

# **81<sup>ST</sup> National Convention**

**August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

## **AMERICAN TURNERS**



### **Part B**

**(Committee Minutes) Hosted by  
Clinton Turners, MA**

## **Credentials Committee Meeting of the 81st National Convention**

**Clinton Turners – August 7, 2026**

### **Agenda**

Call to Order 3:44PM by Chair Sean Sendelein (St. Louis)

Roll Call of Delegates and Guests by Sean Sendelein (St. Louis)

Election of Secretary for this meeting : David Mulrooney Mid Atlantic nominates Bill Severns LED as secretary. Dale Bojanowski (NE) seconds. Motion passes.

Election of Sergeant at Arms Read: Sean Senelien (St Louis) nominates Dave Mulrooney (mid Atlantic) 2<sup>nd</sup> Dale Bojanowski. Motion passes

Committee Rules Read

David Mulrooney(mid Atlantic) motions to dispense with the reading of the minutes of prior credential committee meeting, seconded by Jim Goetz New York. Motion passes

The committee determined that for this convention 143 will be the number of Federal votes. The simple majority is 72 and 2/3 majority is 96.

At the time of this credentials committee meeting, the committee decided to seat all of the delegates listed on the mandate form. The committee reserves the right to reconvene if necessary to update the credentials based on lack of attendance.

Motion to adjourn at 4:08PM by Dale Bojanowski (NE). Second by Dave Mulrooney (mid Atlantic). Motion passes.

  
Chair

  
Secretary

| District Name     | Delegates Allowed | Delegates Registered | Guests | Federal Votes | Simple Majority | 2/3 Majority |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Central States    | 30                | 20                   | 1      | 30            |                 |              |
| Illinois          | 30                | 22                   | 2      | 30            |                 |              |
| Lake Erie         | 13                | 4                    | 0      | 13            |                 |              |
| Mid Atlantic      | 8                 | 5                    | 1      | 8             |                 |              |
| New England       | 16                | 14                   | 0      | 16            |                 |              |
| New York          | 1                 | 1                    | 13     | 1             |                 |              |
| St Louis          | 3                 | 3                    | 1      | 3             |                 |              |
| Upper Midwest     | 14                | 6                    | 0      | 14            |                 |              |
| Upper Mississippi | 2                 | 1                    | 0      | 2             |                 |              |
| West Pennsylvania | 26                | 1                    | 0      | 26            |                 |              |
| Western US        | 19                | 0                    | 0      | 0             |                 |              |
| At Large          | 1                 | 0                    | 0      | 0             |                 |              |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | ✓ 163             | ✓ 77                 | 9      | 143           | 72              | 96           |

Attendance: checkmark signifies that delegate is present.

| Delegate Name              | Email                     | District       | Society             | Cred Com |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|
| Sean Sendlein-Chair* ✓     | sendlein@gmail.com        | St Louis       | Imperial            | X        |
| Bill Severns Jr.* ✓        | severnsbill@yahoo.com     | Lake Erie      | Akron               | X        |
| Mike Deboit                | cincyturners@yahoo.com    | Central States | Cincinnati          | X        |
| Bob Haderlein              | rhaderlein@gmail.com      | Illinois       | Lincoln             | X        |
| David B. Mulrooney ✓       | davidbmulrooney@gmail.com | Mid Atlantic   | Delaware            | X        |
| Dale Bojanowski ✓          | dalebojan@charter.net     | New England    | Clinton             | X        |
| Stephanie Minster ✓        | originalsteph@gmail.com   | Upper Midwest  | East Side Milwaukee | X        |
| Tim Pettibon ✓             | tpettibon@hotmail.com     | W Pennsylvania | Monaca              | X        |
| Jim Goetz ✓                | opa45jim@gmail.com        | New York       | Long Island         | X        |
| Frank Leonard-Guest ✓      | fleonard@triviumtech.net  | New England    | Clinton             |          |
| David J. Mulrooney-Guest ✓ |                           | Mid Atlantic   | Delaware            |          |
| Marion Oppelt-Guest ✓      | marionoppelt@outlook.com  | New York       | Long Island         |          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |                           |                |                     | <b>9</b> |

# Nominating Committee Report 81st Convention of the American Turners

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Meeting called to order 4:13pm by Dave Mulrooney (MAD)

Roll call attached

Motion was made by Sean Sendlein (STD), Seconded by Mike DeBolt (CS) for Stephanie Minster (UMWD) as Secretary of the Committee.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion was made by Nick Barts (ILD), Seconded Jim Goetz (NYD) for Sean Sendlein (STD) as Sargent of Arms of the Committee.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion was made by Sean Sendlein (STD), seconded by Nick Barts (ILD) to dispense with reading of the previous meeting minutes.

Motion passed unanimously

New business: Nominating Committee will be presenting the following names for elected positions.

President - John Beary (NE)

Vice President - Michelle Lesperance (UMWD)

Corporate Secretary - Dan Hoisington (UMWD)

Treasurer - Cindy Law (CS)

Cultural - Sue Knisley (ILD)

NHPEC Chair - Emily Miesner (CS)

ETF Trustee - Dave Mulrooney (MAD)

ETF Trustee - Michelle Lesperance (UMWD)

Motion to accept the candidates was made by Jim Goetz (NYD), seconded by Mike DeBolt (CS) passed unanimously.

Good and welfare: None

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:23 by Sean Sendlein (STD), and seconded by Frank Leonard (NED), was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Minster (UMWD)

Chairman *David B. Mulrooney*  
Secretary *Stephanie Minster*

ByLaws Meeting of the American Turners  
Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Michelle Lesperance at 9:43 am.

Andrea Boettger was nominated as Secretary. M/S Sendlein (STL) / DB Mulrooney (MA).  
Motion carried.

Mike Dubin was nominated for Sergeant at Arms. Mike Dubis (STL) /DB Mulrooney (MA).  
Motion Carries.

Motion to bypass reading prior meeting minutes from Sendlein (STL)/Pettibon (WPA). M/S  
and vote of motion carried.

Chair Lesperance shared the 14 resolutions in order. She reminded that we are not voting  
on the resolutions but rather making a recommendation on whether to vote on the changes  
to these resolutions on the convention floor.

Michelle read the Preface, and subsequent 14 resolution changes for approval:

1. Change in language of description of 501c3 to align with actual status designation.  
M/S Leonard (NE)/Severens (LE). Motion carried
2. Change to convention representation to extend to include a representative if an  
elected officer cannot attend; and that the attending delegate would have the ability  
to have one vote and are required to attend the National convention as an officer  
and may represent their district in the event no other delegate is available. M/S DB  
Mulrooney (MA)/Pettibon (WPA). Motion Carried.
3. Removal of language allowing past National President to invite any person deemed  
necessary after departing office. M/S DB Mulrooney (MA)/Sendlein (STL). Motion  
Carries.
4. Legal Title and including reference to IL Law change to be replaced with the  
following language to Kentucky Nonprofit Corporation Law and Illinois Not for Profit  
Corporation Law and include the necessary revisions when necessary for litigation,  
claims, judgements or indemnification and other qualifying circumstances. M/S  
Eichner (UM)/Law (CS). Motion carries
5. Change language for Annual Meeting relating to members to state "All National  
Council members and remove term 'elected members. M/S Meisner (CS)/ DB  
Mulrooney (MA). Motion carries.
6. Changes to clarifications of what actions may and may not be taken without a  
meeting and clarification of definition of meeting to include in-person, virtual, and  
telephone meetings. M/S Sendlein (STL)/Law (CS). Motion carries.
7. Changes to language to vacancy of National Council Offices to include succession  
procedure for filing vacancies between national conventions. M/S Mulrooney  
(MA)/Sendlein (STL). Motion carries.

8. Declaration of vacancy regarding negligence from committee members who fail to fulfill his/her duties. Members will be excused from duties and seat vacated. M/S DB Mulrooney (MA)/Eichner (ESM). Motion Carries.
9. Changes to language regarding reimbursement for travel expenses to include the auditing of expenses from Executive Committee and Administrative Assistant to ensure accuracy and eligibility prior to approval and reimbursement from American Turners. M/S Sendelin (STL)/Miesner (CS). Motion carries
10. Add language regarding removal of officers when engaging in negligence of duties and can declare his/her place vacant as outlined in bylaws. Comment from Tom Bozelenos – noted a trial committee has been developed in Aurora to address grievances in an impartial way. Committee is not elected, but assigned, and is in favor of granting authority to the council but is not in favor of the council alone having that power. Additional discussion ensued about specifics, but conversation was rerouted to remind committee we are making a recommendation to be voted on the conference floor and additional concerns/questions could be addressed during that discussion. M/S Leonard (NE)/Sendlein (STL). Motion carries.
11. Changing of the word “championship” to “competitions” when describing national events requiring attendance from the National Council as not all competitions are championship events. M/S McElhney (NE)/Coke (CS). Motion Carries
12. Clarification to language regarding Districts in good standing to state a District must have submitted the completed National Directory form as requested by the National Office. M/S Law (CS)/Sendlein (STL). Motion Carries
13. Clarification on who is responsible for paying membership dues and consequences for not doing so to define it is each Society’s responsibility to pay their accumulated Membership Dues to their District and to the national office, and that failure to comply will result in the associated society’s members being unable to participate in national events and Society exclusion from the electoral privilege at the National Convention. M/S Sanchez-Carlson (IL)/Sendlein (STL). Motion Carries.
14. Change to language regarding change to word “championship” and removal of reference of Bowling Rules of the American Turners; and that Bowling is now part of the NHPEC and is no longer part of its own standing committee. Change is to reflect that not all competitions are considered “championship” events. M/S Sendllien(STL)/Mulrooney (MA) Motion Carries.

With no additional new business regarding bylaws of the American Turners, M/S Sargent (NE)/Sargent (NE) to adjourn. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

*Respectfully Prepared and submitted by*

*Andrea Boettger, Secretary*

*Andrea Boettger*

*Michelle Telpenny*  
*Chair*

*8-8-2026*

## 2026 ByLaws Committee

| Delegate Name               | Email                                                                  | District          | Society             | ByLaws    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Michelle Lesperance-Chair ✓ | mwlpproperties1@gmail.com                                              | Upper Midwest     | Sheboygan           | X         |
| Andrea Boettger* ✓          | director@newulmturnerhall.com                                          | Upper Midwest     | New Ulm             | X         |
| Stan Russell Absent         | cincyturners@yahoo.com                                                 | Central States    | Cincinnati          | X         |
| Tony Coke ✓                 | tony.coke@louisvilleturners.org                                        | Central States    | Louisville          | X         |
| Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson ✓    | bsancarnspb@aol.com                                                    | Illinois          | NW Chicago          | X         |
| Laurie Haderlein ✓          | haderleinla@gmail.com                                                  | Illinois          | Lincoln             | X         |
| Mark Risch Absent           | markrisch39@gmail.com                                                  | Illinois          | Lincoln             | X         |
| Tom Bozonelos ✓             | trb@amturners.org                                                      | Illinois          | Aurora              | X         |
| Bill Severns Jr. ✓          | severnsbill@yahoo.com                                                  | Lake Erie         | Akron               | X         |
| Elizabeth Silverstrom ✓     | esilverstrom@yahoo.com                                                 | Lake Erie         | Akron               | X         |
| Linda Paxton ✓              | llpax@yahoo.com                                                        | Lake Erie         | Akron               | X         |
| Margie George ✓             | touchofclass65@yahoo.com                                               | Lake Erie         | Akron               | X         |
| David B. Mulrooney ✓        | davidbmulrooney@gmail.com                                              | Mid Atlantic      | Delaware            | X         |
| David J. Mulrooney Absent   |                                                                        | Mid Atlantic      | Delaware            | X         |
| Keith Mulrooney Absent      | kmulro317@yahoo.com                                                    | Mid Atlantic      | Delaware            | X         |
| Frank Leonard ✓             | fleonard@triviumtech.net                                               | New England       | Clinton             | X         |
| JB Dunne ✓                  | jibbamurf@comcast.net                                                  | New England       | Clinton             | X         |
| Charlie McElheney ✓         | cmcelheney@gmail.com                                                   | New England       | Clinton             | X         |
| Steve Sargent ✓             | sargent_steve@hotmail.com                                              | New England       | Clinton             | X         |
| Sharron Sargent ✓           | sharonmayou1@hotmail.com                                               | New England       | Clinton             | X         |
| Robin Frank ✓               | managerturnerhall@gmail.com                                            | New England       | Clinton             | X         |
| Frank Wedl-Guest ✓          | frankldew@verizon.net                                                  | New York          | New York            |           |
| James Goetz ✓               | opa45jim@gmail.com                                                     | New York          | Long Island         | X         |
| Mike Dubis ✓                | dubismichael@gmail.com                                                 | St Louis          | Imperial            | X         |
| Sean Sendlein ✓             | sendlein@gmail.com                                                     | St Louis          | Imperial            | X         |
| Jerome Bleick Absent        | jbleick@comcast.net                                                    | Upper Midwest     | New Ulm             | X         |
| John Wamser ✓               | wamserjf@gmail.com                                                     | Upper Midwest     | East Side Milwaukee | X         |
| Stephanie Minster ✓         | originalsteph@gmail.com                                                | Upper Midwest     | East Side Milwaukee | X         |
| Liz Eichner ✓               | <a href="mailto:resurgence4462@yahoo.com">resurgence4462@yahoo.com</a> | Upper Mississippi | NW Davenport        | X         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                |                                                                        |                   |                     | <b>28</b> |

Tim Pettibon - delegate  
 Cheryl Hammond - delegate  
 Tracy Woerlie - delegate  
 Molly Benson - delegate  
 Andy Papparo - delegate  
 Emily Miesner - delegate  
 Patty Coke - delegate  
 Cindy Law - delegate

# 2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**Location:** Clinton Turnverein  
Miz O'Malley  
Rathskellar  
**Date:** August 08, 2026  
**Time:** 8:15 AM ET  
**Facilitator:** Chair: TBozonelos

## **Delegates & Guests:**

Thomas R Bozonelos,

### **1. Call to order**

Permanent chair TBozonelos called the 81<sup>st</sup> American Turners National Convention Finance Committee meeting to order at 8:28 a.m.

### **2. Delegates in Attendance:**

The following delegates were in attendance:

Tom Bozonelos-Chairman

Judy Bacon

Cindy Law- National Treasurer

Mike Debolt

Tim Keefer

Tony Coke

Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson

Laurie Haderlein

Bill Severns Jr

Linda Paxton

Ralph Elias

Dale Bojanowski

Frank Leonard

Charlie McElheney

Mike Dubis

Andrea Boettger

Liz Eichner

Tim Pettibon

The following guest(s) was/were in attendance:

Kathi Colton

### **3. Election of a Recording Secretary:**

Motion made by: Tom Bozonelos for Judy Bacon, Syracuse to be Recording Secretary

Seconded by: Frank Leonard

Result: Motion passed

**4. Motion to elect temporary Sgt of Arms:**

Ralph Elias and Mike Dubis both volunteered for Sgt of Arms positions.

Tony Coke made a motion to make them permanent position

Dale Bojanowski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Motion passed.

**5. Reading of the minutes from the last Finance Committee meeting:**

Motion by Frank Leonard to waive the reading of the minutes from the last convention.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Bojanowski.

Motion approved

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Motion to approve.

**7. Old and Unfinished Business**

- a. None

**8. New Business**

Tom opened the meeting letting us know that the National Turners organization is in the best financial shape that it has ever been in.

- a. National Turners received \$200,000 from Cleveland East as a result of the sale of their building. There was much discussion and recommend what is to be done with 1/2 of the gifted funds of approximately \$99k received from Cleveland East side Turners. It was suggested that they use money for the Youth Leadership conference, however that was cancelled. We will be using some of the money to help promote the Turners to the public to help grow our societies.
- b. Updated amount of investment funds is \$1,948,000 as of July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- c. All investment accounts are with Royal Bank of Canada through investor Scott Eberheart that we have used for 14 years.
- d. There was much discussion on the Jahn Fund and the lack of transparency and communication from the fund. Looking for simpler ways to let the Societies know how to apply and where to send the application for funds, etc.
- e. Dale Bojanowski brought up a question regarding the balance of \$223,000 in our national checking account and why aren't we investing that money? Motion made by Dale Bojanowski and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Leonard to move \$120,000 to an interest-bearing short-term account. Motion passed

**9. Good & Welfare**

None

**10. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn by at 9:38 a.m. by Bonnie Sanches-Carlson Seconded by Dale Bojanowski. Passed.

Minutes prepared by: Judy Bacon

Signed: Judy A Bacon

Dated: 8/8/26

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Thomas R. Bozanella

Dated: 8/8/2026

Date: Sat. Aug. 8th

**Emily Miesner calling meeting to order at 8:26AM**

**Rollcall, all present except below:**

- Grace Wallace
- Tyler Hammond
- Grag Snizek
- Donna Reynolds
- Rick Darflor
- Dot Bisesi
- Jerome Bleick

**Addition of delegates:**

- David Schmidt
- Kaitlyn Clements

**Guest:**

- Fred Sontag

**Election of Secretary: Kaitlyn Clements**

**Motion:** Nick Barts

**Second:** Michelle Lesperance

Motion passed

**Election Sergeant of Arms: Gale Verdick**

**Motion:** Brenda English

**Second:** Nick Barts

Motion passed

**Discussion of Rules**

Presentation of any resolution submitted:

Reports of 25-26 of national tournaments, presented last night

Results of national bowling tournament included in packet

**USAG report**

Submitted by Jessica Henson and handed out at meeting

Discussion of Emily's (**NHPE Chair**) **report** and **old business**:

- National pickleball tournament added this year, Louisville, Oct 10th and 11th

**Discussion of 2027 Festival in New Ulm**

- Updated rule book
  - Changed lower youngest age group to 6 (prev 7)
  - Cultural registration online, register NHPE and register for cultural through another link
  - Looking to have non-member kids register as youth members, no more kids whose parents are non-members competing in Turnfest

- Gymnastics: Added Sapphire level to accel
- Seniors: No more side horse vault
- Senior women: no more p-bars
- Volleyball: Mens division is active + Womens two divisions + coed.
- Pickleball: Adding age groups, regular event
- Timing company for 5k
- Update on scoring system
  - Software not compatible
  - New scoring is in excel, being programmed
  - Looking for scoring help at Festival: data entry at each event
- Youth National Transportation Fund

#### **New Business:**

- Bowling
  - Looking for new bowling chair
  - Trophies made, will go out
  - USBC sanctioned event, wanting to stay USBC sanctioned event
  - **Motion** by Michelle Lesperance to nominate Tyler Hammond as new bowling chair
  - **2nd:** by Nick Barts
  - Motion passed
- Worley, Central States brought discussion, Rhythmic Aerobic for floor exercise for senior men
  - **Motion** by Nick Barts to add Rhythmic Gymnastics to men's senior
  - **2nd:** Mark English
  - Motion passed
- July 28 - July 31 Turnfest, societies, please setup links to national rule book
- Discussion of Banners for awards for society team awards
- Discussion of golf scramble division added to national tournament, co-ed?
  - Dependent on venue for co-ed options
- Discussion of adding co-ed options to national bowling as well

#### **Good & Welfare:**

- Discussion of German Turnfest (80,000 participants) by John Wamser
  - Next one in Munich in May
  - Need to promote more, especially to kids
  - Sign up is difficult, all in German (language, currency, ...)
  - More info to come

#### Nominate Emily Miesner for NPHE Chair

**Motion** by Nick Barts

**2nd** Whirley

#### Motion to adjourn

**Motion** by Nick Barts

**2nd** Mark English

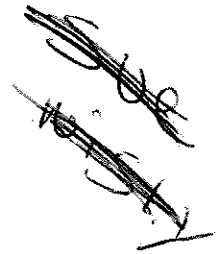
Chair - Emily Miesner - 

Secretary - Kaitlyn Clements - 

## **Cultural Meeting of the 81<sup>st</sup> National Convention**

**Clinton Turners, August 8, 2026**

### **Minutes**



Attendance: Sue Knisley called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

#### **Roll Call of Delegates:**

Present: Stephanie Minster, April Weber, Guy Schultz, Marcy, Woehrle, Patty Coke, Tracy Woehrle, Christian Federmann, Jamie Eppard, Patty Richter, Michael DiMiero, Cheryl Hammond, Molly Benson, James Goetz, Donna Reynolds

Absent: Stan Russell, Kurt Potthast, Jerome Bleick

#### **Election of Secretary for this meeting**

Motion by Sue Knisley, Illinois District, seconded by Jamie Eppard, Illinois District, to nominate Patty Richter as Secretary for this meeting. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Election of Sargeant at Arms**

#### **Read Committee Rules**

Committee Rules were handed out/read

#### **Present any Resolutions submitted**

There were no resolutions

#### **Cultural Report**

Report was read

#### **Discussion of Cultural report and Old Business**

There was none

**2027 Festival – July 27-31, 2027 – hosted by New Ulm Turners**

### Review changes in Red Book

Discussed changes to red book. Cultural chair marked changes for red book and will get that updated. Committee discussed allowing AI generated submissions for cultural submissions. Consensus to not allow.

AI generated essays will be disqualified.

### New Business

Discussed leaving Festival submissions out for viewing until Saturday am or Friday night after 7.

### Good & Welfare

Chairperson Knisley thanked Deb Martin for helping with the Red Book, Donna Reynolds for helping at National Festival check-ins.

Jahn Fund – will reimburse youth travel funds - \$.25 cents/mile from Society to host site for Festival one way. Form available on American Turners website.

### Nomination of National Cultural Chairperson

Motion by Patty Richter, Illinois District, seconded by Christian Federmann, Illinois District, to nominate Sue Knisley for National Cultural Chairperson. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Adjournment

Motion by Sue Knisley, Illinois District, seconded by Patty Richter, Illinois District, to adjourn. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 a.m.

*Sue Knisley committee chair*

*Patty Richter Committee Secretary*