



Order of AHEPA

Delta District 16
79th District Convention
Houston, TX
June 17 – 20, 2010



2009 - 2010 Delta District 16 Lodge

District Governor

Nick Kaffes
Houston, TX

District Lt. Governor

John Boyd
Dallas, TX

District Secretary

William Lane
Dallas, TX

District Treasurer

Art Minas
Houston, TX

Scholarship Chairperson

James Thomas
Dallas, TX

District Warden

Jim Verges
Sugar Land, TX

District Advisor

Costa Sgagias
San Antonio, TX



**Minutes of the 79th AHEPA Family
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The Joint AHEPA and DOP Convention was officially opened on Friday, June 18, 2010.

Pete Kaldis, PSG and Convention Chairman welcomed all the delegates, the distinguished guests and made introductions.

The AHEPA Delta District 16 Convention Meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00pm on Friday, June 18, 2010.

John Papas opened the ceremonies with an invocation.

Pete Kaldis, PSG and Convention Chairman, made the introductions and introduced Michael Michalopoulos, Supreme Governor Sons of Pericles.

Brother Michalopoulos gave encouragement to start a Son's chapter and to review their web site www.sonsofpericles.com as everything needed to start a chapter is listed. Brother Michalopoulos notified the district lodge of their fundraiser, a raffle benefiting ALS research and the Children of Cyprus.

Nick Kaffes, PhD, District Governor gave a welcome speech to the convention and reminded all of the cell phone policy.

Calls for election of convention officers:

Convention Chairman: Nick Dixie, PDG
Vice-Chairman: Ernest Papavasiliou, PDG
Secretary: James Thomas

Brother Dixie called for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in support of the troops overseas.

Appointed by Convention Chairman:

Parliamentarian: Alex Kastafanas
Chairman, Budget Committee: Chris Ramos
Chairman, By-Laws Committee: Costa Sgagias
Chairman, Resolution Committee: Alex Kastafanas
Chairman, Grievance Committee: Alex Booris
Chairman, Skepsou Committee: John Boyd
Chairman, Journey to Greece Committee: John Georgiafandis
Chairman, Convention City Selection Committee: Anthony Kouzounis

Minutes of 2009 District Convention:

Motion to wave reading: John Georgiandis, 2nd Geoffrey Crabtree

Motion to correct minutes to read, District assessment is \$4, Skepsou assessment is \$5

District Reports:

Brother Kaffes gave his District Governor's Report. He informed the lodge that the new treasurer, Art Minas, and the new scholarship chair, James Thomas replacing the dearly departed Steve Kirkikis, M.D. He also informed the lodge that Bill Lane replaced John Papas as District Secretary. Brother Kaffes expresses his happiness that the Sons of Pericles Chapter in Houston has been revitalized with a number of activities in the past year. He also suggested creating a Facebook page for our District. He ended by thanking the District Lodge Officers and a District Advisor for their great help this last year.

Lieutenant Governor John Boyd presented to the Lodge his update and was vital in getting the District Scholarship raffle tickets printed, distributed to the chapters, and keeping track of all 250 tickets. He concluded by thanking the brothers in the district for their support.

Chapter Reports:

The reports for the following chapters were read.

- Chapter 8 Shreveport, LA
- Chapter 19 Fort Worth, TX
- Chapter 20 Dallas, TX
- Chapter 29 Houston, TX
- Chapter 133 New Orleans, LA
- Chapter 311 San Antonio, TX
- Chapter 355 Little Rock, AR
- Chapter 522 West Houston

Committee Reports:

District By-Laws committee, Costa Sgagias, PDG

- District By-Laws should be clarified that dues (per capita tax) are collected annually – goal should be 100% collected by district convention. Also, District budget is based on fiscal year (June to May).
- District By-Laws Any changed to read District dues (per capita tax) approved by District Convention will be effective January of the following year.
- District By-Laws be changed to include District Lodge officers will submit expense reports to District Treasurer before stipend is paid. No change to the amount of the stipend.
- District By-Laws be changed that to be eligible as a delegate, district assessments must be paid for the year of the convention.
- District By-Laws be changed that each chapter must provide the name of the individual paying the District dues (per capita tax) instead sending to the District Treasurer a check covering the number of brothers.

Motion to accept by Geoffrey Crabtree, 2nd by Earl Ryburn

Discussion, Concern over names associated with each district assessment added 5th change to include the names of each individual paying the assessment. The change to the motion was accepted by Crabtree and /Ryburn. Motion carried.

District Budget Report, Art Minas:

Brother Minas presented to the Lodge the General Fund report. See Attachment A for the detailed report.

Motion to accept report as read by brother Sgagias, 2nd by Father William Gaines. Unanimous approval vote. Motion carries.

District Scholarship Report, James Thomas:

Brother Thomas presented to the Lodge the results of the Scholarship Board meeting on Friday. See Attachment B for the detailed report.

Motion to accept the report as ready by brother John Georgiandis, 2nd by Art Minas. Unanimous approval vote. Motion carries.

Journey to Greece report, John Georgiandis, additional by Father Gaines.

Greece's difficult economy is not helping the Journey to Greece. Discussion regarding awarding scholarships.

Motion that the AHEPANS designate \$1,000 from the scholarship fund for a student to go on a Journey to Greece assuming the student can pay the balance by Geoffrey Crabtree, 2nd John Georgiandis, discussion, motion passes. As a result of this motion, the Scholarship committee must convene before the deadline for the Journey to Greece.

SKEPSOU Report, John Boyd

Motion from Chapter #311, that we start printing the Skepsou to be decentralized to chapters to determine if they need to print. Post to the district website (as done today) and each chapter can print and mail if necessary. Eliminates the need for the district to collect monies from AHEPA/DOP Chapters for print and mail fees. Motion to accept by Costa Sgagias 2nd John Georgiandis
Discussion: Does DOP know?, yes. Motion passes.

Motion: current budget for Skepsou remain as is and be discussed at next year's convention. Motion to accept by Costa Sgagias, 2nd by Jim Verges. Motion passes.

Resolutions committee, Alex Kastafanas

San Antonio Chapter #311, members whole hardly support Brother Anthony Kouzounis for Supreme Secretary.

Dallas #20, John Boyd for District Governor, William Lane for District Secretary, James B. Thomas for District Scholarship Chair and Anthony Kouzounis for Supreme Secretary.

Shreveport #8 supports Brother Anthony Kouzounis for Supreme Secretary.

Motion to accept resolutions by Costa Sgagias 2nd Tom Maglaras motion passes.

Convention City Report: Supreme Secretary Anthony Kouzounis suggested going to a one day business convention. Friday night social, Business on Saturday, Banquet on Saturday night, go to church or return home on Sunday. Some have no event on Friday; some have a golf event on Friday. Propose to have a one-day business session next year. Suggestion is L'Auberge du Lac Casio in Lake Charles, LA. A golf course and spa are available for activities on Friday. Little Rock is another option, however, they may accept a 2012 convention.

Grievance Committee, Alex Booras, PGP

No grievances to discuss.

Good of the Order:

Gus Angelo echoed Father Gaines' comments that the Sons of Pericles are critical to keeping AHEPA chapters alive. Pete Kaldis believed the resolutions were out of order.

District Elections:

District Governor

Recommend: John T. Boyd, by Nick Dixie, 2nd by Tom Maglaras; motion carries

District Lt Governor

Recommend: Geoffrey Crabtree by John Georgiafandis, 2nd Alex Kastafanas; motion carries

District Secretary

Recommend: William Lane by George Zarafonitis, 2nd Costa Sgagias; motion carries

District Treasurer

Recommend: Art Minas by Costa Sgagias, 2nd Chris Ramas; motion carries

Scholarship Chairman

Recommend: James Thomas motion by Costa Sgagias 2nd Tom Maglaras; motion carries

Recommend: Ernest Papavasliou by Costa Sgagias 2nd Jim Verges; motion carries

Supreme Secretary Anthony Kouzounis installed the newly elected officers with the assistance of Father Gaines.

The Joint AHEPA and DOP Convention Meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00pm on Saturday, June 19, 2010

Barbara Stavis Wolf opened the meeting.

Costa Sgagias mentioned the Spring Regional Banquet to be held in San Antonio, TX.

Supreme Secretary Anthony Kouzounis – AHEPA meeting would like to go to a district lodge sponsored area, the L’Auberge du Lac Casio in Lake Charles. A backup is Coughata an Indian Casino and Conference center. Both facilities offer golf and spa. Opening ceremony on Friday night, and the on Saturday have a full day of meetings and have our banquet at night. In 2012, we are still negotiating. We are looking at Little Rock. No update for 2013.

Skepsou, Costa Sgagias – the motion from the daughters is similar to the AHEPA. An editor is needed and the magazine style format will be the same. Chapters will now be responsible for sending any members that lack internet access. The Skepsou assessment will end in January. The next convention will determine how any remaining funds will be used. Because funds exist, there may be one more paper copy in the fall.

The new 2010 - 2011 AHEP/DOP District Lodge Officers were introduced:

John Boyd, District Governor

Geoffrey Crabtree, District Lieutenant Governor

William Lane, District Secretary

Art Minas, District Treasurer

James Thomas, District Scholarship Chairman

Nick Kaffes, District Advisor

Anne-Marie Cariotis, District Governor

Vali Maglaras, District Lieutenant Governor

Ethelyn La Haye, District Secretary

Stacie Thomas, District Treasurer

Sharon Papadopoulos, District DOP/MOA Advisor

Brother Dixie thanked Houston for another great convention.

Joint AHEPA and DOP Convention concluded at 2:21pm on Saturday, June 19, 2010

Approved: Nick Dixie, Convention Chairman