

AHEPA FAMILY

District 20 Annual Convention

Tucson, Arizon

June 05 & 06, 2026





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June 5th 2026

Opening Prayer: Father Chris Margaritas

AHEPA - DOP DISTRICT 20 JOINT SESSION (Start: 09:25)

Greek and U.S. National Anthems

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening remarks by Mike Orcutt (AHEPA 275)

- Welcome of AHEPA Brothers, DOP Sisters, and distinguished guests
- Overview of the location in Tucson: Suaros (large Cactus) that are the spirit of the community and stand like sentinels in the desert. This location is in the Westford Loop Resort, location that reflects the very best of the snow and desert.
- You can read up on this place that goes back to 1912.
- There is a room to the left in the Lobby (up the stairs). This is one of the original rooms of this property. It has a fireplace and a huge couch.
- Thanks for giving your time, your energy, and your heart to AHEPA and to the Daughters of Penelope.

Remarks by Nancy Jefferson (DOP 146)

Remarks from Helen Sandtower

Remarks from Sofie Batshoun

Remarks from Andrew (D20 Governor)

- Thanks everyone for the great job done the past year.
- District 20 is bringing back and resurrecting chapters throughout the district and we will continue to do that this and next year.

District 20 Journey to Greece Scholarship Fund Report
(Chris)

This year, we (AHEPA and DOP) talked to our chapters to convince members to go and take advantage to go because it was least expensive right now.

- There is a \$1M endowment to take care of the tuition.
- The application fee was set at \$500
- In addition what is needed is the Air Fair and spending money
- We have funds to provide funding up to \$500 (this could be for the spending money)
- If a family has any airline miles, that brings the total funding needed nearly to \$0
- We had one student from District 20 that is actually going.
- The total number of slots (Nationally) available is 25.
- We should try to get 5 slots taken by participants from District 20.
- The program is administered through Webster University at St. Louis, Missouri - an accredited university.
- This programs provides 6 credits - at most universities that is \$200 per credit at minimum. This is a total of \$1,200 savings for Education costs on top.



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- The program is 3 weeks in Greece.
- For further information go to AHEPA.org and search for the Journey to Greece. You will find all the requirements, and other details.

Pete Marudas comments about District 27 Western Regional Convention

- Currently we are investigating the Arizona Biltmore. We should know more within the next 45-60 days.

Comments fro the Governor

- We just restarted the chapter at St. Sophia in Los Angeles. This chapter is a heartbeat for Southern California. It will be celebrating 100 years and it could be a good option for next year

(End of the Joint Session)



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ORDER OF AHEPA BUSINESS SESSION

Start: 10:00

Commencement of the 2026 District Convention Session by Andrew J. Eliopoulos, District Governor.

Election for Convention Officers

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Nomination of Andrew Eliopoulos for the Convention Chair.

- Dully nominated

Nomination of Costa Tzavaras for the Convention Chair.

- Dully nominated

Costa Tzavaras withdrew his name for the Convention Chair.

Andrew Eliopoulos was dully nominated for the Convention Chair.

CONVENTION VICE-CHARMAN

Nomination of Costa Tzavaras for the Convention Vice-Chairman

- Dully nominated

CONVENTION SECRETARY

Nomination of Radoslav Wojcik for the Convention Secretary

- Dully nominated

Oath of Office Administered by District Governor

Remarks from Andrew Eiopoulos

Thanked for a unified election. It is important that we unify ourselves and respect the Democratic way. He applauded the unity and teamwork. It was his mission the entire year.

As a member for 25 years, he has been the District Governor for the last year. He was part of the environment when it was founded. He lived in the community and lived it. There was a part of the town you were not allowed as a Greek. It was hurtful. However, the Greek Orthodox Church was built in that community that he grew up in. Later they build the Community Hall. This Community Hall houses event for the United States government. It had dinners for NATO countries. When those events happened, the entire street was shut down. There was a lot of opposition when this Community Center was being built. But it was done. He has learned from his fathers before him to stand up for what is right. This is what this organization is about. At that time, though the community got all permits, the external groups organized themselves and put up signs "No Parking for Greeks". This is in modern day America. Not even 20 years ago. They did not want us in their neighborhood. Remember where we come from.

Invited nominated members of the Convention Officers to talk about themselves.

Kosta - LT Govenor

- His first AHEPA convention was in 2010 and not many attended. It is nice to see that we have a much better attendance coming back each year and this year. This is a testament to last year's convention in California. All had a good time and we wanted to see each other again. He plans on the succession and likely to retire from Southwest Airlines as well next year. That will allow him to give full attention to the District, opportunity to travel and keep up with visitations, and continue to grow our District. Having experience as a Convention Chair, he



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gave a recommendation to stick to the business and take various views to a committee and continue on a progress without unnecessary diversions.

Radoslav Wojcik - Secretary

- Note to all Secretaries to be mindful of digital tools and services such as iCloud and others. He lost a lot of data during an update of the Apple account. He started as Athletic Director. The first question that time he received was "What do you think?", "Where are growth opportunities?", and "What do you think we are doing well?". His response was that there were (and are) many things we do well, but his concern was regarding recruiting. He stated that at that time "we are recruiting from the graveyard; we constantly going to the delinquents lists to grow our chapters". Currently, we have a stronger approach to bring new and younger members.

Convention Office were dully elected.

Notes from Wynn Storton

AHEPA bylaws have been updated and are available on the website. There was a technical issue during registration, because each chapter gets only 6 Delegates for the District Convention. Some chapters registered with 10 or 14 Delegates. This will cause problems in the future as we grow and we will have to address it and pay attention to it. For Supreme Convention, they use the real rules. You will not be able to register unless you paid you dues by March 31st.

Notes from Costa about what happened this year.

Hi is the Leas-on on the Scholarship Committee which encompasses getting packages ready for review, making sure that all requirements are met, verify validation from the Chapter, are the essays in, are the transcripts unopened, etc. Everything is collated and the Committee decides on the allocation of awards. There is about \$100,000 that are mandatory distributed each year. Last year, the committee decided that the first allocation would go to applicants for Trade Schools. This year we had one applicant who is going to a Trade School and he will be receiving a scholarship. There were about 39 applications overall this year (see the Scholarship Committee Report for details). There were 6 graduate applications. One graduate was not given a scholarship because the GPA threshold is 3.5 and the applicant had 3.44. In addition, there was another denial because one of the packages was late. There were additional denials because the requirements for dues were not met. It is the sponsoring Chapter required to make sure that the Chapter dues are paid on time for the Chapter applicant to be eligible for the District Scholarship. In short, the Chapter has to be in Good Standing for affiliated members to be eligible to apply. It is unfortunate that this year three students were denied a scholarship because the Chapter did not pay on time.

As to dress code, this time it is Resort Casual. Going forward, we should put a note regarding the Dress Code on the Itinerary.

See the Scholarship Committee Report for details of allocation for the District Scholarship program. (Details of AHEPA Chapter issue Spa 30:36:).

2025 Minutes read / Adoption of 2025 District Convention Minutes



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Sign-up for Convention Committees

AHEPA Housing - Nick Angelo (could not attend)
Audit/Budget - Dave Marlow, Pete Marudas
Convention & Conference City - Chuck Gadinis (219), Steve Lemer (219)
Grievance - Andy Eliopoulos, Costa Tzavaras
Growth & Expansion - Mike Orkut, Andrew Tavernas, Radoslav Wojcik, Chris Stanford
Hellenic Affairs Liaison - Pete Renders, Peter Kidonius (412)
Legislation - Bill Lampropoulos PDG, Chairman
DOP Liaison - Alex
Ahepan of the Year - PDG Committee (Lunchtime)
Sons of Pericles - Nick Sarantis
Veterans Affairs - Nick Angelos PDG, Chairman, Philip Condolists (275)
Athletic Liaison - Anthony Dunn (219)

Break: 10:00

Lunch

ORDER OF AHEPA BUSINESS SESSION

Start: 13:00

Chairman Resumes Convention

District Governor - District Recognitions

Committee Reports

AHEPA Housing - Anastasios Pallas - AHEPA Senior Living Housing update

AHEPA Senior Living Housing give out grants per unit. This year the San Bernardino Sr. Living Housing received \$110 per unit grant which makes \$99,000. This is a benefit to the community. In May, the AHEPA Senior Living Housing received the Platinum Seal of Transparency - the highest level recognition for nonprofit organizations. More information can be found on www.ahepaseniorliving.org. The Chapter 302 went through the process of establishing a Senior Living Housing in 2006 and it opened in 2009. It took 3 years to get through the HUD.. Currently, the Chapter 302 is looking at an opportunity in Santa Anna. This effort is in early stages at this time. For additional information you can go to the website, or reach out to Anastasios Pallas. The Housing Management lists all contact information. Steve Beck, who was the CEO, passed away and there is no replacement yet.

Comment from Andy Eliopoulos

- For those interested in starting one, go to the city you are in and talk to them and inform them that you have an organization that works on these projects and that it is connected to the Federal program. That will likely create a great ally. This goes toward Cities' Lower to Moderate Income Housing program that cities desperately need (especially in California). The city of San Bernardino turned over almost \$1M dollars from the development section.



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Audit/Budget - James DeDakis

All statements in QuickBooks are in and match up. With the exception of the monthly QuickBooks expense, all expenses are paid with a check. QuickBooks is an ACH transaction. For the second year in a row, the District contributed \$10,000 to the ministry of Kids in Cancer. We should close with a total of \$10,200 collection this year. There was an expense of \$2,500 for the Congressional Banquet, for which the District purchased a table there. This was a one-time expense. Costa Tzavaras donated \$1,000 to this. It is worth noting that like Costa, others do things behind the scenes, that is not just their time, but also their resources. They do this without any recognition and should be commended for that.

The Audit is considered reconciled, accepted, and closed. Current balance is \$14,600.

Budget by Davy Marlow

- Starting September of last year, the District Lodge implemented a \$1,000 payment to Wynn and it was adapted into this years budget. Outside of this, the budget from last year stayed the same.
 - Software is \$400 per year and administrative costs are at \$400. None of these funds were used.
 - Advertising ad books were \$500. None of these funds were used.
 - Membership pens and publications - we reimbursed \$150 to Pete
 - Charitable Contributions and emergency had \$2,000. We spent \$1,000 of that.
 - Postage and shipping had \$200. None of these funds were used.
 - Travel Expenses - none of these funds were used.
 - Website management and communications had \$2,400. We spent less due to discounts for non-profit. The budget should be \$2,000.
 - Now, total expenses are \$20,850.
 - Revenue - \$8,000 plus WRDC. Last WRDC brought \$6,000. On a conservative side we will use \$4,000. That makes \$12,000 in projected income. Current Balance is \$14,607.90 - all chapters are paid. We are off by \$8,000.
 - With projected burn rate, we are good through December 31st of this year. In January, per capita starts all over again. This is when the \$8,000 comes in. However, the cash flow will catch up.
 - If we consider the increase of Per Capite to \$25 each (now is \$10), the difference is \$12,000.
 - Motion by Chris Balas to increase Per Capita from \$10 to \$25 per year. Dully second.
 - Davy: \$12,000 would brake us even at the end of the year (from budget side). If we do not use some of the funds like we did last year, that would be a cushion.
 - This increase would take effect in next years dues.
 - Call for Question by Costa Tzavaras: All in favor? Unanimous "Yes".

Journey to Greece - Lee Horner (275) Treasurer of Journey to Greece

As of March 31st there is \$32,656. We made \$1,300 last year. Interest of 3.68% (the committee agrees that this should be improved). Once recipient will be awarded \$750 during this convention. This is an increase from \$500, since there were no distributions last year. An idea being considered to raise more money is a Ruffle. Motion to rescind the discussion of the Ruffle to next day by Chris Melas was dully second. Unanimously approved.



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Growth & Expansion - Andrew Sonos (219)

Created two Sub Committee to work on two chapters to grow. We will put together a PowerPoint presentation to present the benefits of AHEPA, professional benefits, the origins, and the philanthropic and educational benefits as well. The two chapters the sub Committees will focus on are Las Vegas and Pasadena. Radoslav and Gregory will take on the Pasadena chapter. The Arizona members will take on the Las Vegas.

Athletics - Anthony Dunn (219)

With Dan Andrews will be meeting to organize and meet with Sons of Pericles President for the 100th anniversary. Will be reporting to Wynn bi-monthly with updates.

Convention & Conference City - Andy Eliopulos

Decision was made to make a district wide announcement to see who would want to host the District 21, 22, 20, and 17.

The committee will send out guidelines to all chapter presidents.

Those who submit their interests, the committee will review their applications and make an announcement later this year.

Grievance - Costa Tzavaras and Andy Eliopulos

None.

AHEPAN of the Year - Presented at Saturday Banquet

Motion to adjourn the meeting duly second. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 16:00



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June 6th 2026

AHEPA - ORDER OF AHEPA BUSINESS SESSION (Start: 09:06)
(Continuation from previous session)

Hellenic Affairs - Andrew Eliopoulos

Collectively, there is a lot of activity in the U.S. Government affairs that relate to Hellenic Affairs. There are a number of other organizations that are currently aligning themselves to protect the Mother Church and Hellenism in Turkey, such as the Leadership 100, the Archons, American Hellenic Society, the Arcadians, the Cretans, and other 15 different organizations. The work in these organizations is very dynamic, there is a constant work with our elected officials. Couple of weeks ago AHEPA had a great day in Washington. Some members sit in front of the World Court. In 1974, the Turkish government shut down the school in Hague, where every ephephatical Patriarch has been educated and we were not allowed to go there and fix it. When a property is deemed unsafe, the Turkish government goes in and level it down. Now, we are pulling our forces together. This group wants to make a presentation in Philadelphia this year during the National Convention. If anyone is interested in any of these activities, you can reach out to them and learn a bit about what they do - it is fascinating.

In addition, Armenian Church with the Orthodox Church together are joining to fight a common cause. Both churches are Orthodox, many are products of this nation because our ancestors were kicked out, our families were murdered, where everything we owned was taken over. Together, we can make effective influence on our officials, because power comes from numbers.

Legislation - Bill Lampropoulos

There are 9 changes:

- Article 1 first change. In 6 chapters we are revising the header to say "chapters and members". This is because there is a specific provision later on that deals specifically with members, but there was no other place to put it within the bylaws, so we are changing the heading from "chapters" to "chapters and members".
 - No questions. No objections.
- Article 1, Section 1.0. It is a change to reflect increase in district assessment. It would read: "Effective January 1, 2027, the District 20 divided as a district and chapter as a chapter, assessment is \$25 per member, based solely upon the membership report of the Ahepans who have paid through December 31 of the immediately preceding year, as reported by the AHEPA headquarters. The district assessment for live members shall be waived, the district treasurer will invoice the chapters upon his receipt of said membership report. The district assessment must be received by the district treasurer in full, no later than April 15th, in order for the chapter delegation to be seated at the District Convention in the current year. Chapters are requested to make an additional \$10 per member to make donation to the scholarship fund."
 - The change was read over multiple times to review the effectiveness of the change.
 - The change is to the amount and the due date. Before it was at the beginning of the District Convention.
- Article 1, Section 1.5. It would read: "The chapter's secretary shall submit a copy of its chapter, officer, election results to the District Secretary within 30 days after election or appointment, but no later than May 15th of each year." Currently, it reads June 30th.
 - There are no expressed penalties for not meeting this earlier date.
 - No objections. No questions.



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- Section 1.11 - currently it is a reserved section. Proposal is to revise it it read: "All Chapters are encouraged to complete and submit all required forms, reports, or documents to the District Convention by May 1st."
 - There are no current penalties.
 - No objections. No questions.
- Section 1.12 - this is a new provision. Currently, it reads: "chapters shall furnish names of members who are not in good standing to AHEPA Headquarters, and request their deletion from AHEPIC chapter rosters, Headquarters shall reflect those deletion in future chapter roster." Proposal it to delete this. We can't dictate what the Headquarters should do. In addition, membership rosters are maintained by the National. However, we want to keep the portion that deals with "good standing" or a member. The proposed revision is to read: "In order for the member to be "in good standing" with his chapter and the district, he must have paid his chapter dues by March 31st. Only members "in good standing" are eligible to receive the benefit of any district rights and privileges, including by the way of example and not exclusion, receiving grants, awards, or other financial consideration, attending or serving as a Chapter Delegate at any district or national convention, conference or proceeding, or serving as a Chapter or District Officer. A member can regain his good standing at any time by paying his outstanding chapter dues current."
 - This addresses the member obligation.
 - Suggestion: Amend Section 1.0 to read: "... if a chapter does not pay its dues by April 15th, the members of that chapter are not eligible to receive the benefits, rights, and privileges from the District."
- Section 3.22 - this is a reserved section. The proposal is: "District Executive Secretary. The District Lodge may retain the services and appoint a member of a district chapter to serve as District Executive Secretary. The District Executive Secretary shall serve as the principal administrative officer of the district lodge, and provide operational support to ensure efficient functioning of all district activities, all in accordance with the job description prepared and updated from time to time, as mutually agreed to by the District Lodge and the District Secretary. The Job description at a minimum include a detailed description of the District Executive Secretary's administrative, communication, reporting, district lodge, district convention, district conference, membership, chapter, and strategic responsibilities and support functions. The District Executive Secretary shall serve for up to five years, and may only be removed by the the District Lodge for malfeasance, in the performance of his duties. Such as, by way of example and not limitation, fraud, dishonesty, or illegal acts, or objectionable behavior, that is contrary to the ideals of the Order of AHEPA. The District Executive Secretary shall not be eligible during a service as Executive Secretary to hold any District Officer's position. Any compensation to be paid to the District Executive Secretary shall be determined by the District Lodge and must be approved by the District Convention. The District Treasurer shall reimburse the approved expenses incurred by the District Executive Secretary in the performance of the duties of his position."
 - No objections. No questions.
- Section 4.14 - modification of the content. Deleting: "the cost of AHEPAN OF THE YEAR, incurred by the District Lodge shell be reimbursed by the Past District Governors." However, the PDG this year voted to do away with their fund and donated all money to the Journey to Greece Foundation. That sentence will be deleted.
 - No objections. No questions.



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- Section 7 - modification. "All AHEPA Chapters are strongly encouraged to provide financial and other support to the AHEPA Scholarship Foundation."
 - No objections. No questions.
- Section 7.5 - update. Currently, it contains actual member names. Instead, to replace them with Titles. For example, instead of names listed it there would be a change to replace it with "JTG Committee for District 20 is the District Treasurer, the JTG Financial Advisor, the District Governor, and the District Liaison to the National JTG."
 - No objections. No questions.
- Motion to accept the bylaws as presented and amended by this committee, together with an authorization to the district, the legislative committee chairman, to correct clerical and typographic errors, and to make conforming changes, and other non substantive changes, was motioned by Pete Marudas and dully second. In Favor all but 3 votes, motion passed.

DOP Liaison -

Nothing to report.

Budget presented by Br. Davy Marlow was modified and changed based on the discussions.

All expenses are left as they were. Only line changed was District per Capita 2025 to 2026. Line changed to \$20,000 based on \$825 per member. Projected income is now \$24,000. Total expenses is \$20,850. That gives us a \$850 and make it a total of \$4,000. This makes a balanced budget.

- Motion to accept by Pete Maudas and dully second.
 - Motion Unanimous "Yes".

Veterans' Affairs - Pete Andrews

The visit to Washington DC.

- Wynn Storton and his wife were the guides to view the memorials. Only a 1/3 was viewed
- The feeling was of outmost patriotism at these memorials
- At Arlington, it was very emotional as you saw the brothers, buys, fathers, women who served and were buried there - that is over 4,000.
- They thanked them for the freedom.
- They saw the Change of the Guard.
- There was a Police Week and there were veterans in sponsorship programs to visit memorials.
- The iconic city was so clean and amazing.
- Urged all to visit while you can.
- There were three events: Capitol Hill Day, a visit to Washington DC, and a Congressional Dinner.
- The Congressional Dinner was fantastic
 - There was an orchestra
 - Room was full of veterans and the report has over 30 veterans.
 - Sons of Pericles and Daughters of Athena awards were also presented.
 - Representative Mikey Emanuel, the Greek representative for Fox News, was the MC and did a fantastic job.
 - He met his wife at the Ionian Village on their trip when they were teenagers.
- Trip to the Capitol Hill Day
 - The picture shows 100 at the steps of the Capital.
 - All had their packages with agendas.
 - All work is bipartisan. Can't talk Republican or Democrat when you talk about Greece.



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- More information is in the report
- Call for action: use the report to your chapters and have as many call your Congressmen to know about it.
- Costa Tsavaras mentioned there there is AHI (American Hellenic Institute) and they are the main lobby for the caucus and we could piggyback on that.
- Comment from Andrew Eliopulous
 - It is very important to let your representatives know who you are. That is Congressionally speaking.
 - Wynn gave an overview of his beginnings as a Web Master during the Supreme Convention. He still holds this post. Peter Regatta's was one who set up the original application, which we still use now. As a committee, generated a national award called Georgia Delroy Award. The inaugural award was given to Col. Vanducous. As a strong leader of the AHEPA Veteran Committee. Costa Tsavaras remarked that all chapters should check if they have members who do not have the U.S. AHEPA Veteran medal. If so, they can contact Wynn to get the form filled out, and obtain that medal.

Initiative from the Supreme President - James Dedakis

The Supreme President envisions to have a National Service Day or Month.

- Br. Jim Stoski and Br. James Dedakis were asked to chair this effort.
- Request was to create an action plan to roll out to all Districts and Chapters, to be of service, either financially or service hours, to specific organizations. The chosen organizations are Salvation Army, the Boys and Girls Club of America, and St. Jude Children Research Hospital. The ask from the Supreme President is that in the month of October, to have a unified effort amongst all the chapters (domestic in the U.S.A.) to select one of the three organizations and do something for them. The request is also to report on results of the impact to those organizations (how much was raised - if money was donated, or how many service hours were spent).
- In very near future, District Governors and District Supreme Governors will distribute forms and a letter to all chapters.
- Since there are different sizes of chapters, there is no mandate or a goal established.
- We have a copy of the form and the letter.
- **(Will attach to final release)**

Convention Committee - Costa Tsavaras

In the past, we made a decision to hold multi-District convention. This was due to the fact that our districts were not so large. However, we have grown. The Past District Governors have been deliberating about going back to just having District Conventions. The decision has not been made yet.

- Discussions are going on about the details such as how should the money be distributed after the Convention.
- No location has been chosen yet.
- No decision has been made if there will be District or Western Regional Convention.
- There is no formal report yet.
- In the past we voted to have WRDC every 2 years.
 - This was done so that we would have the convention on odd year numbers, because the Clergy Ladies meet on even years.
- Our bylaws state that this is a recommendation.



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- The district Mid-Winter city has not been selected yet as well.

Election of District Lodge Officers

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

LT. GOVERNOR

DISTRICT SECRETARY

DISTRICT TREASURER

DISTRICT MARSHAL

DISTRICT WARDEN

DISTRICT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Motion on the floor: **(made by whom?)** Current District Lodge Officers to remain in their positions for the next year. Dully second.

- Discussion: the Warden and Marshal are not present. We have main officers present.
- Davy Marlow called for the question: All in favor?
 - Unanimous response: "Yes"
 - Any Oppose: none
 - Eyes have it.

Adjourned: 10:58

AHEPA - DOP DISTRICT 20 JOINT SESSION (Start: 11:00)

District 20 Scholarship Fund Report - Carol Stathopoulos

There were 40 applications. Of these 9 graduate grant scholarships. Total awarded were 21 scholarships. This year, for the first time, a scholarship was awarded to a Technical and Vocational Trade applicant.

Process used:

- May 2nd was the due date for all applications.
- Committee waited till May 9th to ensure that all applications postmarked by the May 2nd had time to be delivered.
- On the May 9th, committee validated with District Governor chapters in Good Standing.
- Next, review of all 40 applications commenced.
 - 9 applications were rejected for various reasons.

Meeting Minutes from May 31st, 2025 - Costa Tzavaras

- Minutes from 2024 were passed. Sophie Bathsoon moved to accept the minutes and Alex Soles second. Finances were discussed. Elections were discussed. Carol moved to explain the future plans of the committee. This included:
 - Revamping of the application (comments and suggestions from all are welcomed).
 - How to develop application for students attending Trade Schools.



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- Standards/requirements for letters of recommendations, GPA, and other items to be standard across the board.
- Carol makes sure that Hard Copies are sent in - this is a challenge. Today, many applicants want these to be sent electronically in the world of AI.
- The GPA cut off is 3.5 and this year there was an applicant that had 3.44. Very close.
- The new category of Vocational Trade School resulted in one applicant qualifying for the scholarship. That person is going to Wyotech into an electrical program that costs \$36,000. This student could have elected to go to college. Instead, this student chose to go to Trade School.
- George Cerise moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45
- Pete Rutus second the motion
- Meeting was adjourned.
- Sophie Batshoun motioned to approve Meeting Minutes as read. Motion was duly seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.
- Financial Report
 - See attached pages
- There is a change in the brokerage houses. There was a move from Merrill Lynch to Morgan Stanley.
- There were several inquiries about setting up a Financial Statement. This will be taken under advisement for the next year.
- For instances where schools did not allow students to obtain transcripts to send it, the electronic transmittals were printed in Hard Copies and attached to respective applications.
- While discussing the fund with the consultant in Arizona, the consultant stated that our Fund Rating for risk is 9.5 out of 10. When the fund was started, the goal was to have a moderate financial risk.
- Those consulted, stated a concern that the fund should be spread across different areas. There should be some mutual funds in the portfolio. However, we have mostly stocks at this time. Depending on what the President and the Congress do, it should benefit us on the long run. These concerns will be addressed.

Motion by Pete Maudas to accept the Report. Duly second by Mike Orcutt.

- Discussion
 - Mary Cruitt (Chapter 159): In the income statement there is "Apple Security Settlement"
 - Response: this was a surprise. Apparently, Apple was sued some time ago. Paperwork was sent to the brokerage stating that we wanted to be part of this lawsuit. This resulted in the income stated as part of that lawsuit. That was a result of owning Apple stock at that time.
 - Pete Marudas: During the Reno Convention in 2014 we had \$465,000 in scholarship. In the 12 years since, we owe gratitude to those who manage this Fund.
- Unanimous vote to accept.

Elections

- Outline of Qualifications to be on the Committee.
 - 2 Zoom meetings, 2 to 3 in person meetings.
 - Must have interest in accepting an Executive Position.
- 2 Positions open:
 - Daughters of Penelope, Alternate (one year term)
 - AHEPA alternate (one year term)



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- Call for Daughters of Penelope Alternate for one year term
 - Br. Alex nominates Sister Sophie Batshoun, duly second by Michelle Lupakis.
 - No other nominations and no discussion.
 - No nominations. No nominations.
 - Unanimous vote to accept.
- Call for AHEPA Alternate for one year term
 - Sister Carol nominates Br. Jim DeDakis, duly second by Sister Sophie Batshoun.
 - No other nominations and no discussion.
 - No nominations. No nominations.
 - Unanimous vote to accept.

Future Plans

- A rank of 9.5 is a high risk. Carol is actively taking to brokers to minimize.
- Applications for 2027 will be available online as early as January.
- Some allocation of funds to make applications available on-line and secure might be needed. The committee will discuss this in fall before applications are due.

Questions

- Cynthia: ideas or thoughts - what is the best way to communicate or who to send them to?
 - Within a chapter, questions should be submitted to the Chapter President
 - If answer can't be found within the Chapter, the question should be sent directly to the Scholarship Foundation. This way, a response is provided not only to the one asking, but also to the Chapter President.

Motion to close District 20 Scholarship Fund Report by Georgia Series and duly second.

- Unanimous vote to accept.

Journey to Greece Report - Lee (Tucson 275)

Currently we have \$32,656. Last year we made \$1,306 which is a rate of return of 3.68%. We should be getting a better return in the future.

- One scholarship was given this year (\$750). Normally, we give out \$500 scholarship. However, sine none was awarded last year, it was decided to give out \$750 this time.

Motion to adjourn - Br. Jim DeDakis, duly second

Adjourned at 11:50

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



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AHEPA - DOP DISTRICT 20 JOINT SESSION (Start: 13:40)

Awards and Recognitions

Comments from Andrew Eliopoulos

AHEPA is always mindful of people who step up and have things done and put in hard work. There are a few people who answered whenever the 'bell rings'. This person always served as a master to look up to. What we do is not a 'one-man's village' show. Presentation is for Alex Soles of the Ambassador of AHEPA

- Comment from Alex Soles: "If you look at the past District Governors of 1944 or 1945, you will see my grandfather. This is why I'm doing this."

What a great legacy we have and what a great responsibility we have to continue the work of those we admire and love.

Award is for the Chapter of the Year - this award goes to the Chapter 505.

- They toasted the Supreme President, Secretary and many other members, and initiated 13 new members during that night.

Lifetime Achievement Award - this award goes to Chris Milas.

- It all started in 1972 with AHEPA Journey to Greece (my sister went in 1969). The Greek government covered 1/3 of the cost. Had to fly to Washington DC in blue blazers. In 3 weeks we went through the Greece. There was a balcony with two empty flag poles. So, we (good Boy Scouts) got an American Flag by going to the American Embassy, which was a bit of a distance. This is during times when no things were open at night (not like today). At the embassy, a Marine 'gave' them to borrow an U.S.A. flag for their flag pole. When the U.S.A. flag was hosted on one of the two poles, a Greek flag was hosted shortly thereafter. From that point both flags were displayed.

AHEPA - ORDER OF AHEPA BUSINESS SESSION (Start: 14:00)

Chapter Presidents

Mike Orcutt (President of)

- During COVID the chapter was at a total of about 8 members.
- Currently, the chapter is at 34.
- We Work Tucson is the work booth with Greek food. This is the only booth that has been there for 53 years.
- Activities the chapter gets involved are not always bringing in the receipts, but the chapter is there for the hospitality.

Radoslav Wojcik (President of 302)

- Membership is at 60.
- Appreciation of the Lodge in participation in the Super Bowl raffle.
- We had the 4th of July and Thanksgiving luncheons at the AHEPA Apartments.
- We also participate in Kids-4-Cancer, Valentine luncheon, and other items for the church such as restoring the Cross that was falling apart.

Gary Nickelo (Chapter 219)



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- Membership is at 170.
- Both fathers of the church treat AHEPA as the ministry of the church though we are not.
- A lot of converts are coming to the church and they are directed to the AHEPA Chapter.
- Meetings average 50-60 members.
- Support the Holy Trinity's Festival in October.
- Support community picnic
- The chapter has a 501C3 stand alone organization and supports scholarships.
- Give out \$10-12k scholarships each year.

Pete Andrews (Chapter 412)

- Recruiting at chapter meetings are moved to Chapter events.
- Tripled the bank account from \$5k to \$15k.
- Had a good Fishing Trip with 20 on the boat.
- Poker Night had 15 people and raised \$700 in one night.

Nick Kochinos (Chapter 411)

- Chapter has 68 members now.
- During Chapter meetings, the chapter averages about 18 to 25 member turnout.
- Each meeting, the chapter serves food.
- Chapter sponsored a flag pole for the Church with expense of about \$6-7,000.
- In addition, every year the chapter has a Christmas Party. During the party, the chapter collects gifts for the Orangewood Children's Home.
- The chapter supports the California's American Foundation by donating money.
- OC Rescue Mission, Boy of Palm Sunday luncheon, young kids through Goya, and also support Project Mexico.
- Completed AHEPA Service Dog for Warriors a few years ago, and now the chapter will sponsor another one.
- The chapter also supports the OC Fest every time, where the chapter sponsors the Beer Wagon.

Christopher Rustavides (Chapter 223)

- Financially, the chapter is healthy with over \$40,000 in the bank.
- The chapter gave out \$5,000 in scholarships to 5 students - through fundraising events.
- The chapter does Oxi Day in October through which the chapter collects about \$6,000 for the Greek school and the church.
- In December, the chapter has a Gala to support Toys for Pods.
- The chapter had 64 to 65 members. This year, the chapter initiated 11 members, of which 9 of them were initiated during the Presidents visit to San Diego.

(Not sure of name) (Chapter 219)

- This year, the chapter membership is up to 56.
- The chapter gained 14 new members.
- The chapter lost 5 members: 3 members passed away, and two transferred out.
- The chapter organizes a Greek Independence Day in a big park.
- The chapter organized an Oxi Day, AHEPA Sunday.
- Chapter's main charity is Kids for Cancer to which chapter commits to donate \$5,000. Past year, the chapter committed the profits from the Greek Independence Day to it.
- Currently, the chapter rents a house for chapter's meetings. This is now an experiment.



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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Discussion of having a chapters bring to convention an overview of what they do very well so that other chapters can learn from it. Andrew Eliopulos informed that this is the spirit of the Monthly Presidents call he started and that this is a good idea.

Oath of Office

Administered by Lee Horner

Picture of the New Lodge and of AHEPA delegation.

Adjournment of AHEPA District 20 2026 Convention at 14:56