

Ahepa Citrus District 2 Order Of Ahepa 81nd District Convention The Mariott Residence Inn, Lutz, Florida

Ahepa Meeting Convened on Friday, June 12th 2015 9:40am

Meeting called to order by DG Kostas Sofikitis#479, Prayer by Homer Zambigadis#409, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and a moment of silence for the dearly departed Ahepans.

Credentials Report

- **31 Delegates registered, 20 Delegates in attendance (voting strength)
- **Includes SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394 and four PSG's/PDG's
- **All District Lodge members present except Phillip Amorganos#6 & Gus Pantelides#356
- **Our Supreme VP John Galanis will be joining us Saturday

Election of Convention Officers-Oath given by SG Demetrios Kirkiles #394

- ** DG Kostas Sofikitis#479 nominates Michael Trimis#12 for Convention Chairman- Accepted
- ** DG Kostas Sofikitis#479 nominates Chris Kapakos#394 for Convention Vice-Chairman-Accepted
- ** As Bylaws states, the District Secretary shall be the Convention Secretary. This year, Jimmy Makris#489 is the District Secretary so he will be the Convention Secretary.

Reading of the Minutes

- ** Gus Paras#12 asked Convention Chair to postpone the acceptance of the Minutes until later this afternoon, so everyone had a chance to review them. While no one objected to this request, Convention Secretary Jimmy Makris#489 mentioned that these Minutes were already distributed to all Lodge Members and all District#2 President's (for distribution to all Chapter Members) only 2 weeks after the close of last years Convention. So there was plenty of time to review them. But Chair decided that we will vote on them later.

Appointment of Committee Chairpersons

- ****Scholarship** - Homer Zambigadis#409 Nominates PSG Charles Stamoulis#15, seconded by PSG Charles Adams#15
- ****Athletic** – Gus Paras#12 nominates Gerald Galovic#12, seconded by SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394
- ****Budget & Audit** - Gus Paras#12 appointed by Chair
- ****Grievance** - SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394 appointed by Chair
- ****Credentials** - PSG Charles Stamoulis#15 nominates Eli Dalabakis#15, Chair Cast the Vote
- ****Convention City** - Committee as a Whole
- ****Legislative**- Gus Paras#12 nominates SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394, Chair Cast the Vote

Officers Report - Lt. Governor Philip Amorgianos#6 given by DG Kostas Sofikitis#479

- **Philips wife recently passed away and now is a single dad
- **He did meet DG Kostas Sofikitis#479 at a visitation in Daytona
- **And spoke to DG about trying to attend the District Convention
- **Had recently sent an email on June 10th to DG Kostas Sofikitis#479, Jimmy Makris#489, Jim Sirks#161 & PSG Charles Stamoulis#15 saying that he would not be able to attend the District Convention, and would not be able to accept any District Lodge position with substantial duties.
- ** DG Kostas Sofikitis#479 encourage Philip to keep going and be well.

Officers Report - Secretary Jimmy Makris#489

**Have a BBA, attended law school, left law school to accept an Investment Banking position. Later on moved to Florida in 1987. Been a Bond Broker for almost 30 years. My wife is Greek, have 3 kids. Dean is an Attorney, Christina & Billy are attending law school.

**I've organized the District & Foundation so it is compliant with State & Federal requirements.

**May 2013-Filed E-Postcard for District's Nonprofit/Unincorporated Organization.

**May 2013-My Son Attorney Dean Makris was instrumental in setting up a new Non-profit/Incorporated Corporation for the Districts' Educational Foundation, and proceeded to fill-out and file the lengthy 501c-3 corporation application. After constant follow-ups with the IRS, received official notification on 07/21/2014 of acceptance of the 501c-3 corporation. The IRS then backdated the approval status as of 6/15/2013.

**June 6, 2014 Convention-I offered to take the Convention Minutes for DG Kostas Sofikitis#479, who was the District Secretary at that time. I took the entire Minutes with the assistance of my son Bill Makris, and had them done. I emailed them to the Lodge & all President's of our District (so they could disperse to all Members) within 2 weeks of the Convention closing.

**I believe I have helped organize our District;

-By locating and staying in touch with each President for all 25 Chapters throughout our District. I put together an accurate list containing the name, address, phone & email of each President throughout the District. This was important for communicating information concerning our District Convention, District Assessments, and Events to all Members of our District.

-Established a Facebook account that helped promote and send Followers to our **Ahepa Citrus District 2** Facebook account. This helped promote our Convention and promote Ahepa.

**Below is a timeline of Events that I have organized and/or participated in throughout our District to help Promote Ahepa. They are;

**June 20-Volunteered to be on the 2015 District Lodge Committee. Met with this committee once a month, and later on twice a month till opening date towards preparing for the Convention.

**June 20-Participated in the Installation of Officers for the Tampa#12 Chapter at Malios Steakhouse in Tampa. They put on a 1st Class event complete with printed placecards & agendas.

**July 28-Sadly, attended the funeral of our SG Nick Stathopoulos who I have known for over 20 years.

**September 6-helped organize and attended the Ahepa Workshop at Holy Trinity Church in Orlando, and attended with the Ahepa/DOP the Greek Night that night at Holy Trinity .

**September 9-Visitation to Chapter#489. Needed to inform them of becoming next years Convention Host Chapter and our obligations.

**November 8-Attended Chapter#15 St. Pete's Big Band dance at St. Stefanos Church

**December 5-Attended Chapter#357 Clearwater's Christmas Party at the Safety Harbor Spa.

**December 19-Attended Chapter#12 Scholarship Banquet at the Floridian Hotel in Tampa

**January 5, 2015-Helped organize & attended District Lodge meeting at the Chapter#16 Ahepa home in Tarpon Springs.

**January 5-Attended the Chapter#16 Ahepa Epiphany Banquet at the Tarpon Springs Yacht Club.

**January 7-Attended the Chapter#12 Ahepa Epiphany Dinner at the Floridian Palace Hotel in Tampa.

**February 7-Attended the Chapter#161 Ahepa Zorbas Cruise in Port Canaveral

**February 14-Attended the Supreme Lodge meeting at the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort in Orlando.

**March 5-Completed mailed & emailed District Convention packages to the Lodge and all Chapter President/Contacts (for disbursement to all it's Members). Emailed them 3 more times prior to Convention Opening. I did the District & Chapter Host portion of the package for Ahepa.

**March 21-Helped organize & attended District Lodge meeting at the Chapter#16 Ahepa home in Tarpon Springs.

**March 21-Attended the Greek Independence Day Parade Dance as a group with many Ahepans.

**March 22-Helped organize & marched with a group of follow Ahepans in the Greek Independence Day Parade.

**March 22-Sadly, attended the Wake services held for PS-VP Gus Stefanadis at Holy Trinity in Clearwater.

**April 21-After sadly hearing of Chapter#489 President's Tom Anastasiou decline in health, at his insistence, held an emergency meeting to elect a new President to continue operations. Initiated a new Member in the process.
**April 24-Attended ours DOP's Casino Night at Spartan Manor.
**May 12-Attended Chapter#489 meeting. Trained new President in running meetings, and initiated another new member.
**May 16-Attended a "walk through" at the site of the Convention Hotel in Lutz.
**May 17-Attended "Ahepa Day" at St. George Church in New Port Richey, along with a group of about 10 Ahepans. There were many DOP's there that worked with the church to setup 3 tables for us.

Officers Report – Treasurer Jim Sirks#161

**Jim passed out printed Financials for the District & Educational Foundation.
**First explained the Educational Foundation Financial Report
**Foundation didn't meet income goals that were budgeted.
**Only fundraising has been Raffle ticket sales
**\$7500 in Scholarships were paid out last year.
**Ahepa Citrus District#2 Educational Foundation has \$133,982.07 in total assets.
**Moved on to the District's Financial Report
**Prior year has 700 members, last year 667. Of those we received assessments for 585 members.
**it's been difficult to collect assessments. Some Chapter's needed to be contacted 10 times for the assessment. For those Chapters that are delinquent in paying there assesments, there kids will not be able to apply for a scholarship for 3 years. And will not be able to apply for Chapter of the Year or Ahepan of the Year.
**We will be seeking collection of this years & last years Conventions fees from the Host Chapters right away.
****Motion** has been made by Gus Paras#12 that District Financial should reflect the \$1200 receivable of Convention fees due from prior Convention Host Chapters. \$600 from Boca Raton, and \$600 from West Pasco. It was seconded and accepted.
****Motion** has been made by Gus Paras#12 to add \$300 to the Proposed District Workshop Expense. It was seconded and accepted.

Officers Report - Lt. Governor Philip Amorgianos#6 email read by Jimmy Makris#489

** Brothers, I am honored thank those of you who reached out with prayers and condolences as my beloved wife was called to the Lord this year. As you can imagine, the family commitments leading up to and in the months subsequent to her passing have kept me from many of our events this year, but I remain with you in spirit. In my capacity as Lt Governor, after attending last year's District Convention, I also made a Chapter visit to Jacksonville for their annual Scholarship Luncheon. Then, I attended the District Lodge Meeting and joint DOP meeting in Tarpon Springs this March. Finally, I made it to Daytona for an AHEPA Family Night Dinner, sharing news of the District's activities with the brothers in attendance and relaying the Governor's proposal to have the Greek Landing Memorial in New Smyrna to be more prominently recognized by the State for its historical significance and to expand the site to feature more information on Hellenic culture and contributions in America. I was able to assist the Governor in enlisting the support of Judge John Alexander for this initiative. Fraternaly yours, Philip Amorgianos.

Officers Report - Webmaster Charles Stamoulis#15

**Website has been functioning, it's your website use it.
**Spent \$585 for a more secure website. Ahepad2.org or dot anything will bring you there.
**Pictures of all Scholarship awards will be posted on the Website
**The Scholarship Application is on the Website.
**Gus Paras#12 recommended that Donations be solicited from the Website.
****Motion** made by Gus Paras#12 to investigate an electronic method to receive Donations through the Website. Seconded and Accepted.

Officers Report - Marathon SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394

- **\$15,000 going to District#1, but not us, because we have no runners
- **The Marathon is in Greece. Most of the runners are not Greek, but they get to go to Greece, to get the Hellenic experience and have a good time. And an appreciation for our History.
- **Always held the 2nd weekend in November
- **District#2 has an excellent opportunity to make money. Just print the flyer or direct people to the Website (www.ahepa.org/marathon) at headquarters, and our District will make money.
- **Last year the Ahepa group consisted of 50 runners, and raised about \$120,000 net for Ahepa.
- **They don't need to be Ahepans, just sign-up, make the commitment to raise the money and go.
- **There are 2 levels, a \$5000 level in which Ahepa buys the plane ticket, The \$4000 level in which you buy the plane ticket for yourself. You then get 6 days, 5 nights in Greece. Then the charity designated (District#2) gets approximately \$2500 from each runner. Would like the money by the end of August.
- ****Motion** made by Gus Paras#12 for District Athletic Director to make this one of there projects and oversee a committee throughout the State to help this effort. Seconded and Accepted.

Officers Report - Educational Foundation PSG Charles Stamoulis#15

- **Moved application deadline up to April 1st
- **Received 31 applications this year, but were only able to give out 18 Scholarships this year.
- **Will give out \$9500 worth of Scholarships, much of the income came from Raffle Ticket sales.
- **This year went out to present Scholarships on the local level (Orlando, Clearwater, St. Pete)
- **Louie handles the Raffle, and Charles handles the Distric Assessments.
- **Prior scholarship that have given back. Like Attorney Dean Makris, son of District Secretary Jimmy Makris was instrumental in helping the Foundation open a new corporation, attaining 501c3 status for that corporation, and attaining a Florida Sales Tax Exemption Certificate.
- **Dr. Michael Markou, who received a Clearwater Ahepa Scholarship, has a standing scholarship with the Clearwater Ahepa Chapter, to award a Scholarship for youths pursuing the medical field.
- **A table was setup to sell Raffle tickets at the Convention. If you haven't bought any, buy them.

Officers Report - Educational Foundation PSG Louis P. Logas#161

- **Presenting District Scholarship along with Chapter Scholarships helps promote Ahepa
- **Chapter's have plenty of money & should get involved with the Gold Life Scholarship
- **The Gold Life Scholarship is only \$1000, it stays in the account and earns interest.
- **Since 2006, the Foundation has given 159 Scholarships.
- **West Pasco has given 3 Scholarships per year, every year.
- **Can pay 4 installments of \$250 per year over 4 years.
- **Chapter#487 Boca Raton presented a check for \$200 to Louie for the Foundation.
- **Chapter#161 Orlando gave \$1000 tolds a Gold Life Scholarship. The Orlando Chapter would like to challenge other Chapters to do the same.
- **PSG Charlie Adams commented that the Scholarship, not the amount, adds stature to a resume.

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Ahepa Meeting Reconvened on Friday, June 12th 2015 @ 1:43pm

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- **31 Delegates registered, 26 Delegates in attendance (voting strength)
- **Includes SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394 and Five PSG's/PDG's
- **All District Lodge members present except Philip Amorgianos#6

- Chapter Report** - Gus Paras#12 Tampa
- Chapter Report** - Eli Dalabakis#15 St.Petersburg
- Chapter Report** - Steve Pavlakos#18 West Palm Beach
- Chapter Report** - Emmanuel Davatelis#161 Orlando
- Chapter Report** - Chris Kapakos#394 & SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394 & FT. Lauderdale
- Chapter Report** - Gus Pantelidis#356 Clearwater
- Chapter Report** - Homer Zambigadis#409 FT. Pierce
- Chapter Report** - Costa Constantiniou & Alan McCaulay#487 Boca Raton
- Chapter Report** - DG Kostas Sofikitis#479 Hobe Sound
- Chapter Report** - Jimmy Makris#489 & James Koutsos#489 West Pasco
- Chapter Report** - PSG Peter Sergis#401 Melbourne
- Chapter Report** - PDG Michael Pantel#16 Tarpon Springs

Ahepa Meeting Recessed on Friday, June 12th 2015 @ 3:53pm

Joint Meeting Convened on Saturday, June 13th 2015 @ 9:00am

Joint meeting called to order by DOP Chairwoman Joanne Sackedis, Prayer by Michael Trimis#12, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Introduced Ahepa/DOP dignitaries.

Annoucement of the DOP District Scholarships Winners

- **Barbara Pavlakos, Leda#59, Graduated from Santa Lucas High School - Awarded \$750
- **Marianna Babiolakis, Cassandra#372, Graduated from Palm Harbor High School - Awarded \$750
- **Sofia Konstantinidis, Clearwater DOP, Graduated from Clearwater High School - Awarded \$500
- **Eleni Mavres, Clearwater DOP, Attending Maryville College - Awarded \$500

Ahepa Supreme VP John Galanis

- **From Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- **First time been to our District, but his Mom is from Destin, Florida (she passed away).
- **Was in Seattle last weekend at a District Convention, and in Greece 3 weeks ago with the Delegation.
- **Met with Prime Minister Tsipras, said "were flexible here".
- **Enjoys Joint Meetings because feels the DOP is an extremely important part of Ahepa.
- **Biggest challenge for Ahepa & DOP is for us to replace ourselves.
- **Was told that the San Francisco Convention will have a nice crowd.

Grand Governor Diane Peterson Zone 4

- **Attended 1st Convention here in 1988, with here husband, that was the year her monther-in-law passed away from Cancer. There was a bus to go to Papnicolau, he got on it. Started crying because there was so much available here for those needing Cancer treatment.
- **From San Francisco, last night it was 59degrees there, so bring sweaters for the Convention

- **When joined the DOP was in Fresno, California. Started going to District Conventions in 1987.
- **Wants to stress to the young people here, go to the Conventions, go to the Nationals & make it a vacation. You meet so many wonderful people.
- **Must appreciate PDG's, you learn alot from them.
- **Was privy to witness an initiation of a Maids Chapter & a Sons Chapter.

DOP District Governor Matia Vamvounakis

- **It's an honor to be a District Governor, it's her 3rd time.
- **It's an honor to be asked to go on to the District Lodge, and especially to become a District Governor.

Ahepa District Governor Kostas Sofikitis

- **Was a journey to be elected District Governor
- **Wants to thank those involved with putting together such a beautiful Convention.
- ** Traveling through the State realized the Ahepa is an idea of unity of family.
- **Just need to organize, and understand the thinking of the youth so they will join.
- **We need to learn how to sell our ideas to the youth.

Past Grand President Niki Stamoulis

- **Announced the winners of the Ahepa Citrus District 2 Educational Foundation Scholarship recipients.
- **There were 31 that applied, 18 were awarded scholarships.

Educational Foundation Scholarship Award Recipients

- National Scholarship - Stacie Haralambous, Ahepa#161 Orlando
- Angelo Langadas Fund - Arianna Krinos, MOA#38 Tampa
- Angelo Langadas Fund - Andrew Loso, SOP Melbourne
- Past District Governor's Scholarship - Barbara Pavlakos, Ahepa#18 West Palm Beach
- Steno Augustine Memorial - Katina Smith, MOA Tampa
- Tony Callisis Memorial - Sofia Konstantinidis, Ahepa#356 Clearwater
- Jordan Joanides Memorial - John Tischner, Ahepa#15 St. Petersburg
- Ahepa West Pasco#489 Scholarship - Nicolous Halverson, Ahepa#15 St.Petersburg
- Ahepa West Pasco#489 Scholarship - Mitchell Pantelides, Ahepa#356 Clearwater
- Ahepa West Pasco#489 Scholarship - Emmanuel Stamatogiannakis, Ahepa#6 Jacksonville
- Ahepa West Pasco#489 Scholarship - Eleni Pampoukis, Ahepa#161 Orlando
- Ahepa West Pasco#489 Scholarship - Alexandria Gerecke, MOA Tampa
- Ahepa West Pasco#489 Scholarship - Matina Harbilos, Ahepa#161 Orlando
- Ahepa Citrus District 2 Foundation Scholarship - Marisa Kometas, Ahepa#410 Daytona Beach
- Ahepa Citrus District 2 Foundation Scholarship - Constantinos Logus, Ahepa#161 Orlando
- Ahepa Citrus District 2 Foundation Scholarship - Eleni Mavres, Ahepa#356 Clearwater
- Ahepa Citrus District 2 Foundation Scholarship - Victoria Pitenis, Ahepa#410 Daytona
- Ahepa Citrus District 2 Foundation Scholarship - Kyriakos Tomadakis, Ahepa#394 FT. Lauderdale

DOP Chairwoman Joanne Sackedis the Clearwater Chapter had a Scholarship Banquet, and Charles & Niki Stamoulis presented some of the District Scholarships there at there event.

DOP DG Matia Vamvounakis would like to recognize 2 Chapters. The 1st is DOP Eros in New Port Richey for giving the most to there community. The second is for reinstating the Niki Chapter MOA in Tampa, they are number one.

Ahepa DG Kostas Sofikitis would like to recognize SOP#39 in Tampa (representative present). There is also a MOA representative present. Would also like to announce that Ahepa Chapter in St. Augustine#18 & Ft. Pierce#409 were reactivated.

DOP Advisor To the Maids Mary Denning announced that there are 3 Chapters and 47 Maids in Florida. So next year will be able to have a MOA District Lodge. Gainesville, Tampa & Melbourne have SOP Chapters. Today at 10am the MOA is having there workshop.

Supreme VP John Galanis said when he was in Thessaloniki there was a fundraising run. Was surprised to see this in Greece. Said that it did very well.

Adjourned Joint Meeting on Saturday, June 13th 2015 @ 9:48am

Ahepa Meeting Reconvened on Saturday, June 13th 2015 @ 10:20am

Credentials Report

- **31 Delegates registered, 30 Delegates in attendance (voting strength)
- **Includes Supreme VP John Galanis, SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394 and Seven PSG's/PDG's
- **All District Lodge members present except Philip Amorgianos#6

Officers Report - Athletics Jerry Galovic#12

- **Got on the internet and found so many Chapters doing Athletic events for there Chapters.
- **We need to have each Chapter have an assigned Athletic Director, and have that Director Report to the District Athletic Director. So he has there emails & phone numbers.
- ** An Event should be planned in Basketball, Bowling, Tennis, Golf, Shooting & Marathon.
- **The Tampabay area has explored team competitions within the 5 local Chapters, which would then follow up to a District competiton, and then National.
- **Will offer his "Go To Media" (teleconferencing program) to help everyone to communicate.
- **About the Marathon, need to do a grass-roots effort to send runners to the Marathon. Need to work with local running groups and stores that incite interest in running.

Officers Report - Budget & Audit Committee Gus Paras#12

- **Wasn't able to fully review the books in the allowed 2-3 hours allotted.
- **Feels that certain areas of Income should be tied to it's expense.
- **Believes there should be more transparency, and every area should be documented.
- **If National assessment is taken away, it will leave a whole in our Budget.
- **Need to get more money into this Budget, need to increase District level funding.

Response from Jimmy Makris#489 prior Auditor & Past Treasurer for 5 years

- **Current Treasurer Jim Sirks#161 has been Treasurer for 3 years, and I have Audited the books for those past 3 years. Wasn't elected Auditor this year because Chair said it was a conflict.
- **If anything is accurate & perfect with our District & Educational Foundation it's the Financials.
- **If you have any questions, please ask me, because every penny is accounted for.
- **I've worked with Jim, and prior Treasurer's since I've been Treasurer-that's about 10 years.
- **The last few weeks Jim & I again, went over the details of the Budget to make sure every penny is accounted for, and that it is accurate and matches the bank statements. Jim has done a great job!

Officers Report - Legislative Committee SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394

- **Want to allow the Ahepa Citrus District#2 Educational Foundation to Host a Convention.
- **A Technical correction that says that Men & Women have to work together in Hosting Conventions.
- **Would need a majority vote by our Delegates to make these corrections.

Officers Report - Convention City Gus Paras#12

- **Slide presentation shows Tampa, and the many activities available for our Delegates.
- **There would be a series of events on Thursday culminating in a moonlight cruise on Thursday night there could be a moonlight cruise. All is optional.
- **Convention hotel would be the Floridan Palace Hotel. Has banquet & dining rooms.
- **Walking distance to Tampa Museum of Arts, Busch Gardens within 6 miles.
- ****Motion** by Steve Pavlakos#18 to approve Chapter#12 Tampa to Host the 2016 District Lodge Convention. Seconded by Costa Constantinou#487, and Accepted.

Steve Pavlakos#18 asked Treasurer Jim Sirks#161 if the \$600 due from last years District Lodge Convention was resolved. Jim spoke to a representative from Chapter#487, they told him to put it in writing and send to the Chapter, and they will send the money. For this year's Convention, the same will be done right after the Convention.

Motion made by Homer Zambigadis#409 to accept the Minutes of last years District Convention. Was seconded by Franklin Zohn#18. Accepted

Chapter Report - PDG John Symeonides#410 Daytona

Supreme VP John Galanis

- **Went to Greece with Delegation, but has to paid for it himself.
- **The Supreme President gets \$23,000 for all his travels.
- **The Supreme Lodge gets \$250 for each Lodge Meeting (there are 3 of them).
- **He gets \$750 for the Convention.
- **Went to Cyprus & Greece, each gave them at least an hour. Went to the St. Andreas Monastery.
- **Met Santiago Calatrava, who is the Architect that designed St. Nicholas, in Greece.
- **There are 30 Ahepa Chapters in Greece, one on Paris, a couple in Germany, truly International.
- **The Chapters in Greece are smaller because they are careful about who they take on as Members.
- **Greece is new to Ahepa Chapters, and eventually become autonomous like Australia.
- **Last few years membership has been declining. Lately we initiate 2500, but lose 2500 Members.
- **If we could have 100% renewals, we will reach 20,000 Members within a few years.
- **We have to communicate what Ahepa is and what we are doing.
- **50% of the children who are raised Greek Orthodox drop out of our Church. Ahepa helps the Church keep more kids in the Church.
- **Sent out survey to 1200 Members that didn't renew there Membership. Some said they couldn't afford it. Many said the Chapter Secretary did not follow-up. Many said poor leadership at the Chapter level. Should not have President for many years, but has been a continuing problem.
- **Should Coral the youth and tell them to form there own Chapter.
- **Both youth that attended the meeting said that "connections" is the reasons they are getting involved, to help there careers.
- **A book written on the 1st 5 years of Ahepa. President Roosevelt, Ford, Truman. Raised 500 million to buy US bonds. There are so many things Ahepa has done. It's legacy is what we are charged with to continue.

Officers Report - Legislative Committee SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394

**Request change in our Bylaws, but since it was submitted timely, just needs a majority vote.

****Motion** made by PDG John Symeonides#410. If any Ahepa Chapters do not timely submit application to Host the District Convention, then the District Lodges shall be responsible for Hosting the District Convention. Should no Chapter submit an application, the Ahepa Citrus District 2 Educational Foundation may submit an application to the District Lodges to be approved or rejected. Seconded by Anastasios Lyrantzis#410 and Accepted. Passed Unanimously.

****Motion** made by Homer Zambigadis#409. All application bids shall be approved by the bidding Chapter in advance. The District Convention shall be pre-approved by the local Ahepa & DOP Chapters in writing at the time of application. In the event no DOP Chapter exist, no DOP Chapter signature is required. Seconded by Chris Kapakos#394 and Accepted. One Opposed.

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Elections of District Lodge

District Athletic Director: PDG Michael Pantelides#16 Nominates Gus Pantelides#356 , Seconded by Costa Constantinou#487. Since there's only one nominee, the Chair cast the vote.

District Marshall: Anastasios Lyrantzis#410 Nominates Chris Kapakos#394, Seconded by Franklin Zohn#18. Since there's only one nominee, the Chair cast the vote.

District Warden: Homer Zambigadis#409 Nominates Steve Pavlakos#18, Seconded by Jimmy Koutsos#489. Since there's only one nominee, the Chair cast the vote.

District Treasurer: Emmauel Davatelis#161 Nominates Jim Sirks#161, Seconded by PDG Lou Logas#161. Since there's only one nominee, the Chair cast the vote.

District Secretary: Ronald Myer#12 Nominates Gus Paras#12, Seconded by Michael Pantel#16. Since there's only one nominee, the Chair cast the vote.

LT. Governor: Homer Zambigadis#409 Nominates Jimmy Makris#489, Seconded by PSG Peter Sergis#401. Since there's only one nominee, the Chair cast the vote.

District Governor: SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394 Nominates DG Kostas Sofikitis#479, Seconded by Costa Constantinou#487. Since there's only one nominee, the Chair cast the vote.

Officer Report - District Governor Kostas Sofikitis#479

**It was an honor for me to serve you, that is why I got the work right away.

**June went to Tampa to do Installation of Officers.

**July 6th visited Melbourne PSG Pete Sergis to discuss issues.

**July 13th visited New Port Richey, spoke to DOP about Convention issue.

**Attended the National Convention in New Orleans, got alot of information.

**August 5th went to Daytona and met with PDG John Symeonides spoke about the upcoming Landings.

**September 5 & 6th attended Workshop in Orlando. Supreme President Philip Frangos visited.

**September 13th attended the Landing Memorial in St. Augustine.

**September 23rd performed the installation of Officers in Orlando.
**September attended the District Governors meeting in Washington, DC.
**October visited the Boca Raton Chapter, brought in younger members
**October 7th did installation of Officers at his Chapter#479
**October 10th attend fundraising done for Education.
**October 11th participated in the Foundation meeting in Orlando.
**October 14th visited Chapter#18 in St. Augustine, seems to need a little more work than thought.
**November visited St Pete Chapter
**After that attended and took part in the installation of SOP in Tampa.
**In January took part in the Epiphany Celebration, the Supreme President was there.
**Next day attended dinner hosted by Chapter#12. Had an opportunity to speak to Metropolitan Alexios, had a truthful conversation that was productive. Said if there's an issue with the church, to call him.
**March participated in the Greek Independence Day Parade. Had a banner made that we marched with. Had a joint meeting with the DOP. Attended PSVP Gus Pantelides wake in Clearwater.
**End of the month, brother from Chapter#12 organized a program that was interesting and valuable.
**The following month, reactivated Ft. Pierce#409 with Homer Zambigadis#409 as President. Had Installation of Officers, and Installation of new members.
**Then took a trip to District#1, to see what they do. And to visit the mother lodge in Atlanta. They created a new application that was approved by National.
**Came back to visit Convention hotel in Lutz, and do a walk through. The night before attended Jimmy Koutsos birthday party.
**Following Sunday participated in the Scholarship presentation in Orlando. Also invited to Chapter#409.
**Later on spoke to Chris Kapakos, he informed him about a 100 year old Brother Steve Gatsos. He wanted Brothers around him during his birthday.
**If we want the Sons to succeed, it must happen within the University. So it can grow from within.
**My theory is, we are a unit like a tree. We must work together as a unit, and have good finances to support the weak chapters. As a unit we will succeed.
**Have to also have fundraisers so lodge will have some money.
**Had a good lodge, also the PDG were very helpful when needed.

PSG Charles Stamoulis#15 would like to recommend Jerry Galovic#12 as the District's Sons Advisor.

Jerry Galovic#12 presented Mario Stefanidis#12 with a 40 year pin.

SG Demetrios Kirkiles#394 would like a Bylaws change. They would like the District Conventions to start at no later than 10am, rather than 9am.

Supreme VP John Galanis said that this Convention is one of the better District Conventions that he has seen.

Ahepa Meeting Adjourned on Saturday, June 13th 2015 @ 2:28pm

For the Record, after numerous warnings by the Secretary to the Chair, the Chair did not enforce Speakers to stand, state their name and Chapter number, this protocol was needed to provide accurate detail in the Minutes.

