from every society.

Discussions on how Jahn Education Grants can be utilized. James Goetz (NYD) mentioned that the Jahn Fund can help with instructors and cultural class expenses for Turner members. Jahn Fund also gives monetary awards for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners. The participants in Miss American Turners must also compete in Physical or Cultural competition at the National Festival.

Discussions and brainstorming for new programs that can be started/revitalized at all levels and entice viewers: Guy Schultz (CSD) mentioned Toledo has a Bike Club, Aurora has a Walking Club. David Liptak said that Cultural has the potential to reach and involve more people and to grow American Turners. Craig Sniezek (ILD) said we need to think outside the box. He mentioned the entry of large items and Sue said, we did that at last Festival and the entry sent in photos of item and a sample of his finished wood.

Discussions of the 2019 Festival Cultural Competition categories:

More will be discussed at National Cultural meeting in September.

Dates of National Festival in Fort Wayne, IN will be Wednesday, July 24 through Saturday, July 27.

James Goetz (NYD) mentioned that participants in Cultural will receive the National pin in recognition of 4 years of participation. Bring your old Turner flags and a stand to display in Cultural area.

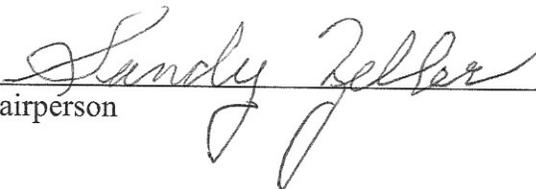
Sue Knisley (ILD) handed the meeting back to the Chairperson.

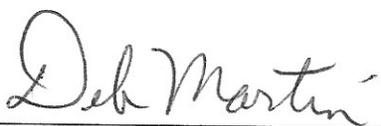
Chairperson called for nominations and vote for National Cultural Chair. Sue Knisley (ILD) was nominated by Velma Miller (CSD), seconded by Deb Sniezek (ILD). Vote passed.

Chairperson entertained a motion to close the Cultural Committee Meeting of the 2018 National Convention. Motion presented by Jim Goetz (NYD), seconded by Craig Sniezek (ILD). Vote passed unanimously.

Meeting concluded at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chairperson

  
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Secretary

## NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

### Report of Long Range Planning Committee 77th Convention American Turners August 4, 2018

Chairperson - Tabitha French (CSD)

Secretary - Cindy Law (CSD)

Temporary Chairperson Tabitha French opened the Long Range Planning meeting at 11:11am. Nick Barts moved to seat Tabitha French as permanent Chairperson and Cindy Law as permanent Secretary., Marion Oppelt seconded. Vote passed unanimously

#### Rollcall of Delegates:

Tabetha French	CSD	Terry Bodine	CSD	Craig Sniezek	ILD
Jennifer McCabe	CSD	Brett Sickler	CSD	Tom Bozonelos	ILD
Donnie Watkins	CSD	Terry Johnson	CSD	Pam Lau	ILD
Mary Johnson	CSD	Chris Ritchell	NED	Judy Armstrong	ILD
Kim Lloyd	CSD	Kevin McCart	CSD	Betty Barts	ILD
Ron Eason	CSD	Giles Hoyt	CSD	Glen Barts Sr	ILD
Ed McGee	CSD	Deb Martin	CSD	Scott Lau	ILD
Deb McGee	CSD	Velma Miller	CSD	Maria Brett	STL
Mike McGee	CSD	Nick Barts	ILD	Dan Hoisington	Wisc
Guy Schultz	CSD	Marion Oppelt	NYD	Roxanne St. Pierre	Wisc
Heidi Sickler	CSD	Phil Klabunde	MAD	Ross Hetz	STL
Cindy Law	CSD	Deb Sniezek	ILD	Nick Barts	ILD
Gwennan Thomas	CSD	David J. Mulrooney	MAD	Marion Oppelt	NYD
Andy Pappano	CSD	John Paxton	LED	Phil Klabunde	MAD
Jim Markland	CSD	Linda Paxton	LED	Justin Selk	UMD
Cricket Markland	CSD	Todd Michl	LED	Betty Klabunde	MAD
Deb Axson	CSD	Sandy Zeller	STL	Brad Sievers	UMD
DJ Wagner	CSD	Dale Bojanowski	NED	Elaine Makowski	NYD
Carole Brennan	CSD	Ross Hugi	ILD	Terry Johnson	CSD

#### Guests Present:

David Liptak	ILD	Dennis Zeller	CSD	Sue Knisley	ILD
Joy Bodine	CSD	Kate Payne	ILD	Michelle Lesperance	Wisc

Chairperson French turned the floor over to National President David Liptak.

An overview of notable happenings and ideas of discussion were listed out by David Liptak

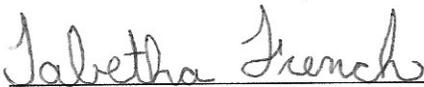
- Societies with little or no interest in "Turnerism" and only staying with National to keep the nonprofit status.
- Turner topics- Concern if costs are justified, Concern if information is being read, concerns over getting content to fill the Topics issues.
- Craig Sniezek (ILD) took the floor regarding Turner Topics. Content for Scholarships being printed when applications are at an all-time low, event registrations printed for small numbers of people interested in specific events. Printed 6000 copies the rest are electronic. 16 pages to fill in the turner topics and no one is sending in info.
- More discussions from the floor: If we only go electric, we are cutting off our senior members. \$24000 to put our 4 publications. Could we send a smaller version for snail mail? 16 page is the most efficient way to print current layout. Information is already past. We need to be discussing fundraisers and what we can do.
- Need to find ways to help societies bring in members.
- We need to find new ways to reinvent ourselves.
- How to get the youth more involved.

- New logo ideas.
- What do we want National to do for the societies.
- Every society needs to find what works for them to raise membership.
- We need to get more people to want to be there and not “what are you going to do for me”
- We need to grow from within.
- Would like to see a corporate video to send back to club. Professional video on all societies and the history of turners.
- Districts need to be more helpful with their societies and both of their participation in events
- Need to do a national advertising campaign and also go out and ask for money (donations and sponsorship)
- Need to get grants for marketing.
- We need to think about our seniors as well as our youth.
- Small leadership meetings were suggested, especially with the amount of interest and input given.

Kate Payne (ILD) said some of these ideas will be implemented with the new computer system, but clubs need to drive the website. Go back to your club and find people to be interested in working on website. Silkstart program is the new website to bring all clubs together. Clubs will save money using this program.

Terry Johnson (CSD) moved to adjourn. Carol Brennan (CSD) seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Chairperson

  
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 Secretary

## NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of Bowling Committee  
77th Convention  
American Turners  
August 4, 2018

Chairperson - Craig Sniezek (ILD)

Secretary - Judy Armstrong (ILD)

Committee Members:

Bob Haderlein	ILD	Ray Seppelfrick	ILD	Deb Martin	CSD
Craig Sniezek	ILD	Guy Schultz	CSD	Velma Miller	CSD
Judy Armstrong	ILD	Gwennan Thomas	CSD	Donna Reynolds	ILD
Terry Bodine	CSD	Heidi Sickler	CSD	Bob Haderlein	ILD
Justin Selk	CSD	Brett Sickler	CSD	Joe Lusk	ILD

Committee Guests: John Paxton LED, Linda Paxton LED, Paul Schneider LED

Meeting was called to order at 11:17 am by temporary chairperson Craig Sniezek (ILD).

Temporary Chairperson entertains a motion to permanently seat Chairperson and Secretary. Motion presented by Deb Sniezek (ILD), seconded by Deb Martin (CSD). Motion passed unanimously/passed with no abstentions.

Discussion and presentation for new USBC equipment rules for August 1, 2018 and August 1, 2019.

Discussion on the Tournament rules, Financial Report, if available, survey, bowling establishment agreement, bid form and any other forms for tournaments.

Discussions regarding the Jr. Bowling process, promoting participation, collection and publication of results.

Discussions begin regarding upcoming events

2019 Aurora Turners has tournament and the dates are April 13/14, 27/28 and May 4/5

2019 Jr. Bowling Date range is undetermined

2020 No bids received as of July 17, but Syracuse has shown an interest

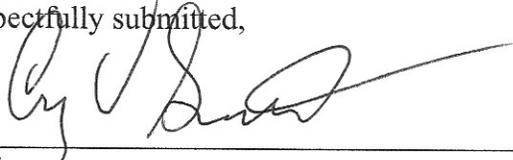
Discussions held on a recommendation for new Bowling Chairperson. Mike Holman is not running for the current term. Discussion was held as to nominate the next National Bowling

Chairperson. Deb Martin (CSD) moved to nominate Craig Sniezek (ILD) as the next National Bowling Chairperson, seconded by Velma Miller (CSD). Motion passed unanimously.

Donna Reynolds (ILD) made a motion to accept rules as presented, seconded by Debra Sniezek (ILD). Motion passed unanimously.

Heidi Sickler (CSD) made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justin Selk (CSD). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson



Secretary

## NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of Bylaws Committee  
77th Convention  
American Turners  
August 4, 2018

Chairman - Tom Bozonelos (ILD)

Secretary - Jessica Hansen (NED)

### Committee Members:

Tom Eiler WP

Tom Bozonelos ILD

David Liptak ILD

Tabetha French CSD

Jennifer McCabe CSD

Kim Lloyd CSD

Ed McGee CSD

Deb McGee CSD

Mike McGee CSD

Cindy Law CSD

Phil Klabunde MAD

Betty Klabunde MAD

Jim Markland CSD

Cricket Markland CSD

Dan Hoisington Wisc

James Goetz NYD

Sean Sendlein STL

Chris Ritchell NED

Andy Pappano CSD

Deb Axson CSD

DJ Wagner CSD

Carole Brennan CSD

Giles Hoyt CSD

David B Mulrooney MAD

Frank Wedl NYD

Jessica Hansen NED

Brad Sievers UMD

Laurie Haderlein ILD

Ronnie Eason CSD

Kevin McCart CSD

Committee Guests: Ed Colton- ILD, Michelle Lesperance WISD, Denis Zeller STL, Sandy Zeller STL, George Petrik WPAD, Marion Oppelt NYD, Elaine Makowski NYD, Roxanne St. Pierre WISD

Meeting was called to order at 11:23 am by Temporary Chair Tom Bozonelos (ILD).

Motion to elect chair was made by Sean Sendlein (STL ) and seconded by Ed McGee (CSD ).  
Motion passed.

Motion to elect secretary was made by Giles Hoyt (CSD) and seconded by Sean Sendlein (STL).  
Motion passed.

The following resolutions were debated and voted on with the resulting recommendations of this committee to be approved under New Business of this convention.

Resolution #1, updating the location of Charter, principal office and registered agents, was recommended to be adopted with the following changes- **The principal business office shall be in Illinois. The offices of the registered agents shall be established in Kentucky and Illinois.**

on a motion by Giles Hoyt (CSD), seconded by Tabetha French (CSD). Motion passed.

Resolution #2, changing the attesting of Convention minutes to Convention Chairperson and Convention Secretary, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Giles Hoyt (CSD), seconded by Phil Klabunde (MAD). Motion passed

Resolution #3, removing the requirement of National Secretary and National Treasurer and allowing up to 5 persons, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Sean Sendlein (STL), seconded by Cindy Lau (CSD). Motion passed.

Resolution #4, Executive Committee be granted to spend up to \$1500 annually without National Council approval, was recommended to be **rejected** due to concern with how IRS is treating non-profits. While rejected this should be discussed as part of Council approving a budget that would then allow for this to happen operationally on a motion by Phil Klabunde (MAD), seconded by Chris Ritchell (NED). Motion passed.

Resolution #5, making the only requirement for District reporting a letter instead of meeting minutes, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Phil Klabunde (MAD), seconded by Giles Hoyt (CSD). Motion passed.

Resolution #6, removing the restrictions of keeping its principal office in KY, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Sean Sendlein (STL), seconded by David B Mulrooney (MAD). Motion passed.,

Resolution #7, removes the restrictions on who conducts National affairs business, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Sean Sendlein (STL), seconded by Jennifer McCabe (CSD). Motion passed.

Resolution #8, calling for less restrictions on how we make Turner Topics available for our members, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by David B Mulrooney (MAD), seconded by Sean Sendlein (STL). **Frank Wedl (NYD) has asked that since money from the Jahn Fund is used to support this that they be supplied with an accounting of funds. This is restricted money so proper documentation needs to be kept to account for use of these funds. Possible use of balance sheet account to track.** Motion passed.

Resolution #9, defining a Society in good Standing, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Giles Hoyt (CSD), seconded by David B Mulrooney (MAD). Motion passed.

Resolution #10, allowing National officers all rights of Delegates at convention, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Phil Klabunde (MAD), seconded by Sean Sendlein (STL). Motion passed.

Resolution #11, requesting Bowling Committee be moved under the direction of the NHPE Chairperson, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Phil Klabunde (MAD), seconded by Giles Hoyt (CSD) **There was discussion on if there was any motivation for the change,**

**there was not. There is hope of some cost saving with this move. The thought that Bowling like Softball and Golf already do. Currently the Scholarship chair does not have a seat on council. Motion passed. Please note that even though the recommendation passed there were two people who did oppose the motion.**

Resolution #12, moving the amount for Per Capita for Members at Large to Operation and procedural manual, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Sean Sendlein (STL), seconded by Giles Hoyt (CSD). Motion passed.

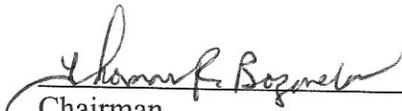
Resolution #13, admission of a new society will have a one year trial-period after National Council acceptance, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Cindy Lau (CSD), seconded by David B Mulrooney (MAD). Motion passed.

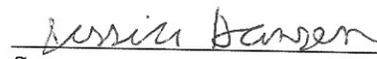
Resolution #14, society not in good standing will not be allowed delegate seats at the following National Convention, was recommended to be adopted on a motion by Jim Markland (CSD), seconded by Jennifer McCabe (CSD) **Clarified that this means the District will not be penalized as a whole for one Society.** Motion passed.

Resolution #15, changes per capita renewal dates moves per capita amount to operation and procedural manual and allows changes by  $\frac{2}{3}$  National Council vote, was recommended to be amended with the following changes on a motion by Sean Sendlein (STL), seconded by Cindy Lau (CSD) **The first part of when to pay was passed. The second part that removed control from the Convention was not approved. So the bylaw would read as proposed but change the last sentence back to the original wording "Any change in the per capita tax would have to be authorized by convention vote."** Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of What American Turners Can Do For You Committee  
77th Convention  
American Turners  
August 5, 2018

Chairman - Dave Liptak (ILD)

Secretary - Kate Payne (ILD)

All delegates were invited for attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 1:25pm.

Chairperson David Liptak turned the floor over to Frank Wedl (NYD) to do discuss Jahn Education Fund history and intent of funds. Singing, dance, arts and crafts. Applications for funding will be updated and published.

Floor was turned over to Ed Colton (ILD) to speak as Endowment Trust Fund. Ed spoke of available grants and how to apply for them.

Floor was turned over to Craig Sniezek (ILD) for his presentation on email services and motivation for societies to have better contact with their members.

Floor was turned over to Kate Payne (ILD) for a brief presentation regarding the new computer system and how the physical property at the National Office has thinned out over the last 2 years.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of Nominating Committee  
77th Convention  
American Turners  
August 3, 2018

Chairman - James Goetz (NYD)

Secretary - Kate Payne (ILD)

Committee Members:

-Judy Armstrong	ILD	-Roxanne St. Pierre	WISD	-Chris Ritchell	NED
-Deb Martin	CSD	-James Goetz	NYD	-Justin Selk	UMD
-David B Mulrooney	MAD	ab- Dennis Fredricks	WUSD	Not present	Tom Eiler WPAI
-Paul Schneider	LED	-Ross Hetz	STL		

Committee Guests: Dennis Zeller (STL)

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Jim Goetz (NYD)

The following names were placed in nomination:

National President nominees Dave Liptak (ILD) and Dennis Zeller (STL)

1st Vice President is Open

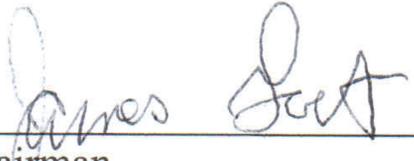
2nd Vice President nomination is Joy Bodine (CSD)

ETF nominations for 2 positions available are Marion Oppelt (NYD), Jim Goetz (NYD), Mike Coakley (ILD)

National Bowling Chair nomination is Craig Sniezek (ILD)

Dave Mulrooney (MAD) moved to adjourn, Chris Ritchell (NED) seconded. Vote passed unanimously at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Session Two National Convention  
August 4, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by Convention Chairman Dan Hoisington (WISD)

Motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes of the Opening Session of Convention by Craig Sniezek (ILD), seconded by Giles Hoyt (CSD). Motion passed.

Motion to allow the Credentials Committee to re-open for changes to Delegates by Phil Klabunde (MAD), seconded by Carole Brennan (CSD). Motion passed.

Motion to add Lake Erie District 9 Federal Votes and Western US District 15 Federal Votes. Total Federal Votes will be 168 with  $\frac{2}{3}$  being 112 and Simple Majority 85, presented by Craig Sniezek (ILD) and seconded by Ross Hugi (ILD). Motion passed.

Reading of committee meeting minutes.

National Health and Phys Ed Committee Chairperson, Tom Bozonelos (ILD) read the minutes of the morning meeting. Suggested corrections for Jim Scheutte's name, remove Guests from delegate list. Motion to accept the amended minutes by Tom Bozonelos (ILD), seconded by Phil Klabunde (MAD). Motion Passed.

Finance Committee Chairperson Scott Lau (ILD) read the minutes of the morning meeting. Corrections to remove Guests from the Delegate list to be made. Scott Lau (ILD) moved to accept the amended meeting minutes, seconded by Dale Bojanowski (NED). Motion passed.

Cultural Committee Chairperson Sandy Zeller (STL) read the minutes of the morning meeting. Motion to accept the Cultural minutes as read by Sandy Zeller (STL), seconded by Barb Koehler (CSD). Motion passed.

Long Range Planning minutes were read by Delegate Tom Bozonelos (ILD). Tom Bozonelos (ILD) on behalf of Tabitha French (CSD) motions to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Chris Ritchell (NED). Amendments need to make changes. Motion to accept the amended reports by Dan Hoisington (WISD), seconded by Jennifer McCabe (CSD). Motion passed.

Bowling Committee Chairperson Craig Sniezek (ILD) read the minutes from the morning meeting. Amendments to be made to Delegate list. Craig Sniezek (ILD) moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Paul Schneider (LED). Motion passed.

By Laws Committee Chairperson Tom Bozonelos (ILD) read the minutes from session one. Cindy Law's name to be corrected throughout. National Guests will corrected. Frank Wedl (NYD) moved to accept the amended minutes, seconded by Giles Hoyt (CSD). Motion passed. What American Turners Can Do For You was an informational meeting open to all delegates and a report was available to all delegates but the report was not read.

Craig Sniezek (ILD) moved to change the order of the agenda to vote on resolutions prior to election of officers. Seconded by Sean Sendlein (STL). Discussion was held. Vote was held after brief caucus by Federal Vote Tally. The votes are as follows:

CSD	28 in favor, 2 against	STL	4 in favor
ILD	30 in favor, 9 against	UMD	5 in favor
LED	9 in favor	WPD	36 in favor
MAD	7 in favor	WUS	15 in favor
NED	15 against	WISD	4 against
NYD	4 in favor		

30 against, 138 in favor. By simple majority, motion passed.

Resolution #1 Presented as

Section 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICES

The principal office shall be in Illinois. The offices of the registered agents shall be established in Kentucky and Illinois.

Section 2. OTHER OFFICES

The Corporation may have other offices and registered agents, either within or outside the State of Incorporation, as such place or places as the National Council may from time to time appoint, provided, however, that any such appointment by the National Council shall be subject to approval, disapproval, or change by the National Convention at its next convention.

Cindy Law (CSD) moved to accept Resolution #1 as recommended amendment by the By-Laws Committee. Seconded by Barb Koehler (CSD). Federal vote called and totals as follows:

CSD	30 in favor	STL	4 in favor
ILD	39 in favor	UMD	5 in favor
LED	9 in favor	WPD	36 in favor
MAD	7 in favor	WUS	15 in favor
NED	15 in favor	WISD	4 in favor
NYD	4 in favor		

168 in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution #2 Giles Hoyt (CSD) moved to approve this resolution as presented, seconded by David B. Mulrooney (MAD). Federal vote called and totals are as follows:

CSD	30 in favor	STL	4 in favor
ILD	39 in favor	UMD	5 in favor
LED	9 in favor	WPD	36 in favor
MAD	7 in favor	WUS	15 in favor
NED	15 in favor	WISD	4 in favor
NYD	4 in favor		

168 in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution #3 Jim Goetz (NYD) moved, seconded by Dave Mulrooney (MAD) to accept Resolution #3 as presented.

CSD	30 in favor	STL	4 in favor
ILD	37 against, 2 in favor	UMD	5 in favor
LED	9 in favor	WPD	36 in favor
MAD	7 in favor	WUS	15 against
NED	15 in favor	WISD	4 in favor
NYD	4 in favor		

52 against 116 in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution #4 Craig Sniezek (ILD) moved to agree with the recommended changes from the By-Laws Committee to reject Resolution #4. Motion passed.

Resolution #5 Jim Goetz (NYD), seconded by Cindy Law (CSD) to approve Resolution #5 as presented.

CSD	30 in favor	STL	4 in favor
ILD	37 in favor 2 against	UMD	5 in favor
LED	9 in favor	WPD	36 in favor
MAD	7 in favor	WUS	15 in favor
NED	15 in favor	WISD	4 in favor
NYD	4 in favor		

166 in favor, 2 against. Motion passed.

Resolution #6 Sean Sendlein (STL) moved, seconded by Giles Hoyt (CSD) to approve Resolution #6 as presented.

CSD	30 in favor	STL	4 in favor
ILD	39 in favor	UMD	5 in favor
LED	9 in favor	WPD	36 in favor
MAD	7 in favor	WUS	15 in favor
NED	15 in favor	WISD	4 in favor
NYD	4 in favor		

168 in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution #7 Sean Sendlein (STL) moved, seconded by Jennifer McCabe (CSD) to approve Resolution #7 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #8 Craig Sniezek (ILD) moved to accept the resolution as presented. Seconded by Marion Oppelt (NYD). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #9 Deb Sniezek (ILD) moved, seconded by Dave Mulrooney (MAD) to accept Resolution #9 as presented. Discussion held. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution #10 Sean Sendlein (STL) moved, David B. Mulrooney (MAD) seconded to approve Resolution #10 as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution #11 Frank Wedl (NYD) moved, seconded by Giles Hoyt (CSD) to approve Resolution #11 as presented. Discussion was held. Federal Vote was held with the following results.

CSD	26 in favor, 4 against	STL	4 in favor, 0 against
ILD	2 in favor, 37 against	UMD	5 in favor, 0 against
LED	0 in favor, 9 against	WPD	0 in favor, 36 against
MAD	7 in favor, 0 against	WUS	0 in favor, 15 against
NED	15 in favor, 0 against	WISD	4 in favor, 0 against
NYD	2 in favor, 2 against		

65 in favor, 103 against. Motion failed.

Resolution #12 Giles Hoyt (CSD) moved, seconded by Sean Sendlein (STL) to accept Resolution #12 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #13 David Mulrooney (MAD) moved, seconded by Marion Oppelt (NYD) to accept Resolution #13 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #14 Phil Klabunde (MAD) moved, seconded by John Paxton (LED) to accept Resolution #14 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #15 Sean Sendlein (STL) moved, Tabitha French (CSD) seconded to accept the recommendations of the By-Laws Committee. Sean Sendlein (STL) withdrew his motion. Cindy Law (CSD) moved, Phil Klabunde (MAD) to strike the last line of Resolution #15 and approve as follows: **"Each Society shall pay to the American Turners an annual per capita tax per member regardless of the type of or name of the membership issued and whether such member does or does not pay dues or other fees except for Honorary and Military members. The amount of the per capita tax shall be published in the Operational and Procedural Manual. Renewal memberships will be due June 30 of each year. Reinstatements and new memberships will be accepted until October 31. October 31 is the closing date for all per capita tax."** Motion passed.

Craig Sniezek (ILD) moved, seconded by Kimberly Lloyd (CSD), to return to the Elections portion of the agenda. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee Chairperson, Jim Goetz (NYD) read the recommended nominations.

Motion to second the nominations for 2 nominees for National President, David Liptak and Dennis Zeller, by Giles Hoyt (CSD), seconded by Sean Sendlein (STL). Request for a speech from each of the candidates. David Liptak (ILD) spoke. Dennis Zeller (STL) spoke.

Federal tally votes were totaled for National President Election.

Dave Liptak had 119 votes, Dennis Zeller had 48 votes. David Liptak will remain National President.

Sean Sendlein (STL) nominated Dennis Zeller as 1st Vice President. Deb Martin (CSD) nominated Carole Brennan as 1st Vice President. Chairperson asked if both Candidates accept and called for any additional nominations from the floor. Dale Bojanowski (NED) seconded these candidates. Dave Mulrooney (MAD) moved to close nominations for 1st Vice President, Brad Sievers (UMD) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

After Federal Vote tally's, there was a tie for 1st Vice President. Tie breaking vote by Convention Chairperson was for Dennis Zeller as 1st Vice President. Dennis Zeller will remain National 1st Vice President.

Nominations for 2nd Vice President are Joy Bodine (CSD). No nominations from the floor. Craig Sniezek (ILD) moved, Dave Mulrooney (MAD) seconded to seat Joy Bodine (CSD) as 2nd Vice President. Vote passed unanimously by voice vote. Joy Bodine will remain National 2nd Vice President.

Nominees for 2 Endowment Trust Fund Committee Members through the Nominating Committee are Marion Oppelt, Jim Goetz, and Mike Coakley. From the floor, Tom Bozonelos (ILD) nominated Dan Hoisington, seconded by Nick Barts (ILD).

Frank Wedl (NYD) moved, Tabitha French (CSD) seconded to close nominations. Speeches were made by some nominees and notes by delegates. Federal Votes were called for individually for each seat available.

First vote for Endowment Trust Fund goes to Jim Goetz (NYD).  
Second vote for Endowment Trust Fund goes to Marion Oppelt (NYD).

Nominations for Bowling Committee as recommend recommended by Bowling committee is Craig Sniezek (ILD). Terry Johnson (CSD) seconded the recommendation. Vote passed by voice vote.

Nominations for Cultural Chair as recommended by Cultural Committee is Sue Knisley (ILD). No other nominations came from the floor. Sean Sendlein (STL) moved, seconded by Dave Mulrooney (MAD) to seat Sue Knisley. Vote passed by voice vote.

NHPE recommended Michelle Lesperance to continue as NHPE Chair by committee; no other nominations from the floor. Motion to close nominations by Deb Sniezek (ILD), seconded by Paul Schneider (LED). Vote held and passed.

Louisville Turners submitted a bid along with Akron, OH. for the 2020 National Convention. Craig Sniezek (ILD) moved for Louisville to host 2020 National Convention, seconded by Sean Sendlein (STL). Vote passed unanimously.

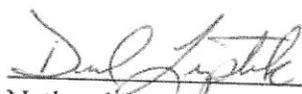
Districts and Societies were urged to start thinking of events they can host and filling positions that will be opening up in the near future.

Tom Eiler presented a check to Endowment Trust Fund as a donation as did Marion Oppelt for NYD, Ross Hetz for St. Louis District, Scott Lau for ILD, and Barb Koehler from CSD.

Motion by Dale Bojanowski (NED) to destroy the voting ballots, seconded by Tabitha French (CSD). Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Mulrooney (MAD) moved to adjourn the 2018 National Convention, seconded by Paul Schneider (LED). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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National President

  
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Convention Secretary

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Change Principal Offices

**WHEREAS:** The National Convention and National Council have taken actions that change the Principal Office and Registered Agent of the corporation in Kentucky and established a second Principal Office and Registered Agent in Illinois

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** The National Council finds that it is in the best interests of the American Turners that such action be taken

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** The actions of the National Council require a change in the By-laws of the organization:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The By-laws of the American Turners be amended and that the Article 1 Offices, Sections 1, 2 of and 3 of said Bylaws that state:

**SECTION 1. PRINCIPLE OFFICES**

**The principle office of the Corporation for the transaction of its business is located at 1127 East Kentucky Street Louisville, KY 40204.**

**SECTION 2. CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**The county of the Corporation's principle office can be changed only by amendment of these By-Laws and not otherwise. The National Council may, however, change the principal office from one location to another within the named county by affirmative vote of a majority of the National Council, and such changes of address shall not be deemed an amendment of these ByLaws.**

**SECTION 3. OTHER OFFICES**

**The corporation may also have offices at such other places, within or without the State of Kentucky, where it is qualified to do business, as its business may require, and as the National Council may, from time to time, designate.**

be deleted and in place thereof the following sections be added:

**Section 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICES**

**The principal office shall be in Illinois. The offices of the registered agents shall be established in Kentucky and Illinois.**

**Section 2. OTHER OFFICES**

**The Corporation may have other offices and registered agents, either within or outside the State of Incorporation, as such place or places as the National Council may from time to time appoint, provided, however, that any such appointment by the National Council shall be subject to approval, disapproval, or change by the National Convention at its next convention.**

RESOLUTION # 1 PASSED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED X

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 168 AGAINST 0

August 1, 2017

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**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Correct People Attesting the Minutes of the National Convention.

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 National Convention, Section 1, National Convention, F on page 5 states:

The minutes of the national convention shall be attested by the **Chairman and the Secretary of said body** and delivered to the delegates as soon as possible after the adjournment of the convention. Distribution to delegates, societies and/or districts not attending the convention will be made together with copies to the National Office.

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 National Convention, Section 1 National Convention, G on page 5 states:

All acts of the National Convention that are not subject to approval by a referendum, shall take effect upon the adjournment of a National Convention once the minutes have been attested by the **National Corporate Secretary and the National President.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Article 4 National Convention, Section 1 National Convention, G be corrected as follows:

All acts of the National Convention that are not subject to approval by a referendum, shall take effect upon the adjournment of a National Convention once the minutes have been attested by the **National Convention Chairperson and Secretary(s).**

RESOLUTION # 2 PASSED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 168 AGAINST 0

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Correct National Council Executive Body members

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 Administration, Section 2 National Council B on page 5 states:  
Officers of the National Council and of the Corporation are President, **First Vice President and Second Vice President**

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 Administration, Section 2 National Council C on page 5 states:  
Additional elected members of the National Council are a. Chair of Health and Physical Education Committee  
b. Chair of Cultural Educational Committee  
c. Chair of the Bowling Committee  
d. **National Secretary**  
e. **National Treasurer**

**AND**

**WHEREAS:** It is the desire of National Council to combine several job titles

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Article 4, Administration, Section 2, National Council, B, on Page 5 be revised as follows:

**Elected Corporate Officers will be up to 5 people including President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and National Corporate Secretary.**

**AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Article 4, Administration, Section 2 National Council, C on page 5 be revised as follows:

Additional elected members of the National Council are  
a. Chair of Health and Physical Education Committee  
b. Chair of Cultural Educational Committee  
c. Chair of the Bowling Committee

RESOLUTION #   3   PASSED   X   REJECTED           

AMEMENDED           

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS   168   FOR   116   AGAINST   52

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Approval of giving the Executive Committee power to spend up to \$1500 without National Council approval.

**WHEREAS:** A motion was approved at the 2013 National Council meeting to allow the Executive Committee to spend up to \$1500 without Council approval but no resolution was written:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** to Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, A. National Council, s, on Page10 be added as follows:

**The Executive Committee shall be authorized to spend up to \$1500 in funds as necessary to conduct business, or as a result of unforeseen circumstances, without National Council approval.**

RESOLUTION # 4 PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED X

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 0 AGAINST 168

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Modification of rules for verification of Designated District Representative when not the District President.

**WHEREAS:** Not all Districts are able to provide minutes from a District Convention designating a District Representative to replace a District President

**AND WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 4, Administration, Section 2, National Council, on page 5 states:

Appointed Members of the National Council are District Presidents or designated representatives. If and when District Presidents do not represent a District on National Council, **a copy of that District’s meeting minutes where such an action was voted on and passed must be** presented to the National Council. Upon being officially seated, the designated Representative will assume all the same duties, authority, privileges, and benefits as accorded the District Presidents.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the By-law be revised as follows:

Appointed Members of the National Council are District Presidents or designated representatives. If and when District Presidents do not represent a District on National Council, **a letter from the District stating the designee and duration of such authorized delegate must be** presented to the National Council. Upon being officially seated, the designated Representative will assume all the same duties, authority, privileges, and benefits as accorded the District Presidents.

RESOLUTION #   5   PASSED   X   REJECTED                   

AMEMENDED                   

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS   168   FOR   166   AGAINST   2

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to correct Maintenance of Corporate Records

**WHEREAS:** The principal office of American Turners has been changed to Illinois and is already stated in Article 1, Offices, Section 1, Principal Offices

**AND WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 6, Corporate Records, Reports and Seals, Section 1, Maintenance of Corporate Records, on page 16 states:

**The Corporation shall keep at its principle office in the State of Kentucky.**

Minutes of all meetings of the National Council and Executive Committee indicating the time and place of holding such meetings, whether regular or special, how called, the notice given and the names of those present and the proceedings thereof will be maintained.

Adequate and correct books and records of account, including accounts of its properties and business transactions and accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses will also be maintained.

A copy of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, as amended to date, shall be open to inspection by the National Council at all reasonable times during office hours.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the By-law be revised as follows: **The Corporation's books and records shall be maintained at such place within the continental United States as the National Council, with the approval of the National Convention, shall from time to time designate. If a change is needed for any reason between conventions, the National Council may designate a new location, subject to approval by the National Convention at its next Convention.** Minutes of all meetings of the National Council and Executive Committee indicating the time and place of holding such meetings, whether regular or special, how called, the notice given and the names of those present and the proceedings thereof will be maintained.

Adequate and correct books and records of account, including accounts of its properties and business transactions and accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses will also be maintained.

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A copy of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, as amended to date, shall be open to inspection by the National Council at all reasonable times during office hours.

RESOLUTION # 6 PASSED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 168 AGAINST 0

August 1, 2017

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Change National Secretary

**WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 4 Administration, Section 8 National Office on page 14 reads:

The American Turners shall maintain a National Office wherein the **National Secretary** shall accomplish its business and where all appropriate records shall be maintained and preserved.

**AND WHEREAS:** It is not necessary to specify the title of the person overseeing American Turner work

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the By-law be revised as follows: The American Turners shall maintain a National Office wherein the business of the organization shall be conducted and where all appropriate records shall be maintained and preserved.

RESOLUTION #   7   PASSED   X   REJECTED                     

AMEMENDED                     

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS  168  FOR  168  AGAINST   0

February 4, 2018

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Modification of rules governing the Turner Topics

**WHEREAS:** Publication of the Turner Topics is currently expensive for American Turners

**AND WHEREAS:** It has been expressed by some American Turners that they would prefer not to receive the Turner Topics

**AND WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 4, Administration, Section 6, Per Capita Tax, on page 14 states:

The American Turners shall publish an official organ, and **the expense of publishing and placing every member of the American Turners on the subscription list of this organ, presently known as “American Turner Topics”, shall be allocated from the General Fund of the American Turners.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the By-law be revised as follows: **The American Turners shall publish an official newsletter called the American Turner Topics which will be available to every American Turner member.**

RESOLUTION # 8 PASSED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 168 AGAINST 0

February 4, 2018

**TO:** Bylaws Committee

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Definition of a Society being in Good Standing

**WHEREAS:** There is currently no definition of a society in good standing,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Page 11 of the Bylaws Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, C Societies j should read as follows:

**To be considered a society in good standing, a society must have paid its previous year's per capita tax in full. Societies must also have submitted their completed National Directory form as requested by the National Office.**

RESOLUTION # 9 PASSED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 168 AGAINST 0

February 4, 2018

**TO:** Bylaws Committee

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** The ability of National Council members to chair their own committee meetings during National Convention

**WHEREAS:** Elected members of the National Council would like to chair their own committee meetings during the National Convention

**AND WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 4 Administration, Section 2 National Council, F on page 6 states:

Elected members of the National Council shall have all the rights of delegates at the National Convention **except the right to vote and hold convention office. They may not represent a district.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Bylaw be revised as follows:

**Elected members of the National Council shall have all the rights of delegates at the National Convention. They may represent their district if no other delegate is available.**

RESOLUTION # 10 PASSED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 168 AGAINST 0

February 4, 2018

**TO:** Bylaws Committee

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** National Bowling Chair as elected member of National Council

**WHEREAS:** National Council wishes to have the National Bowling Committee as a part of the NHPE Committee

**AND WHEREAS:** The current By-law Article 4 Administration, Section 2 National Council, C on page 5 states:

- C. Additional elected members of the National Council are
  - a. Chair of Health and Physical Education Committee
  - b. Chair of Cultural Educational Committee
  - c. Chair of the Bowling Committee

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The By-law be revised as follows:

- C. Additional elected members of the National Council are
  - a. Chair of Health and Physical Education Committee
  - b. Chair of Cultural Educational Committee

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The current By-law Article 4 Administration, Section 2 National Council, K Prerequisites for nomination to National Office e which states:

- d. The method of election of the Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee, Cultural Education Committee **and Bowling Committee** shall be as prescribed to all elected members except due to the technical nature of these offices, the Health and Physical Education Committee of the National Convention, the Cultural Education Committee of the National Convention and the **Bowling Committee of the National Convention** respectively shall be required to submit nominees for these offices to the convention. The National Scholarship Chairperson and National Marketing Chairperson shall be appointed by the National President with recommendations from the respective committees.

**BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:**

- e. The method of election of the Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee and Cultural Education Committee shall be as prescribed to all elected members except due to the technical nature of these offices, the Health and Physical Education Committee of the National Convention and the Cultural Education Committee of the National Convention respectively shall be required to submit nominees for these offices to the convention. The National Scholarship Chairperson and National Marketing Chairperson shall be appointed by the National President with recommendations from the respective committees.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The current By-law Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, A National Council g on page 9 which states:

The National Council shall appoint and fully define the responsibilities of committee members who shall serve on a voluntary basis, these being:

- i. National Committee on Health and Physical Education to serve under the elected Chair of Health and Physical Education and that person be active in his/her Society/District Physical Education program
- ii. National Committee on Cultural Education to serve under the elected Chair of Cultural Education.
- iii. **National Bowling Committee to serve under the elected Chair of National Bowling.**
- iv. Such other committees as may be formed from time to time.
- v. All procedures, rules, regulations and administration of Festivals established and administered by these committees will be published in the Operational and Procedural Manual, subject to modification upon approval of the National Council and ratification of the National Convention.

**BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:**

The National Council shall appoint and fully define the responsibilities of committee members who shall serve on a voluntary basis, these being:

- i. National Committee on Health and Physical Education to serve under the elected Chair of Health and Physical Education and that person be active in his/her Society/District Physical Education program
- ii. National Committee on Cultural Education to serve under the elected Chair of Cultural Education.
- iii. Such other committees as may be formed from time to time.

- iv. All procedures, rules, regulations and administration of Festivals established and administered by these committees will be published in the Operational and Procedural Manual, subject to modification upon approval of the National Council and ratification of the National Convention.

RESOLUTION # 11 PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED X

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 65 AGAINST 103

February 4, 2018

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Revision of the By-law affecting At Large Members

**WHEREAS:** It is desirable to place the annual amount paid to American Turners by At Large members in the Operational and Procedural manual instead of in the By-laws  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the current Article 4, Section 4 Duties, d. Members of Societies and Members At Large, h Members at Large, vii on Page 12 which states:

The annual dues of members at large **shall be \$50.00 or as revised by vote of the National Convention.** Dues will be submitted to the National Office, with the application, by the first day of January.

**BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:**

The annual dues of members at large **shall be determined by National Council by 2/3 majority vote and published in the Operational and Procedural Manual.** Dues will be submitted to the National Office, with the application, by the first day of January.

RESOLUTION # 12 PASSED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 168 AGAINST 0

February 4, 2018

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Admission of a Society to America Turners

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, C Societies provides for admission of a new society to American Turners but does not address at what point in time the society becomes a member in good standing and eligible to enjoy any of the benefits offered by the American Turners through membership

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, C Societies h read:

**Any new society will serve a one-year trial period from the date of being accepted by the National Council. What a new society is entitled to during their trial period will be determined by the National Council.**

RESOLUTION # 13 PASSED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 168 AGAINST 0

February 4, 2018

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Clarification of Eligibility of Delegates to the National Convention

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 Administration, Section 3 Districts and District Convention, G on page 8 states:

Districts shall **not be delinquent in payment of per capita tax for the fiscal year preceding the convention. If such arrears occur, delegates may be seated with voting restricted to resolutions only.**

**AND WHEREAS:** Delegates from societies who have not paid their per capita tax are not eligible to be seated as delegates at a National Convention

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Article 4 Administration, Section 3 District and District Conventions G page 4 be revised to read:

Districts shall **assist the National Office in attempting to ensure that all Societies within the District are in good standing for the fiscal year preceding the National Convention. A Society deemed not in good standing shall not be allowed to have any of its members seated at a National Convention.**

RESOLUTION # 14 PASSED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 168 AGAINST 0

February 4, 2018

**TO:** By-Laws Committee  
77<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Turners

**FROM:** American Turners National Council

**SUBJECT:** Clarification of Eligibility of Delegates to the National Convention

**WHEREAS:** Article 4 Administration, Section 6 Per Capita Tax, A on page 14 states:

**Each Society shall pay to the American Turners an annual per capita tax of \$8.25 for each of its members, regardless of the type of or name of the membership issued and whether such member does or does not pay dues or other fees.** Such total per capita tax shall be paid to the American Turners at its National office before October 31st of each year. **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.** Any change in the per capita tax would have to be authorized **by convention vote.**

**AND WHEREAS:** It is desirable to place the annual amount paid to American Turners by members in the Operational and Procedural manual instead of in the By-laws

**AND WHEREAS:** It is desirable to changes the dates that per capita tax is due

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Article 4 Administration, Section 6 District and District Per Capita Tax A on page 14 be revised to read:

**Each Society shall pay to the American Turners an annual per capita tax per member regardless of the type of or name of the membership issued and whether such member does or does not pay dues or other fees except for Honorary and Military members. The amount of the per capita tax shall be published in the Operational and Procedural Manual. Renewal memberships will be due June 30 of each year. Reinstatements and new memberships will be accepted until October 31. October 31 is the closing date for all per capita tax.**

RESOLUTION # 15 PASSED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_

AMEMENDED X

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 168 FOR 168 AGAINST 0