

AHEPA District 2 2013 80th Annual Convention

Saturday June 8th – The Enchantment of the Seas

Meeting called to order at 8:20am by Steve Photiades with prayer by Deacon John Pantelis followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the dearly departed AHEPAN's.

Installment of convention officers

- Charles Stamoulis appointed by Steve Photiades as convention Chair
- The Honorable Judge John Alexander was appointed Vice Chair
- Philip Amorgianos was appointed Secretary

Supreme Governor Dalton Respass administered the oath to convention officers

Chairman Stamoulis gave opening remarks and established that the normal order of business would be modified as the bylaws have been suspended for this year's convention.

Demetrios Kirkiles moved for the Convention body to act as a committee of the whole, seconded by Steve Photiades passed by acclamation. Supreme Governor Dalton moved for all members to be recognized as delegates.

Credentials committee (Dalton Respass) reported on 28 delegates registered and 17 delegates were present.

Minutes of the previous convention were read by Philip Amorgianos and accepted as read.

Charles Stamoulis clarified that Jim Sirks was appointed Treasurer as the elected Treasurer John Rallis could not execute his duties.

Chapter Reports:

- Charles Stamoulis gave the CH 356 Clearwater report.
- Philip Amorgianos gave the CH 6 Jacksonville report.
- Mike Trimis gave CH 12 Tampa report.
- Dalton Respass gave CH 15 St Petersburg report.
- Tom Nikitas gave the CH 161 Orlando report.
- John Symeonides gave the CH 410 Daytona report.
- Demetrios Kirkiles gave the ch 394 Fort Lauderdale report.

Convention Strength reported at 25

Continued Chapter Reports:

- Pete Sergis gave the CH 401 Melbourne Report.

Demetrios Kirkiles gave a report on the Marathon fundraising initiative.

- Jimmy Makris gave the CH 49 West Pasco New Port Richey.

Peter Papademetriou reported on the Sons of Pericles and discussed the challenges of getting the youth involved.

Convention Strength confirmed at 25.

Break

Brother Philip Amorgianos gave the District Athletic Director (on behalf of Gem Mann) and Secretary Reports.

Lt Governor Report given by John Symeonides.

Jim Sirks gave the Treasurers report with clarifications on allocations and assessments given by brother Stamoulis.

Governor's report given by Stephanos Photiades and it included a summary of District Lodge activities as well as updates on Gus Paras digitizing our archives, the postponing of our YouTube film festival, and the shortage of government funding which is preventing the growth of AHEPA HUD housing projects.

Supreme Governor Respass gave remarks and Supreme Governor's report. He challenged all incoming officers to read the position description in Article 12-14 on the duties of each position.

Charles Stamoulis made comments on the Supreme Governor's contribution in terms of travel expenses as they are not budgeted. He went on to discuss AHEPA activities in Greece and then he gave the District Website report. He will gladly add links to chapter websites, contact information, and events on your calendar. Chapters need to update information on newly elected officers and events in a timely fashion.

Judge Alexander moved for all chapters to be required to update contact information for newly elected officers within 30 days. Seconded by Kirkiles and passed.

John Alexander assumed Chair so Charles Stamoulis could propose that moving forward, the District Secretary will serve as the Convention Secretary for the purposes of continuity and accountability. Stamoulis moved accordingly and Steve Photiades seconded with unanimous approval.

Motion made by Mike Trimis seconded by Ron Gregory moved that at the close of future conventions a letter is written by the Secretary and signed by the President titled election minutes to identify new officers and facilitate transfer of signatory authority to the incoming officers. Motion passed unanimously.

Charles Stamoulis resumes chair and informed the convention that the District Lodge voted to use a \$5,000 surplus from the District Lodge. The money was transferred to the Scholarship fund and

earmarked as the Past District Governors Scholarship. Charles moved that the transfer be ratified. Seconded by Demetrios Kirkiles. The motion passed 22/3.

It was determined that tomorrow's agenda will begin with an 8:30am a compline prayer session By Deacon John Pantelis and the meeting will resume at 9am.

Charles Stamoulis thanked the scholarship committee members especially Charles Adams for their support.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

June 9th

Following the opening prayers a joint meeting with the DOP was held. The dignitaries from the Daughters of Penelope were introduced.

Charles Stamoulis read the section of the minutes from 2012 convention that dealt with the awarding the convention to St. Pete chapters. Due to the fact they were the only ones to apply.

A motion was made by Charles Stamoulis, seconded by Dalton Respass and passed by the convention to award future conventions at the joint AHEPA DOP meeting. This was in response to complaints that the DOP last year was not informed. The only application that year was from St. Petersburg.

Charles Stamoulis relayed that the only convention application this year was a joint application from Fort Lauderdale Narcissus 289 and Boca Raton Cassandra 372 Chapters of DOP. The DOP Chapters were awarded the convention in a vote that was passed with the support of all but one member.

Lilly Respass District Advisor for the Maids of Athena gave an update on Maids activity.

Jimmy Makris presented the findings of the Audit committee, gave the Treasurers report, and proposed a budget. Steve Photiades moved to accept the reports, Peter Sergis seconded, passed unanimously.

Then the Scholarship financials were presented by Jimmy Makris. Mike Trimis moved to accept, seconded by Dalton Respass. Passed unanimously.

Demetrios Kirkiles indicated that the Grievance Committee has no grievances to address.

Demetrios Kirkiles reported on the legislation committee. The process to amend bylaws was reviewed by Brother Kirkiles. Bylaw changes must be submitted in writing two weeks prior to a convention to the standing Bylaws Committee which consists of Brother Stamoulis and Brother Kirkiles. Dalton Respass moved and Charles Stamoulis seconded that proposed changes to the bylaws be continued until next year. Motion passed.

Good of the Order:

Steve Photiades spoke on the prospect of starting a Grandsons of Pericles for boys who are not yet old enough to become Sons of Pericles. He moved to approach Nationals with the Idea and it was seconded by Brother Kirkiles. Passed unanimously.

Kirkiles proposed a line item for Education and Philanthropy projects at the District Level in the budget. It was agreed to postpone the motion until next year to be submitted to the Bylaws committee.

Judge Alexander gave feedback and reported on the New Smyrna Memorial and asked that all chapters update the District website so that such events could be better publicized.

Steve Photiades thanked Charles Stamoulis for his work as convention Chair.

Final Order of Business: Election of Officers

Brother Kirkiles nominated Jim Sirks for re-election as Treasurer seconded by Jimmy Makris. Unanimously carried.

Charles Stamoulis nominated Kosta Sofikitis for District Secretary, seconded by Dalton Respass. Unanimously carried.

Dalton Respass nominated Phil Amorgianos for Lieutenant Governor, seconded by Steve Photiades. Unanimously carried.

Steve Photiades nominated Dr. John Symeonides for District Governor, seconded by Peter Sergis. Unanimously carried.

Charles Stamoulis called the newly elected officers to take the oath of office which was administered by Supreme Governor Respass.

Newly elected Governor Symeonides gave remarks.

Charles Stamoulis requested that PDG's remain for selection of Chapter and AHEPAN of the year.

Moved by Judge Alexander and seconded by SG Respass to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am.