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2021 88th AHEPA Convention Business Meeting Minutes

June 18th and 19th, 2021

Lakeside Inn at Mount Dora

AHEPA 2021 District 2 Business Meeting

CONVENTION OPENING

District 2 Governor Jim Sirks opened the Convention.

This year's convention is being hosted by the District Lodges of AHEPA, DOP, SOP, and Chapters of MOA.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

After greetings to all, the Daughters of Penelope and the AHEPANs were split into separate rooms at this time.

AHEPA Business Meeting:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – There are 26 registered delegates in attendance.

Three Sons of Pericles were also present.

DISTRICT CONVENTION OFFICERS ELECTION

1. Chairman of the Convention: Jim Mavres
2. Vice-Chairman: Mike Trimis
3. Secretary: Homer Zambigadis



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ROLL CALL OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

1. Jim Sirks: District Governor – Present
2. Jerry Galovic: Lt. Governor – Absent
3. Homer Zambigadis: Secretary – Present
4. Konstantinos Sofikitis: Treasurer – Present
5. Michael Pantel: Athletic Director – Present
6. Mike Trimis: PDG and Lodge Advisor – Present
7. Eric Hill: Sons of Pericles Advisor – Absent on Day 1
8. Manny Manos: Marshall – Absent
9. Kurt Panouses: Athletic Director – Absent
10. Demetrios Kirkiles: Region 1 Supreme Governor – Present

APPROVAL OF PRIOR CONVENTION MINUTES

The prior District Convention Minutes were placed on the AHEPAD2 website and the link was distributed prior to the convention to permit delegates time to read them. This was done to save time during the convention. There was also a pamphlet given to each delegate prior to the beginning of the Convention.

Jim Mavres requested any comments regarding the prior year Minutes.

There were none. The minutes will stand as distributed.

Motion to Accept: PDG Konstantinos Sofikitis

2nd by: Nick Drakos

The minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT



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The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Kostas Sofikitis and District Governor Jim Sirks. See Appendix 1 in the back of these minutes.

Lodge financial budget:

Brother Konstantinos Sofikitis went in detail of the actual budget and the proposed budget. Brother Jim Sirks assisted several times with the presentation and the accuracy of the report. Brother Gus Constantine made a motion to accept the proposed budget. It was seconded by Brother Stoyannis.

Discussion was also presented for the education fund account. After clarifications from District Governor Jim Sirks, motion to approve the budget was given by Bill Paul. It was seconded by Gus Pantelides.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET:

Scholarship Chairman Charlie Stamoulis was not present. Vice Chairman Jim Mavres presented that they were given 18 scholarships. There were 29 applicants, all applicants were encouraged to apply electronically. A brochure with all the names and essays that were written was published and will be distributed at the banquet on Saturday the 18th.

Discussion of Scholarship Funding:

Bonds were settled and money placed into the money market.

Question by several members who handle the funds and the distribution of them.

Answer by Jim Sirks that Jim Makris assists with that distribution.

Question was presented by Jim Wilson whether the scholarships between the AHEPA District 2 Lodge and the Daughters of Penelope will be combined.

Answer was presented by Homer Zambigadis. He stated that they needed to present it to the legislative committee for change of bylaws. However, there was no interest at this time from the Daughters of Penelope to proceed with this intervention.

Supreme Secretary Jim Stacios was introduced to the meeting close to the 2 hour mark. His comments are summarized in Appendix 2.

CHAPTER REPORTS:



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Chapter reports were given by Tampa, Tarpon Springs, Clearwater, Boca Raton, New Port Richey, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach.

Question: Mike Pantel asked Chris Kapakos about success of the comedy show.

Answer: Chris Kapakos responded that it was very successful.

District Advisor Mike Trimis mentioned it was a great time for all the chapters to get all these great ideas and use them as resources. Demetrios Kirkiles added that we should invite people from outside the Greek community to all of our events.

DISTRICT LODGE OFFICER REPORTS:

District Governor: Developed protocol and procedures for Zoom meetings. Lodge liaison officers were assigned to each chapter. Fundraising and distribution of funds to St. Photios Shrine, the emergency fund, and rekindling of the chapter 533 in Naples, FL.

Lt. Governor: Developed agenda for all the meetings. Also developed a newsletter that was distributed quarterly.

Secretary: Coordinated the Lodge Zoom meetings. Generated the minutes for the Lodge meeting.

Treasurer: Coordinating the submission and checks to be deposited and checks to be written with the Governor. Keep the Lodge accounts up to date each month and provide the Lodge at the Lodge monthly meeting a summary of all the accounts.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS COMMITTEE: Chairman Gus Pantelides

AHEPAN of the Year

The Board of Past District Governors (5) have chosen Brother Peter Theophanous from Chapter 12 as AHEPAN of the Year.

AHEPA Chapter of the Year

The Board of Past District Governors (5) have determined Epiphany City Chapter 16 will be Chapter of the year for LARGE (>50 members) and Lycurgus Chapter 12 will be Chapter of the year for Small Chapters (<50 members).

ELECTIONS OF 2021-2022 LODGE OFFICERS

A slate was offered by Lt Governor Jim Sirks and allowed to be read.



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Treasurer	George Jonson
District Warden	Chris Kapakos
District Marshall	Homer Zambigadis
Sons Advisor	Eric Hill
Athletic Director - Golf	Mike Pantel

Motion to accept was given by PDG Gus Pantelides

Seconded by Delegate Jim Wilson.

The slate was passed.

Note: Konstantinos Sofikities will be removed from the authorized signers of the General checking and George Jonson will be added as an authorized signer of the General account.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Delegate Eric Hill spoke regarding Son of Pericles achievements and success.

Delegate Jim Makris spoke about contribution of all chapters at \$1,000 for the scholarship fund.

Delegate James Constantine suggested that all delegates introduce themselves.

Motion was presented by Gus Sofikitis to change the assessment dues from May 15th to March 31st. After long discussion, motion was passed unanimously.

Another motion was presented by Gus Pantelides to increase assessments from \$6 to \$10. After long discussion, motion did not pass.

Finally, a motion was given by Brother Kirkiles to create a mission for an educational plan to participate in a science project and encourage awards given from the scholarship fund at a value of \$500. All members voted. Motion passed.

JOINT MEETING OF THE AHEPANS AND THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Newly Elected District Governor Jim Sirks announced his 2021-2022 Lodge Officers.

Patty Didik, the District 2 Governor, announced the 2021-2022 Daughters of Penelope District 2 Lodge.



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Supreme Governor Demetrius Kirkiles announced Delegate Peter Theophanous from Chapter 12 as AHEPAN of the Year and Chapter 12 as the Small chapter of the Year and Chapter 16 as the Large Chapter of the year.

CHAPTER FOR 2022 CONVENTION: Boca Raton

SONS DISTRICT 2 ELECTED GOVERNOR: George Sofikitis

SUMMARY OF SUPREME SECRETARY JIM STACIOS COMMENTS

Brother Jim Stacios introduced himself. Native of Wilmington, NC. He presented his greetings from our Supreme President George Horiates. He went on to say that we are steadily presenting a good presence in our communities. Recently AHEPA has helped with the wild fires of California and the disaster in Texas. The emergency fund was activated, money was given and awards to first responders. AHEPA has steadily increased its membership to a 6th year all-time high of 15,102 members. The European chapters have made a great impact on that AHEPA (KEYBOARD IS NOW STUCK ON CAPS LOCK) SUCCESS. #AHEPACARES WAS CREATED PROVIDING SUPPLIES TO THE RESPECTED COMMUNITIES. #HELENISM WAS CREATED TO DEFEND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR OF TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ERDOGAN.

AHEPA ASSISTED IN RECOGNITION OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND ALSO THE GENOCIDE OF GREEKS BY TURKS IN PROCESS OF RECOGNITION.

SUPREME SECRETARY DISCUSSED THE CELEBRATION OF BICENTENNIAL INDEPENDENCE OF GREEKS FROM TURKEY. CONVENTION WILL BE IN ATHENS, GREECE.