

MINUTES
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
AMERICAN TURNERS

September 15-16, 2023

Hosted by Aurora Turners

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Sniezek at 7:06 a.m.

Council members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aurora Turner Vice President Gale Verdick.

A moment of silence in memory of all the Turners who have departed this life and entered the Turn Verein Everlasting, service personnel who have given their lives serving our country, and all deaths due to weather incidents.

Corporate Secretary Daniel Hoisington read the roll call.

National Officers and Chairs

President	Craig Sniezek
Vice President	John Beary (virtual)
National Corporate Secretary	Daniel Hoisington
National Treasurer	Cindy Law
NHPEC Chair	Emily Miesner
National Cultural Chair	Sue Knisley

District Representatives

Central States	Kevin McCart (absent)
Illinois	Nick Barts
Lake Erie	Bill Severns, Jr. (virtual)
Middle Atlantic	Dave Mulrooney (virtual)
New England	Frank Leonard (absent)
New York	Marion Oppelt
St. Louis	Sean Sendlein
Upper Mississippi	Liz Eichner
Western Pennsylvania	Allen Fredricks (absent)
Western United States	Alexander Hast (absent)
Wisconsin	Michelle Lesperance

Special Funds

Endowment Trust Fund	Thomas Bozonelos
Jahn Fund	Frank Wedl

Introduction of guests

Stephanie Minster

The council then discussed special appointments. The president appointed the following:

Turner Topics Editor
National Historian

Craig Sniezek
Daniel Hoisington

Liz Eichner motioned to approve the appointments with Nick Barts as a second. Motion passed unanimously.

President Sniezek stated that Joy Bodine no longer wanted to serve as National Rules/Document Coordinator. Liz Eichner motioned to appoint Michelle Lesperance to the position. Marion Oppelt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

President Sniezek appointed Thomas Bozonelos as chair of the scholarship committee. Marion Oppelt made a motion to approve the appointment with Sue Knisley as second. It passed unanimously.

President Sniezek appointed Thomas Bozonelos as chair of the Kuenzel Memorial Fund Committee. Sue Knisley made a motion to approve the appointment with Nick Barts as second. It passed unanimously. The council thanked Dave Mulrooney for his service.

President Sniezek acknowledged the various committee and district reports and asked if there were any changes. There were none. Michelle Lesperance made a motion to accept the reports. Liz Eichner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

The council moved into a closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of New Jersey District

National President Sniezek opened a discussion about the status of the New Jersey District. Kate Payne stated that the two societies had paid their membership dues and were in compliance for 2023.

Delinquencies

The next order of business was membership delinquencies. Kate Payne reported that directories were needed for Baltimore and Buffalo societies. She will send a letter to those societies that we need their directories by October 15, 2023. No motions were made following further discussion of how to improve the directory form. The following council members volunteered to review a

draft form: Liz Eichner, Michelle Lesperance, Daniel Hoisington, Thomas Bozonelos, Craig Sniezek, John Beary, and Cindy Law.

Review of National Council Committees

Thomas Bozonelos made a motion that the respective chair may select the members of that committee. The motion was seconded by Sue Knisley. Following discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thomas Bozonelos made a motion that the terms for all members of the KMF Committee and Scholarship Committee shall be three years. Frank Wedl seconded. Following discussion, the motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

President Sniezek asked about the status of the Strategic Planning Committee. Following discussion, Sean Sendlein made a motion to name Daniel Hoisington as committee chair. It was seconded by Cindy Law. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dave Mulrooney made a motion to adjourn the meeting until Saturday morning. John Beary seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MORNING SESSION, 10/16/2023

President Sniezek called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. All attendees from evening session on September 15 were present. Frank Leonard, New England District, joined the meeting after last night's absence (virtual).

Sue Knisley moved that the council dispense with reading the minutes of the first session. Dave Mulrooney seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Closed Session

The council resumed the closed session.

Financial Reports

The National Council then discussed current financial statements. President Sniezek noted that the investment return was low. Frank Leonard stated that investment accounts could be changed for a better return. Daniel Hoisington made the motion that the executive committee be authorized to investigate alternative investment accounts and review the placement of American Turner funds. It was seconded by Marion Oppelt. The motion passed by majority vote with two votes opposed.

Treasurer Cindy Law asked what we wanted in financial reports. The consensus was that quarterly reports should be sent to the National Council.

Additional Old Business

Kate Payne provided an update on the trademark and patent renewal, stating that additional work is needed, but the renewal should soon be completed.

National Historian Daniel Hoisington distributed information about a traveling exhibit on Turner history. He will present a proposal to the 2024 national convention.

The National President stated that he rented a 10 x 10 climate-controlled storage unit for \$90 a month plus \$19 insurance. He will move items stored at Northwest Turners to the storage space in Aurora. There are also additional items from the administrative assistant and Thomas Bozonelos.

The Milwaukee Wild Card Club application is waiting for Wisconsin state recognition before completion of American Turner action.

The National President brought up the subject of guidelines for national events. The national convention does not have a bid form. The consensus was that this be included in the revision of the O&P manual, addressing the selection process and the host requirements.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 10/16/2023

The meeting adjourned for lunch and was called back into session at 1:06 p.m.

NHPEC

Sean Sendlein made a motion that we task the NHPEC, Cultural, and Rules Coordinators to review the rules and guidelines and report to the council. It was seconded by Thomas Bozonelos. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Several council members commented on the National Festival in New Ulm. The remarks were positive, with a general sense that the NHPEC can learn from the experiences for the next festival and that a review of the rules is advisable.

The discussion turned to the 2024 national bowling tournament.

Thomas Bozonelos made the motion that Louisville has until October 1, 2023, to provide a signed contract for the 2024 bowling tournament. It was seconded by Sean Sendlein. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thomas Bozonelos made the motion that should Louisville Turners not provide a signed bowling agreement contract by October 1st, the national council will award the 2024 national bowling tournament to the Illinois district. It was seconded by Sean Sendlein. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The council then discussed the 2023 softball tournament in Fort Wayne. Covington and Fort Wayne participated. It was not recognized as a national tournament since they were both in the same district.

Emily Miesner made the motion that the American Turners reimburse Fort Wayne Turners for the 2023 softball tournament as a national event. It was seconded by Sean Sendlein. The motion failed with three votes in favor, eight opposed, and two abstentions.

Emily Miesner made the motion that the American Turners reimburse Fort Wayne Turners for \$1199.50 for the 2023 softball tournament as a district event. It was seconded by Cindy Law. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Nick Barts provided information about the national pickleball tournament. The dates are set for September 14-15, 2024, probably at the Crystal Lake Racquet Club. The after-tournament party will be at the Illinois Turner Camp. It is a demonstration event with the goal that it will become a permanent national event.

Travel Reimbursement Policies

The council then discussed travel reimbursement policies.

Sean Sendlein made the motion that room sharing at national council and committee meetings is not required but encouraged. It was seconded by Thomas Bozonelos. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Michelle Lesperance made the motion that the American Turners will reimburse for food and drink, not alcohol, at national events: breakfast, \$10, lunch, \$15, dinner, \$25 with receipts required, or there will be no reimbursement. It was seconded by Sean Sendlein. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Michelle Lesperance made the motion that the American Turners reimburse for mileage for travel to national council and committee meetings at 75% of the IRS standard mileage. It was seconded by Sean Sendlein. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Additional Old Business

Michelle Lesperance made the motion that to participate in national events, participants must be current members at society and district levels and verified by the national office. It was seconded by Thomas Bozonelos. Following discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

President Sniezek emphasized that the O&P manual review needed to be done. Thomas Bozonelos made the motion that the O&P Manual be made available online in its most accurate form no later than October 31, 2023. It was seconded by Marion Oppelt. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

President Sniezek made the comment that he would like prompt responses to all correspondence and emails.

The discussion then turned to memberships at large. Daniel Hoisington made the motion that we recommend to the national convention that Section 4.D.h.6 of the bylaws requiring "publication

in two successive issues of the national organ” be removed. Sue Knisley seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote. This will need a resolution presented to the national convention.

Thomas Bozonelos asked if there were any outstanding mandates from previous council meetings. President Sniezek distributed a list going back to 2016. One mandate was to take care of signature cards for accounts.

Daniel Hoisington made the motion that the president, vice-president, treasurer, and administrative assistant be included as signatures for banking and investment accounts, excepting the Jahn Fund, ETF, and Kuenzel Fund. It was seconded by Sue Knisley. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Daniel Hoisington made the motion that the president, Craig Sniezek, vice-president, John Beary, treasurer, Cindy Law, and the administrative assistant, Kate Payne be included as signatures for banking and investment accounts, excepting Jahn Fund, ETF, and Kuenzel Fund. It was seconded by Thomas Bozonelos. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

President Sniezek then brought up the subject of reimbursement of expenses for the president or other officers. He was reimbursed \$750 for the National Festival. The national council previously allotted the national president up to \$1,500 annually for discretionary expenses.

Thomas Bozonelos made the motion to reimburse Daniel Hoisington for \$200 for his hotel room during the National Festival. It was seconded by Sean Sendlein. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thomas Bozonelos made a motion that the national president or his or her designee from the executive team shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to attend American Turners National events. It was seconded by Sean Sendlein. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Michelle Lesperance recommended that the allotment of the national dues be reviewed before the 2024 convention. She noted that the youth transportation fund is used only for the festival at this point. No motion was made.

National Committee Meetings

The President then asked about upcoming national committee meetings.

NHPEC: A meeting has not been scheduled. President Sniezek encouraged that the meeting be held virtually in order to save money.

Cultural: A meeting has not been scheduled, but several virtual meetings will be needed.

Bowling: A meeting has not been scheduled but will be needed.

National Council Meeting: This will be held after the 2024 National Convention in Aurora.

ETF and Jahn Fund will also hold virtual meetings in 2024.

Good and Welfare

The President called for anything for the Good and Welfare of the organization.

Thomas Bozonelos distributed a flier about the Scholarship program. The goal is to identify the 18-25-year-olds to determine the number of prospective college students that we might assist.

There followed a discussion of the American Turner mailing list and whether we need to get email addresses in order to distribute Turner Topics. No motion was made.

Kate Payne asked about her review. Craig Sniezek explained the review made at the morning session and the changes to administrative assistant compensation.

Frank Wedl gave a moving tribute to Turner Hans Sammer.

The President read the schedule for upcoming national events.

2024 events

Junior Bowling: To be held in February-March 2024 timeframe.

National Events: Bids have not been received for several events.

President Sniezek brought up the challenge of holding a national gymnastics event. Michelle Lesperance noted that gymnastics programs have multiple standards and are focused on their own competitions. We should look further at a virtual tournament.

National Softball: Aurora, IL

National Golf: Fort Wayne, IN

Pickleball National Tournament, Illinois District

Junior Golf has not been determined.

The 2024 National Convention will be held August 2-3, 2024, in Aurora. The National Council will be held on August 4, 2024.

Liz Eichner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Law seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig V Sniezek

National President



Corporate Secretary

MINUTES
AMERICAN TURNERS, INC.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Hosted by Aurora Turners

Annual meeting of American Turners, Inc.- Called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Craig Sniezek, President.

President Sniezek read the following:

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

Daniel Hoisington read the roll call.

National President	Craig Sniezek
National Vice President	John Beary
National Corporate Secretary	Daniel Hoisington
National Treasurer	Cindy Law
National Health & Physical Education Chairperson	Emily Miesner
National Cultural Chairperson	Sue Knisley

District Representatives

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Lake Erie	Bill Severns, Jr.
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Designated Funds

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Jahn Fund	Frank Wedl

Sean Sendlein moved, and Liz Eichner seconded, 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 carried unanimously.

The President called for anything for the Good and Welfare of the organization. There were no responses.

Sue Knisley moved for adjournment for the American Turners, Inc. meeting for 2023. Liz Eichner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig V Swieczek

National President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Hingston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Corporate Secretary