



78TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF AMERICAN TURNERS

HELD VIRTUALLY

OCTOBER 17, 2020

Call to order at 12:05 P.M. by National President David P Liptak.

Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in memory of Turners who have passed away.

National President appoints:

Permanent Convention Chairperson-John Beary
Permanent Convention Parliamentarian-Thomas Bozonelos
Permanent Convention Sgt. at Arms-Emily Miesner
Convention Secretary-Kate Payne

Permanent Officers and the Chairperson assume their positions.

All representatives will compile the Credentials Committee. A run through of pre-determined delegates will be confirmed and seated.

Introduction of National Officers and Chairpersons:

National President	David Liptak
National First Vice President	Dennis Zeller
National Second Vice President	Joy Bodine
National Administrative Assistant	Kate Payne
National Health & Phys. Ed. Chairperson	Michelle Lesperance
National Cultural Committee Chairperson	Sue Knisley
National Bowling Committee Chairperson	Craig Sniezek
President of the Endowment Trust	Thomas R Bozonelos
President of the Jahn Fund	Frank Wedl

Introduction of National Council District Representatives:

Central States	Kevin McCart
Illinois	Nick Barts
Lake Erie	Bill Severns Jr.
Mid Atlantic	Dave Mulrooney
New England	Steve Sargent

New Jersey
New York
St Louis
Upper Mississippi
Western Pennsylvania
Western US
Wisconsin District

None Present
Marion Oppelt
Jill Pfeuffer
Liz Eichner
Allen Frederick
Alexander Hast
Dan Hoisington

Chairman John Beary offered Louisville Turners to host the 2022 National Convention since they did not get to host the 2020 Convention due to the Pandemic.

Chairman John Beary asks societies to consider placing a bid to host the 2023 National Festival.

All representatives will compile the Credentials Committee as laid out in the Rules to Govern the Convention. A run through of pre-determined delegates will be confirmed and seated.

--Dave Mulrooney moves to accept delegates, Jill Pfeuffer Seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Chairperson calls for New Business.-None presented.

-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.

2020 Convention Delegation Vote Breakdown

#1

TO: By-Laws Committee

78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Change the Term “per capita tax” to “national membership dues”

WHEREAS: The amount paid for membership in American Turners has been named “per capita tax”

AND

WHEREAS: What is being charged is actually an annual fee charged to members,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: In every instance where the term “per capita tax” appears in any American Turners documents, such term will be replaced with “national membership dues”.

RESOLUTION #1 PASSED X REJECTED _____ AMEMENDED _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 141 AGAINST 0

#2

TO: By-Laws Committee

78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Change the Term “standing rules” to “Operational and Procedural Manual”.

WHEREAS: There are references in the By-laws to the Standing Rules, but that information is in the Operational and Procedural Manual and no Standing Rules have been developed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: In every instance where the term “**Standing Rules**” appears in any American Turners documents, such term will be replaced with “**Operational and Procedural Manual**”.

RESOLUTION #2 PASSED X REJECTED _____ AMEMENDED _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 141 AGAINST 0

#3

TO: By-Laws Committee

78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Change the Term “National Secretary” to “Corporate Secretary”.

WHEREAS: There are references in the By-laws to both the National Secretary and the Corporate Secretary,

AND

WHEREAS: The correct terminology is Corporate Secretary

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: In every instance where the term **National Secretary**” appears in any American Turners documents, such term will be replaced with “**Corporate Secretary**”.

RESOLUTION #3 PASSED X REJECTED _____ AMEMENDED _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 141 AGAINST 0

TO: By-Laws Committee

78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Establish a Minimum Number of Members Needed to Establish a Society

WHEREAS: There is currently no minimum number of members necessary to establish an American Turner Society

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Page 11 of the By-laws Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, C Societies a should read as follows:

At least twenty-five (25) adults are needed in order to establish a new American Turner Society. Currently there is no minimum number of members necessary to maintain an existing society.

RESOLUTION #4 PASSED X REJECTED AMEMENDED

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 128 AGAINST 12 ABSTAIN 1

TO: By-Laws Committee

78th 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:

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

AND

WHEREAS: The office of Second Vice President is an antiquated position that no longer has validity

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

Elected Corporate Officers are President, Vice President, National Corporate Secretary and National Treasurer.

RESOLUTION #5 PASSED x REJECTED _____ AMEMENDED _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 141 AGAINST 0

#6

TO: By-Laws Committee
78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Correct National Council vacancies

WHEREAS: Article 4 Administration Section 4 Duties A National Council e states

In the event of a vacancy in the National Council, the following shall occur: i. President, **first or second vice-president** shall be filled in the normal sequence of succession. If **none of the three** are available to fill these offices **a president** shall be elected from the District Presidents who shall serve until the next National Convention.

AND

WHEREAS: The second vice-president position has been eliminated

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Article 4 Administration Section 4 Duties A National Council e should be revised to state:

In the event of a vacancy in the National Council, the following shall occur: i. President or **vice-president** shall be filled in the normal sequence of succession. If unavailable to fill, these offices shall be elected from the District Presidents who shall serve until the next National Convention.

RESOLUTION #6 PASSED x REJECTED _____ AMEMENDED _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 141 AGAINST 0

#7

TO: By-Laws Committee
78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Correct Duly Authorized Individuals who may sign for the Corporation.

WHEREAS: Article 5 Execution of Instruments, Deposits and Funds, Section 2 Checks and Notes states:

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the National Council, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money and other evidence of indebtedness of the Corporation shall be signed by the duly authorized individuals which may include National Secretary, National Treasurer and/or the President, and/or **Vice Presidents** of the Corporation.

AND

WHEREAS: The position of second vice president has been eliminated

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Article 5 Execution of Instruments, Deposits and Funds, Section 2 Checks and Notes be revised to state:

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the National Council, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money and other evidence of indebtedness of the Corporation shall be signed by the duly authorized individuals which may include National Secretary, National Treasurer and/or the President, and/or **Vice President** of the Corporation.

RESOLUTION #7 PASSED X **REJECTED** _____ **AMEMENDED** _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 **FOR** 141 **AGAINST** 0

#8

TO: By-Laws Committee

78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Move Job Descriptions to the Operational and Procedural Manual

WHEREAS: Article 4 Administration, Section 4 Duties, A National Council q and r on page 10 states: **The National Secretary shall perform such duties as pertain to the office of recording and corresponding secretary with additional responsibilities as stated in standing rules. Upon approval, the National Secretary shall receive record and disburse funds. All disbursements shall require the counter-signature of any member of the Executive Committee. r. The National Treasurer shall review all financial**

materials and issue to the Executive Committee on a monthly basis such reports as required or stated in the Standing Rules.

AND

WHEREAS: The rest of the job descriptions for National Council positions are being put in the Operational and Procedural Manual.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: job descriptions for the National (Corporate) Secretary, Administrative Assistant and National Treasurer be placed in the Operational and Procedural Manual.

RESOLUTION #8 PASSED X REJECTED _____ AMEMENDED _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 140 _____ AGAINST 1 _____

#9 Page

TO: By-Laws Committee

78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Move Per Capita Tax information to the Operational and Procedural Manual

WHEREAS: Article 4 Administration, Section 6 Per Capita Tax on page 13 currently states:

A. 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 14 is the closing date for all per capita tax. Any change in the per capita tax would have to be authorized by convention vote.

B. Members of the American Turners actively serving in the Military Forces of the United States shall be exempt from the payment of National dues during the period of such service, and for six (6) months after date of discharge.

C. Distribution of per capita tax will be at the discretion of the National Council in order to fund American Turner business.

D. The per capita tax paid for a National Youth Membership shall be put into a separate National Youth Membership Transportation Fund. This fund

is to be used to help defray transportation expenses for National youth members and children of card carrying members to compete in physical competitions at national events of the American Turners. Additionally, a minimum of twenty-five cents collected from all other types of membership per capita tax shall be directed to the National Youth Membership Transportation Fund. Payments from the Transportation Fund will be withheld if the local society is not current with their national per capita tax. Any expenses incurred to manage the National Youth Membership will come out of this fund. The distribution of funds for transportation expenses shall be overseen by the NHPEC and the National Council.

E. One dollar of the national per capita tax, or an amount to be determined by National Council, shall be set aside in a special fund to be used and expended primarily for the purpose of a National Festival. The amount of the Festival Fund shall not be less than the cost of the previous festival. This fund may also be used to defray the costs of conducting national championships and/or District Competition Reimbursement program approved by National Council.

F. The American Turners shall publish an official newsletter called the American Turner Topics which will be available to every American Turner member.

G. All membership cards of every society of the American Turners shall be issued by the National Council. No society shall have authority to issue any membership card except the official membership card furnished by the National Council, nor shall it honor any other membership card.

H. All taxes unpaid shall remain as a charge against a delinquent society retained in membership, to be amortized and collected when more favorable conditions return.

I. Districts and/or societies which, after having been notified twice by the National Council, fail to discharge any of their obligations toward the American Turners, may be suspended without further procedure. The District Council may proceed in like manner against societies that fail to discharge their obligations toward their district.

J. District and societies expelled from the American Turners may be readmitted at any time after they have discharged their obligations.

AND

WHEREAS: This information should be in the Operational and Procedural Manual

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: All except the following information be placed in the Operational and Procedural Manual and that Article 4 Administration, Section 6 **Membership Fee** on page 13 be revised to state:

Each Society shall pay to the America Turners an annual membership fee 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. Any change in the per capita tax would have to be authorized by

convention vote. Additional membership fee information may be found in the Operational and Procedural Manual.

RESOLUTION #9 PASSED X REJECTED _____ AMEMENDED _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 140 AGAINST 1

#10

TO: By-Laws Committee

78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Increase of Per Capita Tax

WHEREAS: Article 4 Administration, Section 6 Per Capita Tax A. Each Society shall pay to the America 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. **Any change in the per capita tax would have to be authorized by convention vote.**

AND

WHEREAS: The National finances show a consistent decrease in membership while operation costs increase, including technology, costs of travel, utilities and supplies, therefore it is necessary for current and future operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The National Per Capita Tax be increased to \$12 per member where applicable. This amount will be published in the O&P Manual.

RESOLUTION #10 PASSED _____ REJECTED X AMEMENDED _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 30 AGAINST 109 ABSTAIN 2

#11

TO: By-Laws Committee

78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Increase of Per Capita Tax

WHEREAS: Article 4 Administration, Section 6 Per Capita Tax A. Each Society shall pay to the America 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. Any change in the per capita tax would have to be authorized by convention vote.

AND

WHEREAS: The National finances show a consistent decrease in membership while operation costs increase, including technology, costs of travel, utilities and supplies, therefore it is necessary for current and future operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The National Per Capita Tax be increased to \$11 per member where applicable. This amount will be published in the O&P Manual.

RESOLUTION #11 PASSED _____ REJECTED X AMEMENDED _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 34 AGAINST 106 ABSTAIN 1

#12

TO: By-Laws Committee

78th Convention of the American Turners

FROM: American Turners National Council

SUBJECT: Increase of Per Capita Tax

WHEREAS: Article 4 Administration, Section 6 Per Capita Tax A. Each Society shall pay to the America 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. Any change in the per capita tax would have to be authorized by convention vote.

AND

WHEREAS: The National finances show a consistent decrease in membership while operation costs increase, including technology, costs of travel, utilities and supplies, therefore it is necessary for current and future operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The National Per Capita Tax be increased to \$10 per member where applicable. This amount will be published in the O&P Manual.

RESOLUTION #12 PASSED _____ REJECTED X AMEMENDED _____

FEDERAL VOTE TOTALS 141 FOR 81 AGAINST 60

Chairperson starts the election process of offices for two (2) year terms in this order:

National President-

Dennis Zeller 141 Federal Votes

National First Vice President

Craig Sniezek-72 Federal Votes

Cindy Law-66 Federal Votes

2 Trustees for the Endowment Trust Fund (6-year term)

Michelle Lesperance- 9 District Votes

Dave Mulrooney Jr- 8 District Votes

John Wamser- 1 District Vote

--Dave Mulrooney moves to seat Tom Bozonelos as temp chair due to technical difficulties with Permanent chair John Beary, seconded by Michelle Lesperance. So moved.

National Bowling Committee Chairperson-Frank Jones 141 Federal Votes

National Cultural Education Chairperson - Sue Knisley 140 Votes, 1 Abstain

National Health & Physical Education Committee Chairperson-No Nominees

--John Beary resumes Chairperson roll.

Chairperson notes that no Good and Welfare of the organization is going to be discussed at this time. They will be addressed at a future meeting. Concerns can be reported to their District Representative.

Chairperson calls for a vote of "thanks" to all national officers and council members for their efforts and services.

Apology letter to New York will be sent for the oversight of not receiving Convention emails from the National Office. Marion Oppelt and Frank Wedl joined the call after voting had started and federal votes were tallied.

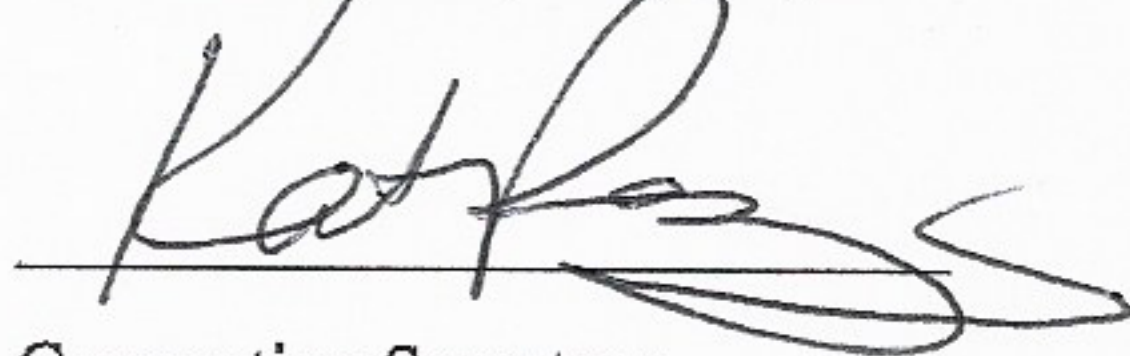
Chairperson introduces the newly elected National Officers and National Committee Chairs.

Words of thanks from Tom Bozonelos, Dave Liptak, and Dennis Zeller.

The National Council meeting will be planned soon.

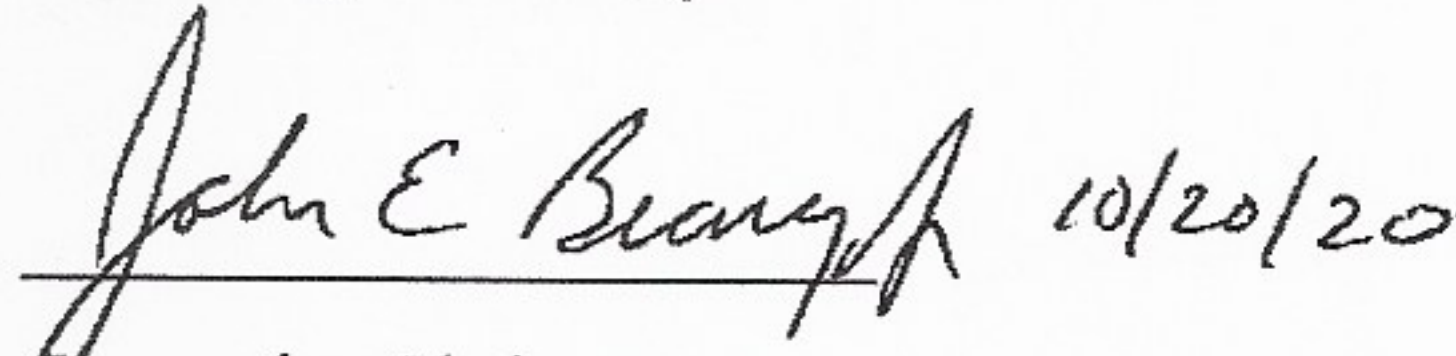
Motion to Adjourn by Jill Pfeuffer, seconded by Liz Eichner. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Kate Payne



Convention Secretary

Attested by John Beary



Convention Chairperson