



American Turners National Council Meeting

American Turners of Delaware, Wilmington

Oct 5-6, 2018

National President, David Liptak, called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited and a moment of silence observed in memory of all the Turners who have departed this life entering the Turn Verein Everlasting and a moment of silence for the service men and women who have given their lives serving our country.

Roll-call by 1st Vice President Dennis Zeller

Council Members:

National President – David Liptak-accepted

National 1st Vice President – Dennis Zeller-accepted

National 2nd Vice President – Joy Bodine

National Administrative Assistant - Kate Payne

National Treasurer – Dennis Zeller

National Health & Physical Education Chairperson – Michelle Lesperance

National Cultural Chairperson – Sue Knisley

National Bowling Chairperson – Craig Sniezek

Central States – Deb Martin

Illinois District – Nick Barts

Lake Erie – John Paxton

Middle Atlantic - Dave Mulrooney

New England – Jessica Hansen

New York Dist - Marion Oppelt

St. Louis –Jill Pfeuffer

Upper Mississippi – Liz Eichner

Western Pennsylvania – Allen Frederick

Western United States – None

Wisconsin – Dan Hoisington

Endowment Trust Fund President - Tom Bozonelos (via Skype)

Jahn Education Fund President - Frank Wedl

Introduction of guests & honored dignitaries.

Welcome by AT of Delaware President, Tim Poole.

Reports of National Officers

A. National President – David Liptak-accepted

B. National 1st Vice President – Dennis Zeller-accepted

C. National 2nd Vice President – Joy Bodine-accepted

D. National Administrative Assistant - Kate Payne-none prior

E. National Treasurer – Dennis Zeller-none

F. National Health & Physical Education Chairperson – Michelle Lesperance-accepted

G. National Cultural Chairperson – Sue Knisley-accepted

H. National Bowling Chairperson – Craig Sniezek-none

Reports of District Representatives

- I. District Representative - Central States – Deb Martin
- J. District Representative - Illinois District – Nick Barts
- K. District Representative - Lake Erie – John Paxton
- L. District Representative - Middle Atlantic - Dave Mulrooney
- M. District Representative - New England – Jessica Hansen
- N. District Representative - New York Metro - Marion Oppelt
- O. District Representative - St. Louis –Jill Pfeuffer
- P. District Representative - Upper Mississippi – Liz Eichner-read aloud
- Q. District Representative - Western Pennsylvania – Allen Frederick
- R. District Representative - Western United States – None
- S. District Representative - Wisconsin – Dan Hoisington-accepted

Reports of Standing Council Seats

- T. Report of Endowment Trust Fund - Tom Bozonelos- none
- U. Report of Jahn Fund - Frank Wedl-none

Motion to approve reports given to council prior to arrival, including President, 1st, 2nd, Cultural, NHPE by Sue Knisley, seconded by Nick Barts. Motion passed.

Verbal Report given for Upper Miss Dist by Rep. Liz Eichner. Motion to accept verbal report by Nick B and seconded by Marion Oppelt. Motion passed.

Point of order to install officers. Dave Mulrooney called for the installation of officers and asked if they dually swear to uphold the duties of their perspective chairs and positions to the best of their abilities. National President, National 1st VP, National 2nd VP, National NHPE Chair, National Cultural Chair and National Bowling Chair all so swore.

Motion to accept the Amended report of New York District by Nick B. and seconded by Deb M. Motion passed.

Motion to accept ETF report by Craig S.and seconded by Nick B. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (Non-Council members left the meeting)

Election of Honor Key Applicant(s) - None for 2018

Election of Hall of Fame Applicants. Applications are due July 1st of any given year.

Athletic Hall of Fame -- None for 2018

Cultural Hall of Fame – None for 2018

Upper Miss Dist and Wisc. District were to merge per 2017 Council. Discussions held to fix previous passed motions to accommodate desires.

Motion to reinstate Wisconsin Dist and Upper Miss Dist. by Sue, Seconded by Dan H. Motion passed.

(Non-Council members re-joined the meeting)

Old Business

National Convention-

-Joy Bodine read her Convention Support Chair Report to Council. Many discussions had for ideas for running a more smooth, orderly, productive Convention including length, office help from host society and keeping order within the meetings.

-Nick B moves to accept the report of the Support Chair. Seconded by Michelle L. Motion passed.

Length of Convention

Open Convention at noon. First Session to include credentials, nominating and seating of chairs and delegates at noon. More final decisions will be made by the Convention Team prior to next Convention.

Session two after dinner called back to order at 7:15pm.

Suggestion were made for Convention changes.

- Reform Marketing Committee with expectations
 - Nick to send Council the logo he has already had made.
 - Promo video bids are coming
 - Find members that would like to be on the marketing committee.
- Establish a Finance Committee with expectation - Should consist of a small group. Ask Scott Lau, Tom Bozonelos, Mary Huber to start. Council members to submit recommendations after discussions of their societies. Dave Liptak to head creating appropriate members.
 - Set up a list of duties for the CPA and get bids for services requested within 3 months.
- Youth Membership

Discussions started for evaluating procedures for youth participation without membership. Sue K. so moved, seconded by Michelle L. to make the non-member youth participation fee for National events to \$10. Motion passed.
- Finances

Kate presented the financial documents of the National Office.

Tom B moved to change the National Travel Reimbursement be changed to accomodate sharing rooms for all members. If a member brings a guest or requests a solo room, ½ of the hotel accommodations will be paid by the member. If there is an odd amount of members, that will be the exception of this rule and National will pay that room in full. Seconded by Sue K. Motion passed.

Discussion to continue current membership card printing and any future electronic cards will be recognized as official proof.

Craig S moved for the 2019 membership card will be hard copy card, but if there is a need of a reprint of such card, there will be a \$5 fee. Seconded by Marion O. Discussion held. Motion defeated due to upcoming changes pending.

- Turner Topics
 - Joy B moves to give Craig S., Topics Editor, options for printing format with the Turner Topics and revisit at next year's National Council meeting. Seconded by Dave M. Further discussion held. Motion passed.

New Business

- Status of Districts
New York and New Jersey have all agreeable letters. Next steps to create new Executive Committee, By-laws and procedures. They will report advancements when they happen.
- Re-Districting discussions occurred with no changes currently. Revision of Council Reps/President's duties will be revisited.
- Status of Societies
 - Southside financial troubles-secured hall rentals, bazaar event planned in October. Open to suggestions for new classes if there was financial help for equipment/instructors. Also working on new programs, especially with physically handicap persons.
 - McKeesport financial and legal troubles, but they're diligently working on fundraising efforts to save their building.
 - Creation of the new St. Louis Society, possibly Imperial Turners. Discussions held and information given. Still need to post notice in Topics twice and await 30 day contestation period, with any contest to be reviewed by National Council. Also need to adopt a Resolution expressing assent to American Turners Bylaws, Affidavit releasing American Turners for any liability, and Probation trial period for one year will apply if approved. Council may be polled for vote once all actions are completed.
 - If there are any issues making contact with any particular society, please contact the National Office for possible changes in contact persons.
- Per Capita Tax Delinquencies for 2018
 - Cleveland STV (unreported since 2016 w/no contact)-National Office to send final certified mail revoking American Turners Charter. John Paxton to make additional calls.
 - Denver (2017-1054)
 - Roxborough (2017-152)
 - Providence (2017-31)
 - Nrn New Jersey (Passaic)(2017-25)
 - NW Davenport (2017-69)
- Operation and Procedure updates. Page by page changes throughout as presented from Joy Bodine, National Documents Coordinator and National Office. Updated Manual will be distributed to all societies and Council members and posted on our website as soon as they are complete.
 - Vote taken to approve all of the NHPE Chair changes. Vote passed.
 - Motion to add reimbursement policy of national chairpersons into the O&P Manual by Allen F., seconded by Dan H. Motion passed.

President Liptak appoints Jessica Hansen as the USAG representative.

- SilkStart Program
 - Kate presented a demonstration of how the new system is coming along. It showcased the basic layout of website pages, new directory layout, login information once live, member view, invoicing, security of information, all historical logging, membership cards can be viewed and printed too.
 - Holyoke is the first society being built. The week following this Council meeting, Kate will be in Holyoke working with them on the details of their build.
 - Training manuals are in the works for future builds for societies and admin.

Upcoming Events and Locations

- Senior Volleyball - none

- Open Volleyball - none
- Gymnastics
 - 2019-none for Festival year
 - 2020- none
- 12" Softball
 - 2019 – Covington
 - 2020 --
- Basketball - none
- Golf
 - 2019 – Syracuse Turners, NY
- 2019 National Festival – Fort Wayne
- Bowling
 - 2019 - Aurora
 - 2020 - Syracuse Bid received.

Sue K. moved and Nick B. seconds the approval of Syracuse hosting the 2020 National Bowling Tournament. Discussion held. Motion passed.

Location Requests for National Committee Meetings:

- Bowling - no meeting in 2019
- Cultural - Nov 9-10, 2018 in Aurora
- Health & Phys. Ed.- March 15 weekend, 2019 in Ft. Wayne.

Location for 2019 National Council Meeting - Akron Turners bid. Approved by acclamation.

2020 National Convention-Louisville Turners, Dates TBD

2019 National Festival-July 24-27 (Wed-Sat) Fort Wayne, IN

Clarification of Festival reimbursement parameters by Michelle L.

Good and Welfare of the American Turners

A 'Turner Applause' for Aurora Turners' hospitality

Announcements to Council Members

- We're forming a Finance Committee
- We're working on the Marketing committee
- We're researching new accountants
- Job Descriptions will be redefined

Motion by Jill P., seconded by Marion O. to adjourn the 2018 National Council Meeting. Motion passed.

These Minutes have been attested by

David P. Liptak

(National President, David P. Liptak)

On this day, October 22, 2018.

Kate Payne

(National Admin Assist, Kate Payne)

**31st ANNUAL MEETING
AMERICAN TURNERS, INC.
Turners of Delaware October 6, 2018**

Annual meeting called to order at 4:59pm.

President Liptak reads:

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

1 Roll Call

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Chair entertained a **MOTION** that the National Officers and Council members of the American Turners shall serve as the officers and board of directors for the American Turners, Inc. Motion by Dan H., second by Dave M. Motion passed.

Good and Welfare-none

Adjournment of the American Turners, Inc. Meeting for 2018. Motion by Sue K., seconded by Marion O. Motion passed.

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