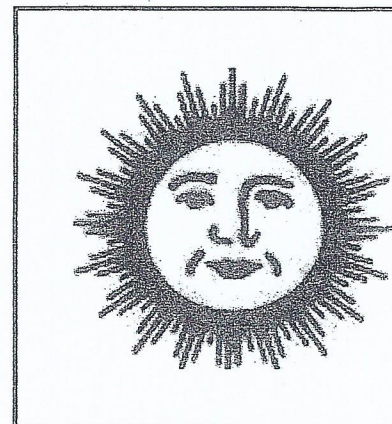


**MEETING MINUTES OF
THE PAN-RHODIAN SOCIETY OF AMERICA "APOLLON" INC.
88th ANNUAL CONVENTION / WARREN, OHIO
OCTOBER 2, 3 and 4, 2015**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015

The 88th Convention meeting of the Pan-Rhodian Society of America "Apollon" Inc. took place on Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, 2015 hosted by the Warren, Ohio Chapter No. 9.

The Convention's proceedings began at 9:10 AM at the Holiday Inn. Brother Michael Aivazis of Chapter No. 9 welcomed the delegates and guests followed by a prayer. Supreme President, Steve Pelardis, led us in prayer and held a moment of silence in memory of all those members who had fallen asleep.



The Roll Call of Delegates produced a quorum as follows:

NAME	CHAPTER/AUXILIARY	DELEGATE
1. Steve Pelardis	Supreme Lodge	President
2. John Lyrstis	Supreme Lodge	Vice President
3. William Angelis	Supreme Lodge	Secretary
4. Panagiotis Fotinis	Supreme Lodge	Treasurer
5. Mary Scoumis	Aliquippa Ladies Aux. No. 1.	Delegate
6. Irene Kaffenes	Aliquippa, Ladies Aux. No. 1	Delegate
7. Violet Rubino	Aliquippa, Ladies Aux. No. 1	Alt. Delegate
8. Manuel Kaffenes	Aliquippa, Men's Chapter No. 5	Delegate
9. Michael Aivazis	Warren, Chapter No. 9	Delegate
10. Kitsa Aivazis	Warren, Chapter No. 9	Delegate
11. Zane Soffos	Warren, Chapter No. 9	Alt. Delegate
12. Becky Pihou	Canonsburg-Pittsburgh, Chapter No. 24	Delegate
13. Victoria Scoumis	Canonsburg-Pittsburgh, Chapter No. 24	Delegate
14. Brittany Scoumis	Canonsburg-Pittsburgh, Chapter No. 24	Delegate
15. Phillip Anastasiadis	Past Supreme President	Delegate
16. Christina Kapolis	Past Supreme President	Delegate
17. Christos Kotiadis	Past Supreme President	Delegate
18. Polyvios Pavlidis	Honorary Supreme President	Honorary
19. Ilias Tomazos	Past Supreme President	Delegate

17 Delegates, 2 alternates

Hartford Chapter No. 1, New York Chapter No. 3 and New Jersey Chapter No. 25 were not represented.

Election of Convention Officers

To oversee the proceedings of the convention, the following were elected: Phillip Anastasiadis, Chairman; Christos Kotiadis, Vice-Chairman; Christina Kapolis, Secretary.

Election of Auditing Committee

The three-member committee elected to audit the books of the Supreme Lodge was: Becky Pihou, Victoria Scoumis and Brittany Scoumis.

Supreme Lodge Officers' Reports

President Mr. Steve Pelardis:

This last year was a challenging year for me. Communicated well with the officers of Supreme Lodge and all the chapters. Attended the meeting in Warren, Ohio for the presentation of the Honorary Supreme President to Polyvios Pavlides. Was glad to be a part of it. The vice president and I attended a meeting in Connecticut, Chapter No. 1. Solutions not always easy. Held elections and hope to see them back on their feet. Attended NY chapter no. 3 Pan-Dodecanesean meeting. Very pleased with meeting. Our Rhodes was not present. Where are you? Nisyros, smaller island, was part of their parade. Rodos is a bigger island, very disappointed. They had a nice meeting. Everything was well done. Mr. Fas came to New Jersey regarding the rebuilding of the monastery in Lardos. Tried to bring back Chapter 20, Chicago – had no correspondence. Did not visit Baltimore, which is a major issue. Have no expenses.

Supreme Vice-President, Mr. John Lyrstis:

Thank you for everything. Worked with and assisted the President during the year. Did not have the time.

Supreme Secretary, William Angelis:

Sent out seven (7) correspondences to Chapters, delegates and past supreme presidents. Had two Supreme Lodge meetings. The President said it all.

Supreme Treasurer, Panagiotis Fotinis:

A printed detailed treasurer's report was passed out. The \$12.00 monthly fee for balances under \$1000 was addressed. Recommendation was made to find a financial institute that had lower balance limits to lower the service charges. The new Supreme Lodge is instructed to find a solution to the \$12 fee.

MOTION to accept the Officers' Reports was entertained, seconded and passed unanimously.

2014 87th Convention Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 87th Convention meeting were read and approved unanimously.

Scholarships

Scholarship Committee

The committee chairman, Phillip Anastasiadis, reported that five applications were received. Three applicants were college students and two were high school students. The following students were given scholarships: College Students: Stephen Yamalis, Pittsburgh-Canonsburg Chapter 24; Alexis Flora Vardavas, Warren Chapter No. 9, Mallony Rose Karavolis, Pittsburgh-Canonsburg Chapter 24; High School students: Lukas William Carroll, Pittsburgh-Canonsburg Chapter 24; and Panaiota Eleni Magiassos, Warren Chapter 9.

MOTION: Award \$1000 to the college students, and \$500 to the high school students. Motion passed.

Website

A motion was made to allot \$125.00 per year for the maintenance of our website: panrhodian.org. Motion passed.

Mr. Anthony Capranica of Toledo (formerly of Warren, Ohio) developed the website and has agreed to be the webmaster at no cost to the Society. Each Chapter is to designate a member to update their chapter's news on this website. For security purposes each Chapter will have their own password. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAPTERS

Hartford, Chapter No. 1

The Chapter did not send a delegate. Christos Kotiadis, past Supreme President reported that the Hartford Chapter No. 1 donated their time and money to the St. George festival. They did have artoclasia on March 7 as they do each year. At a home \$8000 was collected for Panagia Ypseni. They had a good turnout at their meeting when the Supreme President, Vice President, Polyvios Pavlides and Tomazos attended. They held elections, but since this was at the end of May, he left for Rhodes. They will call another meeting.

New York Chapter No 3

Not represented. Recommended that the new Supreme Lodge attend a meeting in New York. Try to fix the chapter to be alive. Continue the support.

Aliquippa, Men's Chapter No. 5

- * Continue the death benefit of \$500. Motivated two new Members to join.
- * Hold a meeting every other month
- * Sponsor and donate to the scholarship fund
- * Annual picnic is held in July.
- * Help with the Church festival
- * Held a memorial service
- * Continue the less apathetic attitude and try to hold meetings.

Aliquippa, Ladies Auxiliary No. 1

- * Have 29 active paid members
- * Annual picnic is held in July held together with the Men's Chapter
- * Talents and money for the Church festival

Warren, Chapter No. 9

- * Held a Christmas Party with an ugly sweater contest
- * Sponsored three golf outings,
- * Vasilopita donation
- * Participated in the Greek Independence Day Parade
- * Held bake sales
- * Helped cook and work our St. Demetrios Church festival in July – sponsored the Kafeneio stand
- * Commemorated Panagias and Agios Fanourios in August
- * Attended Aliquippa's picnic – very nice time
- * Held Glendi Nite in October 2014
- * Lost six members this year

Canonsburg-Pittsburgh, Chapter No. 24

- * Vasilopita participant
- * Hold a meeting every three months with a fantastic dinner – women bring dessert (everyone welcome)
- * Winter Glendi
- * Hosted the luncheon for two Eminences
- * Attended Aliquippa Picnic – it was great

New Jersey Chapter No. 25

Supreme President, Steve Pelardis reported that the chapter is in very poor condition. Held no functions and no meetings. No real reason, no real answer, disengaged. Asked that they write their concerns, but to no avail. Cannot read their minds. Vice President, John Lyrstis added that most are from Ay. Isydoros and the women hold their own meeting.

Violet Rubino relayed the information that GAPA was ready to dissolve until they contacted their priest. The priest stated that he was 100% behind them, joined GAPA and told them to not give up. Each Sunday he would plead from the pulpit for the parishioners to join. It was a complete miracle. They are now a functioning organization again. Fledging chapters should not give up, but do everything to remain active.

The Chair introduced and welcomed all the guests at the meeting.

University of Rhode Island – RODOS Building

Brother Ilias Tomazos thanked all for their financial and moral support. The president of the University of Rhode Island is blocking further building. The project is half built, but he wants to destroy it. The Attorney General and the Chief Architect are behind us. We cannot proceed until the court's decision. PAIDEIA has the property for 500 years. Not abandoning this project and are unanimous in favor of the building of the RODOS building. The sturdiness of the three buildings is such that winter weather will not affect them.

The PAIDEIA program has scholarships available to students. Encourage your students to study in Rhodes. We have been given a second building in RODOS to use for housing students, etc. Have been approached to start this program in Sparti.

Brother Tomazos contacted the government officials in Rhodes about having next year's convention there. They are very receptive and are looking forward to working with our Society. They request that our proceedings begin on a Thursday preferably any month but August.

A new office has opened in Rhodes Apodimous Rodion.

Auditing Committee Report

The Auditing Committee submitted the report and found the Society's financial records to be in order. MOTION to adopt the audit committee's report was seconded and passed unanimously. See attached report.

Expenses of Supreme Lodge

Motion was made to pay the Supreme Lodge officers for their traveling expenses was made and passed. Supreme President, Steve Pelardis \$370 traveling expenses; Vice President, John Lyrstis \$495; Treasurer, Panagiotis Fotinis \$370; and office/convention expenses for Secretary, William Angelis \$312.50.

Brother Phil Anastasiadis had expenses of \$65, but is not asking for reimbursement.

As representatives to HANC, brothers Pavlides and Angelis went to two meetings, but are not asking for reimbursement. No report was given.

Property in Lachania

The paperwork still exists regarding the property in Lachania. At the 1990 Pan-Rhodian Convention this was discussed and voted upon for a committee to investigate the "lots" available in Lachania. Recommendation: The new Supreme Lodge should follow up on this matter.

Chapter 20 - Chicago

After the Supreme Lodge many times to contact Chapter 20, no progress was made.

Resolution: If Chapter 20 is not holding meetings, does not have 7 members, etc. as the constitution states, the new Supreme Lodge must have the funds in their treasury returned or proceed with legal action.

New Business

All of the following proposed changes were brought by the Supreme Lodge members for the delegates' decision.. After lengthy discussion the following was decided:

Discussion of the Supreme Lodge June 16, 2015, Correspondence No. 5

Scholarship Application Eligibility:

Item C: Motion to eliminate the High School students, thus a higher award will be available to the college students. 5 yes; 9 no. 1 abstained. Motion did not pass.

New Business – continued

Scholarship Application Eligibility:

Item E: Motion Applicant must have an academic record of 3.5 or better after the completion of the first year of college. This is the standard for all credible colleges and universities. 5 yes, 9 no, 1 abstained. Motion did not pass. As such, the scholarship application remains as is.

Trust Agreement – proposed changes

Motion that three new trustees shall be elected by the Supreme Convention Delegates every two years and must attend the National Convention for the next three consecutive years. 9 yes, 4 no, with 2 abstaining. Motion did not pass (not 2/3).

Scholarship Trust Agreement financial overview

Mr. Chris Bardos, CFS, presented a lengthy written report of ways to invest our scholarship funds. This report was given to the delegates. Mr. Bardos answered questions regarding ways to invest these funds but to secure the capital. After reviewing the various options, the Scholarship Trustees will decide the best possible way to invest these funds.

New Business – continued

All of the following proposed changes were brought by the Supreme Lodge members for the delegates’ decision. After lengthy discussion the following was decided:

Discussion of the Supreme Lodge June 16, 2015, Correspondence No. 6

Proposed the following Constitution amendment:

Motion: Article 14 to read “Scholarship Foundation Trust” to agree with the Scholarship Foundation Trust Agreement. 9 yes; 7 no. Motion did not pass (not 2/3)

Constitution Change – Article #17 Dissolution

Motion : The Society can only be dissolved, if it’s reduced to three local chapters, and all the movable and immovable property, real or personal, of every chapter, Auxiliary or of the supreme lodge shall be automatically divided equally among the villages of Rhodes. Each village must spend their portion of the money received on a project bearing the name of the Pan-Rhodian Society of America “Apollon.” 4 yes 9 no 1 abstained. Motion did not pass and this Article remains the same.

Moment of silence was held in memory of the passing of Nick T. Kapolis.

Convention Host 2016

Motion to have the Supreme Lodge contact New York Chapter 3 regarding the possibility of hosting the 2016 convention. Could be in conjunction with Chapter 25 New Jersey. Alternative is to have the convention in Rhodes.. Unanimous

Election of Supreme Lodge Officers

President: Steve Pelardkis Vice President: Michael Aivaziss
Secretary: William Angelis Treasurer: Panagiotis Fotinis

The above were nominated and seconded. Motion passed. The new officers were sworn in.

Election of Scholarship Foundation Trustees

The following were nominated and voted unanimously: Supreme President, Supreme Vice President and Kitsa Aivazis to replace Michael Kotis. Trustees are: Phillip Anastasiadis, Anastasios Georgas, Stelios Yamalis, Christina Kapolis, Supreme President, Supreme Vice President and Kitsa Aivazis.

Good of the Society

Recommendation: Inquire as to what we need to do to be a part of the Pan-Dodecanesean and to be active. The Supreme Lodge is to make inquiries. Note: Chapter No. 3, New York has been paying the dues for the past thirty years.

Mary Scoumis made the motion to adjourn, second by Manuel Kaffenens. Meeting adjourned in prayer.

Phillip Anastasiadis, Chairman

Christos Kotiadis, Vice Chairman

Christina Kapolis
Respectfully submitted, Christina Kapolis, Secretary