

**BYLAWS OF DISTRICT 20 ORDER OF AHEPA  
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY  
2014**

Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law and Procedure shall be the authority in all matters not otherwise covered or provided for in the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Order of Ahepa for District 20.

**ARTICLE ONE  
CHAPTERS**

- 1.0 The District Chapter assessment payable of \$5.00 per member, shall be based only upon the membership report of Ahepans who have paid through December 31 of the immediate preceding year, as reported by AHEPA Headquarters. The \$5 assessment for Life Members shall be waived. The District Treasurer will invoice the Chapters upon his receipt of said membership report. The said District assessment must be received by the District Treasurer in full no later than the commencement of the District Convention, in order for the Chapter Delegation to be seated at the District Convention in the current year. Chapters are requested to make an additional \$5 per member donation to the Scholarship Fund.
- 1.1 Chapters should send a monthly news letter of their activities to the District Governor and the District Secretary, so that the information can be distributed throughout the District.
- 1.2 Reserved
- 1.3 Chapters should sponsor a banquet or similar affair during and in commemoration of Annual Ahepa Day.
- 1.4 By September 30th of each year, the Chapter Secretary shall place the District Lodge and Supreme Lodge liaison officer on its mailing list to receive regular chapter correspondence.
- 1.5 The Chapter Secretary shall submit a copy of its Chapter officer election results to the District Secretary and AHEPA Headquarters within 30 days after election or appointment, but no later than July 31st of each year.
- 1.6 The newly elected President of each Chapter will send to the District Governor and the District Secretary a memorandum listing the schedule of meetings for the coming year, programs to be scheduled for the coming year and a record of dues paid by each member. If the above information is not forthcoming by September 30th, the District Governor will seek to obtain this information.
- 1.7 The President of each Chapter will send to the District Governor, and the District Secretary, notices of installation of officers, initiation ceremonies and social events such as dances, picnics, testimonials and banquets; it is recommended that the

District Lodge be invited to these affairs, with the understanding that if invited, at least one member of the District Lodge, preferably the Governor, will be in attendance.

- 1.8 All Chapters are to provide sufficient copies of their report to the District Convention for presentation and/or inclusion in the convention minutes. The report may be brought to the convention and given to the District Secretary, or sent to the District Secretary no later than two weeks prior to the convention. Said report to include the following;
  - A. Total membership as of December 31.
  - B. New members initiated during current year.
  - C. Number of chapter meetings held during year.
  - D. Status of District obligations, social events held during the year.
  - E. Educational programs.
- 1.09 The Chapter District Convention Delegate Form will include: Current Chapter Officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) name, address, and phone numbers, and the paid membership through the previous December 31st.
- 1.10 All Chapters shall provide one copy of their report to the District Conference. The blank reporting form is to be furnished by the District Secretary to the Chapter Secretary by December 1st; the form is to be completed as of December 31st and mailed to the District Secretary by January 1.
- 1.11 Chapters shall be given a deadline for District receipts and any checks received after that deadline shall be applied to the next year, June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 1.12 Chapters shall furnish names of Members who are not in good standing to Ahepa Headquarters, and request their deletion from Ahepa Chapter rosters. Headquarters should reflect these deletions in future Chapter rosters.
- 1.13 Active members should make a commitment to bring in at least one new member. The Membership Chairman shall create a board of membership, each to be responsible for a specific number of members. They shall phone the members one week before the monthly meeting to invite them to attend dinner and enjoy camaraderie afterward. This will encourage activity and rejuvenate energy within the chapter.

## **ARTICLE TWO DISTRICT LODGE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.0 The District Lodge should stay within budget developed and approved by the District Convention.
- 2.1 The District Lodge should try to visit each chapter in the District at least once during each term in office.
- 2.2 The District Lodge shall meet at least three times each fiscal year. The minutes of each meeting shall be compiled by the District Secretary and be available to each

chapter in the District.

- 2.3 The names and addresses of standing committee chairmen shall be mailed to the chapters by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.4 The outgoing District Secretary is responsible for turning over all minutes and officers jewels to the incoming District Secretary. As part of the convention mailing, the chapters will receive a list of standing convention committees from which delegates can choose the committees of their choice.
- 2.5 All bank accounts shall be transferred over to the incoming officers within 30 days of installation. The District Treasurer shall reconcile all bank statements on a monthly basis and forward such reconciliations to the District Governor.
- 2.6 The audit committee shall be comprised of the immediate past District Governor and any other two members knowledgeable in accounting. The audit committee shall have an audit two weeks after the District Convention.
- 2.7 The District Treasurer shall be present at all times while the Treasurer's books are being audited, and during budget committee meetings.
- 2.8 The District Governor shall assign each District Lodge Officer with liaison responsibilities with one or more chapters no later than September 15th.
- 2.9 The District Lodge Officers shall return their jewels before being reimbursed for their expenses. If any Officer wishes to purchase his jewelry, he may do so at the prevailing market price.
- 2.10 The District Governor is responsible for seeing that each Officer prepares his annual report at least 14 days before the District Convention. Each Officer shall prepare sufficient copies of the report for distribution and to be filed with the Convention Minutes. Copies of the District Lodge Officer's reports shall be made available to each registered delegate/alternate and Past District Governors. However, only the Governor's report shall be read at the convention. The report should include the following information:
  - A. The officer's activities performed in the discharge of his duties during the past year.
  - B. A listing of all visitations including date, place, function, and a record of Lodge activities attended, and any recommendations for consideration.
- 2.11 Copies of Convention Minutes and updated bylaws indicating date passed or revised shall be mailed to the District Lodge, Past District Governors, and Delegates attending the Convention. The incoming District Governor has the ultimate responsibility to see that Convention Minutes are prepared by the Convention Secretary and given to the District Secretary for posting on the web site by September 30th.

- 2.12 District Secretary or Convention Secretary shall record minutes of all joint session meetings and incorporate same into Convention Minutes to be distributed as well as all committee reports.
- 2.13 Committee reports shall be provided by the Convention Secretary to the Convention Chairman.
- 2.14 The immediate Past District Governor shall be an advisor to the Ahepa District Lodge. Should the immediate Past District Governor be deceased, incapacitated, or unavailable, the District Governor can appoint the advisor from the Past District Governors living in the District.
- 2.15 The Ahepa and Daughters District Governors shall meet and provide the Toastmaster with a proper list of introductions to be made at all social functions.

**ARTICLE THREE  
DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

- 3.0 District Governor It shall be the duty of the District Governor:
  - a. To enforce the constitution, decrees, rules and regulations of the Order and to encourage strict adherence thereto among all members of the District Lodge;
  - b. To visit the Chapters in the District as often as possible; the necessary expense incidental to these visits shall be defrayed from the District Treasury, out of the appropriations made for that purpose by the District Convention;
  - c. To investigate any application for the establishment of a new Chapter within the District and report to the Supreme President on same;
  - d. To report the condition of the District to the Supreme Lodge.  
(Source: Article 12, Section A, 2002 AHEPA National Bylaws)
  - e. To appoint a member to a vacancy on the District Lodge, with the concurrence of the District Lodge.
- 3.1 The District Governor shall have the right, power and authority:
  - a. To call a meeting of the officers, or members of any Chapter in his District, examine the books of such a Chapter and report his findings to the Supreme President. All necessary expense connected with the exercise of this power shall be defrayed from the District Treasury;
  - b. For justifiable cause, to suspend the charter of any Chapter within his District by and with the consent of the District Lodge and the Supreme President;
  - c. To deputize any member of the District to assist him in the supervision of the work therein; and
  - d. To sit in the Convention of the District and, as a Delegate-at-large, in the Supreme Convention of the Order, to participate in the deliberation and to vote on all matters acted upon by the respective Conventions herein mentioned.
  - e. He shall be responsible for the growth and expansion of the District, and to this end he shall appoint the necessary committee or committees required for the purpose of increasing the membership of the District.

(Source: Article 12, Section B, 2002 AHEPA National Bylaws)

- 3.2 The District Governor shall assign each district Lodge Officer with liaison responsibilities with one or more chapters no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>. (Bylaws 2.8)
- 3.3 The District Governor is responsible for seeing that each Officer prepares his annual report at least 14 days before the District Convention. Each Officer shall prepare sufficient copies of the report for distribution to be filed with the Convention Minutes. Copies of the District Lodge Officer's report shall be made available to each registered delegate/alternate and Past District Governor. However, only the Governor's report shall be read at the Convention. The report should include the following information:  
A) The Officer's activities performed in the discharge of his duties during the past year.  
B) A listing of all visitations including date, place, function, and a record of Lodge activities attended, and any recommendations for consideration. (Bylaws 2.10)
- 3.4 Coordinate the printing and distribution of the most recent District Convention minutes. (Source: Copies of Convention Minutes and updated bylaws indicating date passed or revised shall be mailed to the District Lodge, Past District Governors, and Delegates attending the Convention. The incoming District Governor has the ultimate responsibility to see that Convention Minutes are prepared by the Convention Secretary and given to the District Secretary for posting on the web site by September 30<sup>th</sup>. (Bylaws 2.11)
- 3.5 Provide the Toastmaster with a proper list of introductions to be made at all social functions. (Source: The Ahepa and Daughters District Governors shall meet and provide the Toastmaster with a proper list of introductions to be made at all social functions. (Bylaws 2.15, 4.12)
- 3.6 Publish the El Camino Real newsletter and mail it to the District members. (Source 1: The District Governor is responsible for the publication and distribution of the news letter. (Bylaws 9.1) (Source 2: The District Governor may appoint an editor and or publisher to assist him in the financing, editing, publishing and distribution of the news letter. (Bylaws 9.2)
- 3.7 The District Governor is responsible for coordinating with the Host Chapters to insure planning for a smooth and problem free Convention and Conference.
- 3.8 The District Governor shall prepare an agenda for the District Convention and deliver it to the Host Chapter at least two weeks prior to the Convention for the Host chapter to print the agenda.
- 3.9 The District Governor shall immediately after election, appoint a Past District Governor to the position of Advisor to the District Lodge.
- 3.10 Immediate Past District Governor: Any member may serve as District Governor for two (2) years consecutively or otherwise, provided a five (5) year period has elapsed at the expiration of the second term. The same five (5) year provision will apply for additional terms. (Source: 2002 Constitution, Article 12, Section B-1)

- 3.11 The immediate Past District Governor will assist the Audit Committee as a member two weeks after the District Convention. (Source: The audit committee shall be comprised of the immediate Past District Governor and any other two members knowledgeable in accounting. The audit committee shall have an audit two weeks after the District Convention. (Bylaws 2.6)
- 3.12 The immediate Past District Governor shall be an Advisor to the Ahepa District Lodge. Should the Immediate Past District Governor be deceased, incapacitated, or unavailable, the District Governor can appoint the Advisor from the Past District Governors living in the District. (Bylaws 2.14)
- 3.13 The Advisor to the District Lodge shall give advice and recommendations to the entire District Lodge and especially to the District Governor.
- 3.14 District Lt. Governor        It shall be the duty of the District Lt. Governor to assist the District Governor in his duties and to perform such other duties as may be designated to him by the District Governor. In the event of removal, resignation, absence, illness, disqualification or death of the District Governor, the District Lt. Governor shall assume the duties of the District Governor. (Source: Article 12, Section C, 2002 AHEPA National Bylaws);
- a. To attend scholarship foundation meetings as a voting committee member;
  - b. To attend housing committee meetings as a voting committee member;
  - c. Oversee membership campaigns, including promotion of National membership programs;
  - d. Oversee new chapter creation and strengthening of existing chapters.
- 3.15 District Secretary    The District Secretary shall:
- a. Be the Secretary of the District Lodge;
  - b. Attend all District Lodge meetings;
  - c. Keep accurate and concise minutes thereof; and
  - d. Perform such other duties as are designated to him by the District Governor; (Source: Article 12, Section E, 2002 AHEPA National Bylaws)
  - e. Act as Convention Secretary at the District Convention if no Convention Secretary is elected or available;
  - f. District Secretary or Convention Secretary shall record minutes of all joint session meetings and incorporate same into Convention Minutes to be distributed as well as all committee reports. (Bylaws 2.12);
  - g. E-mail and/or mail per capita payment forms to Chapter Presidents and Secretaries quarterly;
  - h. E-mail and or mail Chapter election forms to Chapter Presidents and Secretaries by April 1<sup>st</sup>;
  - i. Be the Chairman of the Credentials Committee for the District Convention;
  - j. E-mail periodic news briefs and event reminders to the Ahepa20.org's e-mail list: members@ahempa20.org;
  - k. Maintain (add, change, delete) district mailing list in an electronic format acceptable by the District Governor. Currently it is in Excel
  - l. Maintain (add, change, delete) the Ahepa20.org online calendar with District and Chapter events, as well as the Supreme Convention.

- 3.16 Past District Secretary The Outgoing District Secretary is responsible for turning over all minutes and Officers' jewels to the incoming District Secretary. As part of the Convention mailing, the Chapters will receive a list of standing Convention committees from which delegates can choose the committees of their choice.
- 3.17 District Treasurer It shall be the duty of the District Treasurer to:
- a. Receive all monies belonging to the District;
  - b. Give a receipt for same;
  - c. Sign all checks, which must be countersigned by the District Governor; and
  - d. Report quarterly on all monies received and expended by him to the District Governor, copies of which report he shall make available to the chapters. (Source: Article 12, Section D, 2002 AHEPA National Bylaws);
  - e. All bank accounts shall be transferred over to the incoming Officers within 30 days of installation. The District Treasurer shall reconcile all bank statements on a monthly basis and forward such reconciliations to the District Governor. (Bylaws 2.5);
  - f. Attend audit meeting two weeks after the District Convention. (Source 1: The audit committee shall be comprised of the immediate Past District Governor and any other two members knowledgeable in accounting. The audit committee shall have an audit no later that two weeks after the District Convention. (Bylaws 2.6) (Source 2: The District Treasurer shall be present at all times while the Treasurer's books are being audited, and during budget committee meetings. (Bylaws 2.7);
  - g. Attend budget committee meetings. (Source: The District Treasurer shall be present at all times while the Treasurer's books are being audited, and during budget committee meetings. (Bylaws 2.7);
  - h. All District project monies shall be received directly by the District Treasurer. (Bylaws 6.3);
  - i. Maintain records of District Per Capita Tax payments and amounts due, and follow up with chapters on collections;
  - j. Maintain active District checking and savings accounts;
  - k. Maintain permanent Internet checking account connected to Ahepa District 20's merchant credit card account. Currently we accept Visa and Master Card;
  - l. Follow-up with Chapters on dues collections;
  - m. Administer credit card software and transactions for the District Conference and District Convention if requested by the host Chapter and /or District Lodge.
- 3.18 District Marshal It shall be the duty of the District Marshal to:
- a. Execute the orders of the District Governor;
  - b. See that the proceedings of the different Chapters are uniform in the conduct of the opening and closing of the meetings;
  - c. Inspire enthusiasm among the members;
  - d. Take such initiative in the organization of new Chapters as may be delegated to him by the District Lodge; and
  - e. Coordinate all educational activities in the District. (Source: Article 12, Section F 2002 AHEPA National Bylaws
- 3.19 District Warden The District Warden shall:
- a. Have custody of all properties of the District Lodge;
  - b. Preserve and protect the Archives of the District;

- c. Have other duties as shall be assigned to him by the District Governor. (Source: Article 12, Section G, 2002 AHEPA National Bylaws;
  - d. Have the duty and responsibility to account for all items belonging to the District immediately upon the election or his successor.
- 3.20 District Athletic Director     The District Athletic Director shall:
- a. Assist in all District sporting events including the golf tournament held a the annual District Convention;
  - b. Supervise and coordinate the athletic activities and programs of the chapters within the District. (Source: Article 12, Section H, 2002)
- 3.21 District Advisor to the Sons of Pericles     It shall be the duty of the District Advisor to the Sons of Pericles to supervise the activities of the Sons of Pericles in the District. He shall directly supervise and work with the District Lodge of the Junior Order and shall countersign all checks for expenditures pertaining to said Junior Order. He shall render reports on the progress of the Junior Order, the Sons of Pericles. (Source: Article 12, Section J, 2002 AHEPA National Bylaws
- 3.22 District News Editor             The District News Editor shall:
- a. Use desktop publishing software (i.e. Quark Express, Adobe Pagemaker, Microsoft Publisher, etc.) to design, edit, and print the El Camino Real newsletter;
  - b. Coordinate printing of the newsletter with the printer;
  - c. Using the District mailing list managed by the District Secretary, coordinate the mailing of the newsletter with the mailing house;
  - d. E-mail the District Web Master and District Lodge an Adobe PDF version of the newsletter;
  - e. Assist the District Lodge in selling ads to support the newsletter.
- 3.23 District Web Master             The District Web Master shall:
- a. Maintain the District website, ahepa20.org, along with the members of the Ahepa 20.org Web site Committee;
  - b. Post website updates on ahepa20.org, for events as requested by the District Lodge or the chapters;
  - c. Post the El Camino Real in Adobe PDF format when received from the District News Editor.
- 3.24 All Officers
- a. All members of the District Lodge shall have a vote at the District Convention. (Source: 2002 Constitution, Article 12, Section B-1);
  - b. District Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year or until his successor is duly elected and qualified. (Source: 2002 constitution, Article 12, Section B-1)
  - c. The District Lodge should try to visit each chapter in the District at least once during each term in office. (Bylaws 2.1)
  - d. The District Lodge Officers shall return their jewels before being reimbursed for their expenses. If an Officer wishes to purchase his jewelry, he may do so at the prevailing market price. (Bylaws 2.9)
  - e. Prepare the agenda for the District Conference. (Source: The Conference agenda



shall be prepared for all attendees by the Host Chapter at their expense, as approved by the District Lodge. (Bylaws 5.0)

f. District Lodge Officers shall contribute articles to the district News Editor. (Source: It shall be the obligation of the Chapter Secretaries and members of the District Lodge to communicate news of their activities. (Bylaws 9.3)

g. Must have an active e-mail address and access to the Internet.

h. Make a special effort to try to visit liaison chapters at their social events.

I. District Officers shall prepare a brief status report on each of their Liaison Chapters for the Supreme Lodge Officer who has Liaison responsibility to the 20<sup>th</sup> district. This will be coordinated by the District Governor after a request from the Supreme Lodge Liaison.

j. Create a 1-2 page end-of-year report on events attended, chapters visited, and progress made in functional areas. Include suggestions for improvement in your area, for the District Lodge, or for Chapters.

## **ARTICLE FOUR CONVENTIONS**

- 4.0 The registration fee for delegates must be approved by the Ahepa and Daughters District Lodges. The registration fee will entitle delegates to the Friday evening and Saturday evening affairs, and the Scholarship Luncheon.
- 4.1 All delegates of the Ahepa family are required to pay the registration fee in full in order to participate as a voting delegate and as a committee member.
- 4.2 The District Convention shall be held during the month of June, preferably during the final two weeks. Exceptions must be approved by the District Lodge. All auxiliaries must be kept apprised of the approved dates.
- 4.3 The District Convention site will be selected by the Ahepa, Daughters, Sons, and Maids meeting in joint session immediately following the Scholarship Luncheon. The Convention and Conference City Committee will review the adequacy of facilities.
- 4.4 The registration fee for Daughters of Penelope delegates shall be the same as that for Ahepans, at the convention, open registration is from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday; Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 8:00 am to 10:00 am.
- 4.5 If there are no bids for a District Convention, the joint District Lodges shall assign the Convention to a Chapter of District #20. As a last resort, the joint District Lodges may host the Convention.
- 4.6 There shall be Multi-District Conventions considered in the future, to occur approximately every 5 years, with the host Convention city, facilities, and events to be selected, organized and implemented jointly by the various District Lodges. A separate vote of the Ahepa, Daughters, Sons, and Maids meeting in joint session in accordance with section 4.3 shall not be required.

- 4.7 A Chapter seeking to host a Convention must place a deposit of \$500 with a District Lodge as a token of good faith and satisfy the conditions set forth in these Bylaws. The Chapter shall also submit a written proposal. The proposal is designed to clearly indicate the desire and capability of the Chapter to host the Convention. The proposal should include the following items:
- A. Current Chapter status; the Chapter's annual report submitted at the Convention will satisfy this item.
  - B. Facilities and capabilities to include meeting and banquet space back-up accommodations, room rates. Any supporting documentation from the proposed facility is welcomed.
  - C. A letter from the Chapter President stating that a motion to host a convention has been approved at a regular Chapter meeting and the date of such approval.
  - D. Any information on the host site, including peripheral activities, local attractions and available media.
  - E. A Chapter seeking to host a Convention may not participate in the Convention and Conference City Committee.
- 4.8 The Convention Chapter shall submit a program, including final prices, to the District Lodge no later than January 1st preceding the Convention.
- 4.9 It is recommended that all Chapters advertise in the Convention Album.
- 4.10 The Host Chapter or Host District shall provide complimentary registration and tickets to all events, to all four District 20 Governors, and the senior officer of the four (4) SUPREME/GRAND Lodges who are in attendance.
- 4.11 No current District Officer can serve as a Convention Officer, except as provided by Section 3.15(e).
- 4.12 Bids may be submitted to the District Convention for the District Convention and Mid-Winter Conference up to two years in advance.
- 4.13 A Business Session schedule and agenda shall be prepared for every Delegate and Alternate by the Host Chapter at their expense, as approved by the District Lodge.
- 4.14 The Ahepan of the Year shall be selected by a standing Ahepan of the Year Committee meeting at the District Convention composed of members of the Past District Governors Association, and chaired by the District Governor. The Chapters shall submit the applications of the names of their nominees to the District Governor marked "Ahepan of the Year" to be forwarded unopened, to the President of the Past District Governors Association postmarked by May 1 of the current year. The costs of the Ahepan of the Year award incurred by the District Lodge shall be reimbursed by the Past District Governors Association.

## **ARTICLE FIVE CONVENTION CITY**

- 5.0 The Host Chapter is responsible for allocating \$250 and a tape recorder and tapes to the Convention Secretary to take and transcribe convention minutes and present typed minutes to the District Lodge by September 30 for printing at the expense of the District Lodge.
- 5.1 If a District Convention is hosted by a Chapter with no active Sons or Maids chapters, the Convention Committee must provide activities for the Sons and Maids.
- 5.2 Host Chapter shall allocate space for the 4 District Governors, the Supreme/Grand Lodge Officers, and the Scholarship Foundation, for their messages in the album.
- 5.3 Convention Cities should send information to District Chapters of Ahepa, Daughters, Sons and Maids no later than April 1st , so that Chapters may have the opportunity to advise members of Convention dates, hotel and registration fees before election of Delegates.
- 5.4 Convention Host City shall have Hotel accommodations, agenda, dates and activities approved by the four District Lodges before the District Conference, at which time they shall be presented to the Conference body.
- 5.5 Disbursement of the check submitted by the Chapter(s) accepting the District Convention shall be disbursed equally between Ahepans' and Daughters' District Lodges, with no specific provision for the Junior Lodges. The Ahepa District Treasurer shall make the distribution within 30 days of his receipt of the check, rather than immediately.
- 5.6 The Convention city is required to have a program of activities organized for the Sons and Maids.
- 5.7 Several copies of instructions for the Convention City shall be available to the Host City Chapter preparing for the coming District Convention, and to Chapters contemplating bidding.
- 5.8 The spouse of the Convention Business Sessions Chairman shall be seated at the dais if space permits; if not, the spouse shall be seated at a table of prominence.
- 5.9 The Ahepa and Daughters Host Chapters shall have a joint committee appointed to formulate plans for all social functions, and the Daughters shall have an equal voice in the planning.
- 5.10 The Registration fee for the Sons and Maids Delegates or Alternates shall be the price of the events. The complimentary tickets to the Sons and Maids District Governors shall be non-transferable. If the Sons or Maids District Governor does not attend the District Convention, the respective Lt. Governor shall be given complimentary non-transferable tickets.

- 5.11 The price of the book of tickets and single events for both Senior and Junior Orders shall be determined by all attending District Lodge Officers of the four Lodges and the Host City Convention Committee.
- 5.12 The Ahepa and Daughters District Governors shall meet and provide the Toastmaster with a proper list of introductions to be made at all social functions.
- 5.13 The Convention City has the right of first refusal to have a golf tournament in conjunction with the District Convention. If the Convention City declines, the District Lodge will make any decision regarding the District Convention golf tournament.

**ARTICLE SIX  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

- 6.0 The Conference agenda shall be prepared for all attendees by the Host Chapter at their expense, as approved by the District Lodge.
- 6.1 Registration shall be \$10.00, and shall be retained by the Host City Chapter. (Note - this remains to be referred to the Daughters of Penelope for their agreement.)
- 6.2 A Chapter seeking to host the District Conference must place a deposit of \$250 with the District Lodge as a token of good faith and satisfy the conditions set forth in these Bylaws. The Chapter shall also submit a written bid proposal. The proposal is designed to clearly indicate the desire and capability of the chapter to host the Conference. The proposal should include the following items:
  - A. Facilities and capabilities to include meeting and banquet space, backup accommodations, room rates. Any supporting documentation from the proposed facility is welcomed.
  - B. A letter from the Chapter President stating that a motion to host a conference has been approved at a regular chapter meeting and the date of such approval.
  - C. Any information on the host site, including peripheral activities, local attractions and available media.
  - D. A Chapter seeking to host a Conference may not participate in the Convention and Conference City Committee.
- 6.3 Host Chapter shall allocate space for the 4 District Governors, the Supreme/Grand Lodge Officers, the Scholarship Foundation, and the Charitable Foundation messages in the album.
- 6.4 The Host Chapter or Host District shall provide complimentary registration and tickets to all events, to all four District 20 Governors, and the senior officer of the four (4) Supreme/Grand Lodges who are in attendance. No complimentary lodging will be provided.

- 6.5 Disbursement of the check submitted by the Chapter(s) accepting the District Conference shall be disbursed equally between Ahepans' and Daughters' District Lodges, with no provision for the Junior Lodges. The Ahepa District Treasurer shall make the distribution within 30 days of his receipt of the check, rather than immediately.
- 6.6 Chapter Reports shall be available for review by Delegates at the Business Sessions.
- 6.7 The District Conference agenda shall include a Chapter Officers' workshop for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN PROJECTS**

- 7.0 All Ahepa Chapters are asked to support the Ahepa Scholarship Foundation.
- 7.1 Disbursements of proceeds from joint Ahepa Family projects shall be as follows to the respective District Lodges: Ahepa 45%, Daughters 35%, Sons 10%, and Maids 10%. If there is no Junior Auxiliary, the funds shall revert to their respective Senior Order.
- 7.2 The Chairman of the District Project Committee shall work in close connection with the District Treasurer.
- 7.3 All District project monies shall be received directly by the District Treasurer.
- 7.4 Several copies of instructions for the Conference City shall be available to the Host City Chapter preparing for the coming District Conference, and to Chapters contemplating bidding.
- 7.5 The Journey to Greece Funds balance on hand as of June 1, 2014 is \$32,779.69. The JTG funds shall be deposited in U.S. Treasury Bills or one or more FDIC insured accounts, at the best interest rate and terms available in the commercially reasonable judgement of the JTG committee. Whoever has signatory authority over the JTG accounts shall have personal responsibility as a fiduciary to the District for the proper management of the JTG funds. The JTG committee for District 20 is Dayv Marlow, Lee Horner, George Makris, the District Governor, and Chris Mellas as Liaison to the National JTG. Grants shall be in the amount of \$500 each with a maximum of \$3,000 or 10% of the balance on hand, per year, whichever is greater. The JTG committee shall determine the eligibility of the applicants. A GPA of at least 2.5 is required.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT LEGISLATION**

- 8.0 All legislation approved by the District Convention immediately becomes a part of the Bylaws of District #20. The Bylaws may be amended with a two-thirds vote of the total Convention Delegates present and voting at a future District Convention.
- 8.1 There shall be no time limit on when a Chapter can again host a District Conference or

Convention. The Chapter accepting the District Conference shall be required to submit \$250 to the District Lodge of the Order of Ahepa no later than the following District Convention.

- 8.2 The \$250 submitted per 7.1 above will be distributed as follows to the respective District Lodges: Ahepa 45%, Daughters 35%, Sons 10%, and Maids 10%. If there is no junior auxiliary, the funds will revert to their respective Senior Order.

## **ARTICLE NINE LIAISON AND PROTOCOL**

- 9.0 Any Ahepa Chapter bidding for a District Convention or Conference shall be required to obtain a letter of consent and support from their auxiliary Daughters of Penelope Chapter.
- 9.1 All Junior Orders wishing to host a District or Regional function must have the authorizations of their local Senior Orders prior to bidding.
- 9.2 When Junior Orders sponsor District events, banquets, or testimonial dinners, they must check for proper protocol with Senior District Lodges.
- 9.3 The Periclean Award shall be awarded only by the Ahepa District Lodge. No Chapter may award the Periclean Award.
- 9.4 The last speakers at the District Convention Banquet shall be the outgoing District Governors of the Order of Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope unless the Supreme President or Grand President is present, in which case they shall be the last speakers; their designees, if any, shall not be the last speakers.
- 9.5 There shall be a dais at the Grand Banquet and Scholarship Luncheon at the District Convention.

## **ARTICLE TEN PUBLICATIONS**

- 10.0 The District Lodge shall publish a news letter for the edification of the members of the El Camino Real District Ahepa family on matters concerning the activities of the District Lodge, chapters, members of the Ahepa family and other relevant matters of general interest.
- 10.1 The District Governor is responsible for the publication and distribution of the news letter.
- 10.2 The District Governor may appoint an editor and or publisher to assist him in the financing, editing, publishing and distribution of the news letter.
- 10.3 It shall be the obligation of the Chapter Secretaries and members of the District Lodge to communicate news of their activities.

- 10.4 Financing of the publication will be provided in part by an approved appropriation from the District Treasury. Additional funds may be secured by the sale of advertising space and by projects approved by the District Lodge.

**ARTICLE ELEVEN  
STANDING COMMITTEES**

- 11.0 The Standing Committees shall be comprised of Bylaws, Public Relations/El Camino, Audit and Budget, Sons of Pericles, Ahepa Housing, and Hellenic Affairs. The Chairman shall be appointed by the current District Governor with the approval of the District Lodge.

**ARTICLE TWELVE  
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

- 12.0 These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of Convention Delegates present and voting.

THESE BYLAWS ARE IN STRICT ACCORDANCE TO THE NATIONAL ORDER OF AHEPA CONSTITUTION. ANY ITEM NOT HERE INCLUDED SHOULD BE REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION.

**RULES**

- 1.0 A quorum to open the District Convention for the election of Convention Officers is the majority of registered Delegates.
- 2.0 All Resolutions passed at the District Convention shall be presented at the immediately following National Convention by the incoming District Governor or his representative.
- 3.0 When Junior Auxiliaries sponsor District events, banquets, or testimonial dinners, they shall check for proper protocol with their senior District Lodges.
- 4.0 All Supreme/Grand Lodge officers and District Governors of the Ahepa family shall be given courtesies at District Conventions.
- 5.0 The Chapters and the District Lodges should issue press releases to the Greek newspapers and Dioceses and Archdioceses.
- 6.0 Ahepa protocol should be read and practiced on the Chapter and District level.
- 7.0 Chapters should send highlights and pictures of their events to the El Camino Real; the District Lodge should promote advertising to defray costs. There will be four issues.
- 8.0 The Ahepa and Daughters District Lodges should strive to plan joint Chapter visitations.

9.0 The following Program is suggested to provide sufficient time to efficiently discharge the business of the Convention, under normal circumstances:

**CONVENTION PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY:**

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. REGISTRATION (ALL ORDERS) HOSPITALITY ROOM\_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY:**

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. REGISTRATION (ALL ORDERS)

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. OPENING CEREMONIES

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. ELECTION OF CONVENTION OFFICERS

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. OFFICERS REPORTS, APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, and BUSINESS SESSIONS

12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS LUNCHEON

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. BUSINESS SESSIONS

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. COCKTAILS / RECEPTION

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. GRAND BANQUET

**SATURDAY:**

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION MEETING

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. JOINT SESSION - CONFERENCE / CONVENTION CITY, SCHOLARSHIP

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. BUSINESS SESSIONS

12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. BUSINESS SESSIONS, ELECTIONS, GOOD of the ORDER, CLOSE of the CONVENTION

**SUNDAY:**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY



These draft Bylaws replicate the actual Bylaws of District #20 Order of Ahepa, with the exception of perfunctory items, and incorporate all changes and additions as passed by the 2014 District Convention of District #20, comprising ARTICLE 7.5.

This will be presented for approval at the 2015 District Convention.

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