

Order of AHEPA
American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association
Regional District Convention – 1997
Reno Hilton Convention Hotel and Resort
Reno, Nevada
June 27 and 28, 1997

OFFICIAL CONVENTION MINUTES
PREPARED BY: GEORGE N. DUSSIAS, CONVENTION SECRETARY

Convention called to order by District Governor Anthony Horaites at 10:00 AM
Cris Eliopulos moved to dismiss with the rituals, Chris Zazas seconded, passed by voice vote.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Nick Perdaris conducted a roll call of Delegates. Total 29 present.
Gov. Tony appointed two tellers and opened the floor for nominations for

Convention Chairman: Steve Tripodes nominated Lyle Hochberger of Ventura. He accepted, elected
unanimously via voice vote.

Vice-Chairman: George Tassos nominated Andy Hatupis of Beehive. He accepted, elected
unanimously via voice vote.

Convention Secretary: Lyle Hochberger nominated George Dussias of Arizona. He accepted, elected
unanimously via voice vote.

Supreme President Spiro Macris gave the Oath of Office to the Convention Officers.

1st Session-Friday Morning

Good of the Order: Lyle asked for any questions. Nick Adamakis recommended that convention
minutes by line numbered and page numbered. Secretary counted 37 brothers in the room.

Appointment of Committees:

Lyle open the floor for Brothers to come to the front of the room and sign up for the various
committees. Lyle indicated that the committees should meet in this room and surrounding rooms. Alex
Rigopoulos suggested that the minutes should not be verbatim by a summary of activities.

Lyle asked that each Delegate sign up for a committee. Lyle indicated that the meeting would run
quickly and make sure that all business would be taken care of and all would be allowed to speak.
Lyle appointed Harry Siafaris as temporary chairman for Convention Cities.

Meeting recessed at 11:23 am will reconvene at 2:00 pm

2nd Session-Friday Afternoon

Legislative Committee:

Recommendations:

Chairman Steve Tripodes reporting. Recommendations are few.
Changes to By-Laws of District 20

1) Page 2, Article 1.12 adding clarifying language for District Secretary. "A blank chapter reporting form to be furnished by Chapter Secretary to each chapter secretary by Dec.1st and completed and returned by Dec 31st" Passed unanimously.

2) Page 9, Article 8 Liaison and Protocol new item 8.3 (Was approved in committee last year 1996, but was not present on the floor due to an oversight). "The Periclean Award shall be awarded only by the Ahepa District Lodge. No Chapter may award the Periclean Award" Moved by S. Tripodes seconded by Chris Zazas .Passed unanimously.

3) Rules: 8.0 to be DELETED.

MOTION:

Moved by S. Tripodes, seconded by Chris Zazas.

Considerable discussion regarding officially raising the per capita tax from \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Many Brothers spoke in favor of raising the per capita tax.

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION:

Steve Tripodes withdrew this motion, with the seconder accepting, allowing the Budget committee to get input from Dist. Gov and Treas as to the number of Chapters which have paid per capita and allow Budget and Finance to make recommendation.

Harry Siafaris asked if the Dist. Treas. Can make a detail report as to the income re: per capita payments from each chapter. And which chapters do not pay.

4) Rules 11.0 There will be a multi District Convention considered in the future to be organized and implemented by the District Lodge. Steve moved for its adoption, seconded by Chris Zazas passed unanimously.

5) Rules 12.0 Committee recommends that this rule be changed at tomorrow joint meeting.

MOTION:

Motion moved by Harry Siafaris, seconded by Cris Eliopulos. Discussion followed both pro and con. Hand vote taken. Majority NAYS. The item will not be presented.

AHEPAN of the year Applications:

Chairman Lyle indicated that there was a late submission of an application for Ahepan of the year. He asked for the body of delegates to vote and make a decision regarding this application. Dino Basdakis asked if there was a dead line indicated on the form. YES, No later than July 15th. Which is the National form which is after this Convention.

MOTION:

Motion to accept application made by Harry Siafaris and seconded by _____. Considerable discussion both for and against accepting this application was presented. Voice Vote, Majority Yea's. Motion Passed. Application accepted.

RULING:

Lyle ruled that no member/delegate of a Chapter who has an applicant for consideration of Ahepan of the Year can be on this committee. Tucson, Tri-City and San Diego delegates can not be on this committee.

Lyle asked if Anthony Horaites would Chair the Awards committee. All those interested in serving should see Tony.

Audit Budget Finance Committee:

Dino Basdakis reported. He presented next years proposed budget. Regarding per capita; last year 23 out of 23 chapters submitted per capita. This year; as of today, 21 out of 23 have submitted. There is a proposal to increase per capita from \$2.50 to \$3.50 which is still the lowest in the Ahepa Domain. Typically \$5.00 per capita is charged.

Considerable time was taken discussing the merits as well as the best way to host a Past District Governors Ball as a fund raiser for the District Lodge.

Dino answered questions regarding per capita, El Camino Real and National rebate.

RULING:

Lyle ruled that final decisions regarding per capita, etc on the budget would be made at this time, rather than going back and forth to the Legislative Committee.

MOTION:

Chris Zazas made a motion to raise the per capita tax from \$2.50 to \$3.50, James Selimos seconded. Alex Haidos recommended that the per capita should be \$5.00.

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION:

Chris Zazas withdraws his motion with Jim Selimos also accepting the withdrawal.

NEW MOTION:

Alex Haidos made a motion that the District per capita tax be raised to \$5.00 per member per year. Seconded by Neko Colevins of South Bay #426

Considerable discussion followed regarding both pro and con to raising per capita.

Hand vote taken: 19 for - 15 against YEAS have it, motion passed.

Dino Basdakis continued with the Budget line items.

MOTION:

Gus Alex moved to have Ahepa Pins stricken from the budget. Seconded by Alex Haidos.

Hand Vote taken, majority approved, motion passed.

El Camino Real advertising, Dino indicated that passed income from ads has ranged from \$580 to \$750. Gus Alex suggested that the ECR should be produced regardless of the number of ads. Alex Rigopoulos suggested that copies be sent only to Chapter Secretary for distribution to members. This was not acceptable by the Delegates.

Lyle asked that we vote on the line item of budgeting \$3,000 for the El Camino Real which will be raised from ads. Voice vote, line item accepted by body.

Balance of budget items were presented and approved without question. Budget Income set at \$15,690 for 1997-1998.

1998 District Convention ad cost of \$125.00 be removed. Voice vote taken, majority in favor. Item stricken.

Treasurer's Bond of \$125.00 suggested it be removed. Hand Vote taken; 31 for - 3 against, majority in favor, Item stricken.

MOTION:

Harry Siafaris moved to have the District Lodge to inform the Hellenic Federation for them to notify and send applications to each AHEPA chapter within District 20 to be given the opportunity to join as a chapter. Seconded by Jim Selimos. Lyle accepted this motion and called for a hand vote 11 for - 1 against, motion passed.

Balance of Expense budget items were presented and approved without question. Budget Expenses set at \$12,854.50

Budget Surplus of \$2835.50

Dino moved for acceptance of the amended budget for approval. Harry Siafaris seconded, Voice vote taken, motion passed unanimously.

Lyle thanked Dino for a job well done and dismissed the committee.

Lyle noted time of day as 4:30 pm.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

Gus Alex had a preliminary report. Discussed problem with having only 2-3 chapter members during District Lodge visitations. El Camino Real should consider e-mail. Communications is very poor and should be sent earlier and in a more timely manner. E-mail should be used as much as possible. Sons of Pericles reduce age from 25 to 21 to join AHEPA.

Any other grievances should be written down and given to Gus Alex, chairman.

Lyle thanked Gus for his preliminary report.

GROWTH-EXPANSION-WAYS AND MEANS: No report

HELLENIC AFFAIRS: No report

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report

Lyle indicated that First meeting tomorrow will be at 9:00 am sharp. PDG breakfast should be completed by 9:00.

Nick Perdaris reported that Saturday morning there will be a joint session meeting promptly at 10 am with Daughters of Penelope, Scholarship Corporation and Charitable Foundation.

**3rd Session-Saturday Morning:
Call to order by Lyle at 9:15 am.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS, PROTOCOL AND EL CAMINO REAL:

Gus Alex reported that District Lodge give consideration to George Dussias to be the Editor for the El Camino Real. Bro. Dussias proposes that at least 2 traditional issues with pictures be produced and mailed and either 2 or 4 smaller versions similar to San Diego 505 "Ta Nea". George has access to computers, e-mail and has experience in producing newsletters in the past.

Cost should be under the proposed \$1,400 per issue. Ads should be sold by individual chapters.

Gus Alex moves for acceptance, James Selimos seconded.

After considerable discussion and recommendations Lyle called for a voice vote, all YEAS were majority, report accepted. Lyle thanked Gus Alex for his work and dismissed the committee.

Various announcements and notices were made pertaining to e-mail, national convention in Atlanta, GA and headquarters.

GROWTH-EXPANSION-WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

Chris Zazas reporting that the committee developed four points for consideration by Chapters.

1) Ideas for recruiting new members.

- A) Example: Print AHEPA membership application in the Churches Monthly community newsletter or bulletin for 2-3 months.
- B) Restate our mission to meet the needs of Greek-Americans today and to attract people to our lodge based on the chapters positive influence on the community, networking opportunities, cultural exposure, fundraising, philanthropic works and contributions to the community. Have Ahepa members go to Church and seek out recent east coast transplants, who have moved to the west.

2) Involving Youth with AHEPA.

Involve University students and since they have free access to Internet and e-mail each Chapter should make contact.

3) Building up exposure within our communities

- A) Each Chapter should host a Bazaar, Glendi or Festival open to the Greek and American community, but not to conflict with the local Church Festival. Portion of the funds to go back to the Church.

- B) Organize March 25th and October 28th activities.
- C) Have local chapter participate in Boy Scouts and similar outside community organization which would give us additional exposure.
- D) Secure a Information Booth at your local Church Festival to give out information about AHEPA and seek out Memberships.

4) Regional events within our District.

- A) Communicate events early enough. Keep in touch with other District functions and activities.
- B) Continued Regional events require serious commitment by District Lodges and over two to three years of careful planning and good communication.

Informal discussion and support for these ideas were discussed. And each Chapter should take advantage of its individual membership to promote AHEPA. Chris Zazas made a motion to accept report. Seconded by Gus Alex, Voice vote passed unanimously.

CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE CITIES:

Chairman C. Peter Stath reported that he met with the liaisons from all the Convention Cities. Only one bid for the 1998 Conference from San Pedro with a Check for \$250. No bids for 1999 Convention City. San Diego withdrew due to the National Convention being there in 1999. There is a bid from Hesperia 152 for 1999 but no \$500 check yet. It will be responsibility of District Lodge to collect money for 1999 Convention.

Chairman said that past practice was for District Secretary to mail letter to all Chapters requesting that they put in a bid for either the Convention or Conference 2 years in advance and not wait for the last minute. This practice has not been followed in recent years and should be required that the District Lodge enforce this policy.

Nick Perdaris indicated that the ladies were ready to begin the meeting.
10:00 AM -- At this point, Lyle recessed the meeting in order to go to the Joint Meeting.

JOINT MEETING:

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Meeting was called to order by Lyle. He asked that the Chairman of the Charitable Foundation, James Selimos begin with his report.

Report prepared by George Dariotis former Chairman turned over responsibility to James Selimos due to George leaving California. Goal of Charitable Foundation is committed to raise \$100,000. This money to be used to help Brother AHEPANS in distress and assist Ahepa Family Emergencies. But until such time as the goal is met, these funds can not be touched. A profit and Loss statement has been distributed and made a part of these minutes. Several individuals have made pledges but no money has been collected to date. The current account balance as of three day ago at Smith-Barney is \$40,331.21.

A legal and accounting expense was made to qualify this Foundation thought the IRS. This process has been ongoing for over 13 months with no official response. However, we are a non-profit group with a 95 number. This same report was made last year. We also have a Bank Statement which as of March 31 the balance is \$622.90. April-May and June statements have not been sent to Jim but to George Dariotis. Total \$41,031.90 as presented by James Selimos.

MOTION:

Made by James Selimos to accept this report, seconded by Harry Siafaris.

Discussion

Fiscal year is Aug.1 to July 31. Has the Foundation held any meetings as a corporation? Last year since George Dariotis resigned as Chairman no major activity took place. Next year we are expecting more action and activity. Current interest rate is 6.25% US Treasury Bonds.

Jim announced that he had received a check for \$20 for the Charitable Foundation.

Voice Vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ELECTIONS:

Vacancies: For AHEPA: 1-1yr term to fill vacancy by George Dariotis and 1-2yr term 2-1yr terms =4.

For Daughters: 2-2yrs terms and 1-1yr term=3

Current Remaining members are James Selimos and Kay Brotsis.

Floor open for nominations:

AHEPA unexpired term of 1 yr.: Nick Perdaris nominated Si Cherishes, he accepted.

Unanimous election.

1-2yr term: Alex Rigopoulos nominated Dino Basdakakis, Due to an emergency Dino was unable to be at this meeting therefore, James Selimos accepted on his behalf.

Unanimous election.

2 - 1 yr terms: Nick Perdaris nominated George Spyras, Paula Alexander nominated George Achedafty but he was not in. Julie _____ nominated Tony Poulos, he accepted.

Unanimous election.

DAUGHTERS: 2-2yr terms. Paula nominated Ann Eliopulos, she did not accept.

Jean Spyras and Sophie Saltas were nominated and accepted, Unanimous election

1-1yr term Paula nominated Ann Eliopulos, she accepted. Unanimously election.

Meeting Adjourned

SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION MEETING:

Alex Rigopoulos, Chairman El Camino Real District 20 Scholarship Corporation.

Executive Board members include: Paula Alexander, Mary Beavers, Mike Stavros, Dr James Dimitriou, Cris Eliopulos, Lt. Gov. Nicholas Perdaris and Carol Stahopoulos and Alternate Rita Stavros.

Since 1959 AHEPA Dist established the Piggy Bank fund where members contributed a penny a day or \$3.65 per year to the scholarship fund. In 1963, scholarships were given from the income. In 1972 we incorporated with all orders doing there part to keep the fund growing. There are also currently also 7 perpetual scholarship funds. Several years ago we started the E-Club which cost \$50. And for \$1,000 you can become a lifetime E-Club member. There are currently 3 lifetime members. Scholarship applications are reviewed and rated by outside sources and awards based on scoring. Funds are invested in secured US Government Funds. Each member is elected at the District Conventions. Members serve at there own expense, therefore there are no administrative costs.

Ann Eliopulos read minutes of last years Scholarship Corp. Meeting.
Minutes were corrected and approved.

Alex Rigopoulos asked for Treasures report: Mike Stavros
Financial report for Jan - Dec 1996. Mike thanked all those who donated. Over \$28000 was donated last year. Report was accepted.

ELECTIONS:

There are two terms expiring, Alex Rigopoulos and Dr. James Dimitriou.

3 year term open for AHEPA: Steve Tripodes nominated Cris Eliopulos, voice vote elected unanimously.

3 year term open for AHEPA: Paula Alexander nominated Gus Alex, voice vote elected unanimously.

1-year Alternate for AHEPA: Nick Adamakis nominated George Stathis from Arizona 275 and President of the Arizona 275 Scholarship Corp. Voice vote elected unanimously

1-year Alternate for Daughters: Paula nominated PDG Alex Markos, she accepted, voice vote elected unanimously.

Alex thanked everyone for the trust and faith in his leadership and was proud to serve the AHEPA Scholarship Fund. He met many worthy students. He also suggested that each of the Chapters increase donations to two pennies a day.

Paula announced that Margo Sotiriou was the first E-Club lifetime member. She presented a check for \$1,000 to the Scholarship Corp.

CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE CITIES:

C. Peter Stath reported that we only have **San Pedro** for the 1998 Conference, check for \$250 and letter have been received. Kay Brotsis moved to accepted San Pedro for Conference on January 31st, 1998. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Convention City 1998: Lyle indicated that we need to ratify the decision to have the 1998 host city be **Tucson, Arizona** on June 25 - 28, 1998. He confirmed that the \$500 check and letter have been submitted. Arizona Chapter President and Convention Chairman Brother James Anthros, PDG presented some details to the delegates.

Convention City 1999: For 1999 there is a problem due to San Diego having the Supreme Convention.

Chris Zazas indicated that San Diego was only discussing hosting a convention but never made an official bid. San Diego fully supports Hesperia's efforts to host the Convention in 1999 with the check and letter forthcoming. C. PETER Stath indicated that District Lodge would be responsible to collect \$500 check and letter from Hesperia Chapter.

Chair accepts motion to have incoming District Lodges receive check and letter and to accept **Hesperia Chapter Los Angeles**, as host city for 1999. Motion made by Cris Eliopulos, Julie _____, seconded.

Julie asked that the DOP receive there portion of the \$500 and \$250 Convention and Conference fee paid in without having to wait until next year. Voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Delegate Brother Bill Kokenes from Hesperia Chapter Los Angeles announced that the chapter was in the process of forming a corporation to build a Senior Citizens complex in Camarillo, CA where the Church has 5 acres of land.

Lyle adjourned the joint meeting at 12:00 noon for everyone to attend the Scholarship Luncheon.

4th Session-Saturday Afternoon

Hellenic Affairs Committee:

Lyle introduced Nick Leragakis of the American Hellenic Institute. He spoke extensively regarding the AHI efforts to work with AHEPA to support legislation affecting Greece in Washington DC. He distributed packets with Greek-American policies which will be presented during the 105th Congress. He also touched on Turkish-Cypriot relations and the impact Washington DC has on those talks. He thanked everyone for allowing him time during the Convention to address the Delegates.

After a long and involved question and answer period where many brothers participated it was evident that AHEPA can have a major impact and influence from a local grassroots level all the way up to the White House and Congress. We must contact our local newspaper editors to include more stories concerning the Greek-Cypriot-American issues. We have to make these stories important to the Editors.

1998 DISTRICT CONVENTION:

Tucson, Arizona Chapter President and Convention Chairman James Anthros reported that they are planning a true AHEPA Family Vacation and Convention with authentic Greek Glendi night at the Church Hall with Greek Food and Live Greek Band. Efforts will be made to host a Miss Ahepa pageant.

On Sunday the Tucson Sons and Maids will provide you with a FREE Breakfast after Church Services. The hotel will be the brand new University Marriott Hotel which is centrally located and surrounded by numerous shops and attractions.

Lyle turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Andy Hatupis.

DISTRICT SECRETARY REPORT:

Gus Frangos thanked everyone who helped and supported the various functions, visitations, receptions and meetings held during the year. AHEPA was represented during many meeting involving the Greek Government and the Counsel General of Los Angeles.

Vice-Chair Hatupis indicated that Dr. Dimitriou was not present but that he had provided numerous copies of his report which are available for the delegates.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Steve Tripodes reported that the following proposed By-Laws change or clarification be made to item 3.13 having to do with the AHEPAN of the year award.

MOTION:

Which reads as follows: "The Ahepan of the year committee shall be comprised of no more than one member per chapter, and in no event shall a member be from a chapter that has a nominee for Ahepan of the Year" Steve moved for its adoption, seconded by Brother Souris. Discussion followed. It was recommended that ONLY IDENTIFY the Chapter of the nominees and NOT the name. What happens when the nominee is not a delegate to the convention and he does not attend the banquet to be honored?

Lyle called for the question: Voice vote, motion passed by a majority.

Steve indicated that RULES 11.0 was passed yesterday. A new resolution is being proposed to possibly make this a By-Laws change.

Be it Resolved:

WHEREAS: The first regional convention was held in Reno, Nevada on June 27, 28, 1997 and,
WHEREAS: The positive results and to the benefit of the Ahepa Family, from the participating Districts 19, 20 and 22

THUS: be it resolved that this convention body institute an Ad Hoc Committee composed of interested and dedicated individuals who will work towards the next Regional Convention. This committee shall have a tenure of a minimum of four (4) years and be given complete authority to work with the District Lodge to handle all matters regarding the next regional convention. All matters regarding this regional convention should be reported at the next district conference in 1998 and finalized at the Convention in Tucson in 1998. The members who have already volunteered to serve on this committee include Alex Haidos, Gus Alex and Cris Eliopulos.

Gus Alex spoke in favor of the resolution. He has also talked to District 22 to possibly host the next Regional Convention during the year 2000 in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Lyle asked that the resolution language be made into the form of Legislation for By-Laws adoption.

GUEST SPEAKER:

AHEPA Supreme President Spiro Macris

President Macris spoke regarding National issues. He also spoke on the need to have a West Coast Convention but that the room rates are very high due to the peak season rates during the month of August in San Diego and all of California. July is a better date.

MOTION:

Chris Zazas moved, seconded by Steve Tripodes

That the Brother AHEPANS of District 20 strongly support (at the Supreme Convention) the date of July 4th weekend in San Diego in 1999 for the Supreme Convention location.

President Macris also spoke on the AHEPA 2000 and all of the changes and recommendation made by numerous Ahepa Family groups. And that he was withdrawing his support of the Ahepa 2000 committee and that a smaller group be created and any changes proposed would be implemented over a three year period.

DISTRICT CONVENTION MINUTES:

MOTION:

Harry Siafaris moved to approve the minutes of last years 1996 District Convention in Anaheim, seconded by James Selimos, voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

LIAISON REPORT:

Cris Eliopulos reported that Peter Souris and Mike Stavros met with DOP and indicated that the DOP percentage of money from Convention and Conference fees should be passed on to them quickly and not have to wait a year or two to get the money.

MOTION:

Chris Zazas made a motion to : Immediately upon receiving money from the host Convention or Conference City the DOP share be given from the AHEPA district Lodge treasurer. Seconded by Cris Eliopulos voice vote passed by a majority.

AHEPAN OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Chairman Tony Horaites reported that the committee members consisted of all PDG's Harry Siafaris, James Selimos and Dino Basdakis. There were three application submitted and the chairman did not reveal the names to the committee members. He assigned letters A-B-C to each application and read the qualifications of each candidate to the committee and then they deliberated. Tony noted that all three brothers had very good and strong qualifications and all three deserved to be elected "Ahepan of the Year." He strongly recommended that the two remaining brothers should again reapply next year. Tony announced that C. PETER Stath be awarded the "AHEPAN OF THE YEAR AWARD" and a plaque was presented to him.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT:

District Governor Anthony Horaites presented his report. A written report is made a part of these minutes.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Final report.

Steve Tripodes reported and proposes a new By-Law 3.14. Under Article 3 Conventions.

“There will be a Western Regional Convention to be planned for the future by an ad hoc committee composed of interested and dedicated individuals having a tenure of five (5) years. This committee shall have the authority to work with the District Lodges in their participating Districts to handle all matters regarding the next Western Regional Convention and will report to the 1998 District Conference with a final report given at the 1998 District Convention. The committee members shall be AHEPANS who have volunteered to be on this committee and shall give their names to temporary chairman Gus Alex by July 1, 1997 after which date the committee will elect their permanent chairman.”

Steve moved for its adoption, James Selimos seconded.

After considerable discussion both pro and con Steve presented the following changes.

Re-worded Legislation:

“There will be a Western Regional Convention to be planned for the future by a standing committee composed of interested and dedicated individuals having a tenure of five (5) years. This committee must work with the District Lodges in their participating Districts to handle all matters regarding the next Western Regional Convention and will report to the 1998 District Conference with a final report given at the 1998 District Convention. The committee members shall be AHEPANS who have volunteered to be on this committee and shall give their names to temporary chairman Gus Alex by July 1, 1997 after which date the committee will elect their permanent chairman. There shall be a maximum of five members including the District Governor . The District Governor shall appoint the other committee members from those volunteering to be on the committee.”

Discussion followed: Both pro and con again and due to the complicated nature of this legislation Nick Perdaris moved to table this motion with James Selimos seconding. Hand vote was taken, motion passed by majority and motion is tabled until next convention.

Steve reported that Rule 11 still remains in effect.

Lyle thanked Steve for his many hours of hard work and dismissed the committee.

James Anthros asked for the voting strength of the Convention.

Lyle indicated that the current number of registered delegates are 38.

Grievance Committee needs to give final report.

Lyle appointed tellers Nick Angeles and Harry Siafaris

DISTRICT LODGE ELECTIONS:

Lyle opened the floor for nominations for the Office of,

District Governor: Tony Horaites nominated Nick Perdaris, he accepted with condition that he cut his ponytail and he agreed. Dino Basdakakis endorsed Nicks nomination. George Tassos nominated outgoing Gov. Tony Horaites, he declined Voice vote, elected unanimously

Lt. Governor: Dino Nominated Gus Frangos, he accepted, voice vote elected unanimously

Secretary: Nick Perdaris nominated Si Chebithes, he accepted, voice vote elected unanimously.

Treasurer: James Anthros nominated Nick Adamakis, he accepted, voice vote elected unanimously.

Marshal: Nick Perdaris nominated Zak Nahmoulis, he read letter accepting, voice vote elected unanimously.

Warden: Harry Siafaris nominated George Leon, he accepted, voice vote elected unanimously.

Athletic Director: Nick Perdaris nominated Neko Colevins, he accepted, voice vote elected unanimously.

RESOLUTION:

Harry Siafaris suggested that a resolution be taken by the Delegates attending the Supreme Convention in Atlanta, Georgia this coming August that as stated by the Supreme President that our new Archbishop Spyridon would like to have AHEPA reschedule its conventions so as not to conflict with the Aug. 1 - 15th fasting and holy weeks of the Church.

MOTION:

Made by Harry Siafaris, seconded by James Selimos

“To hold the Supreme Convention during the last two weeks of July.” voice vote, passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

James Anthros indicated that 12 of the 38 delegates are PDG and the 6 of the 20 are from Tucson. Why don't we have more participation?

George Tassos recognized Gus Alex for all his hard work and dedication for all his efforts to get this Regional Convention accomplished.

Harry Siafaris thanked and recognized Dino Basdakakis for all of his efforts.

Nick Perdaris reported that the Rose Bowl parade float is still in the planning stage and a new application for the 1999 parade is being made.

Steve Tripodes thanked the Convention Officers for all their hard work.

Dino Basdakis thanked Harry Siafaris and Tony Horaites for their kind words. Also Tony will be hosting a reception in his room at 6:00 pm

Andy Hatupis indicated that Salt Lake City will be hosting the 2002 Winter Olympics, the District should start thinking of ways to participate during these activities.

Alex Haidos said that the regional convention was good idea for social but we should find way and time to share ideas with the other districts. We need more young people to participate.

Mike Stavros thanked Dino for all his hard work in putting together the convention and the scholarship luncheon.

Nick Perdaris was escorted to the podium and the scissors were waiting for him.

Officers installation will be held tonight at the banquet.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

Gus Alex reported that the AHEPA banner should be displayed. Also the lack of participation of delegates who register but do not attend the meetings.

Lyle thanked the committee and dismissed them.

Lyle thanked everyone for their cooperation.

Motion to adjourn by everyone in the room, and everyone seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully and Fraternaly prepared:

George N. Dussias
Convention Secretary
Arizona Chapter No. 275