



ORDER OF AHEPA
MOTHER LODGE FOUNDED JULY 26, 1922
DISTRICTS # 7, 8, & 9
2015 NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL
CONVENTION
MAY 29-30-31, 2015 MINUTES

COMBINED MEETING OF AHEPA FAMILY

2015 Convention Chairperson PSS George Anagnostos called the Thirteenth New England Regional Convention to order at 9:14 AM on May 30, 2015. He recognized the head table: Supreme Counselor, Gregory Stamos; Region 4 Supreme Governor, Frank Fotis; Liasion for District 8, Imogene Homela; Liasion for District 9, Julia Tollance; Supreme Secretary, Andy Zachariades; PSP John Grossomanides; Liasion for District 7, Jan Spanos; and Daughters Grand President, Anna-Helene Grossomanides. Also recognized were Sons Supreme VP Andreas Christou and Maids Grand President Deanna Socaris. Brother Anagnostos welcomed all the dignitaries to visit and speak to the groups at individual meetings as they wish. He invited representatives of each group to speak to the assembled multidistrict group starting with the Daughters Grand President. She said that Districts 7, 8, and 9 work well together and her wishes for good deliberations. She discussed the recent activities and travel to Greece and that the Daughters were having their 85th anniversary this year. She recognized the presence of the Maids Grand Secretary, Effie Sapuridis and the Chairperson of St. Nicholas Shrine, Antoinette Zachariades. She further expressed appreciation to all for the opportunity to be at the Convention and to speak to all assembled. Brother Anagnostos welcomed Supreme Secretary, Andy Zachariades to speak. He offered words of greetings and appreciation for all in attendance. Brother Anagnostos discussed meeting room logistics for the various District attendees as well as lunch and other weekend events. He dismissed the assembled to their various District meetings at 9:25 AM.

YANKEE DISTRICT #7, CONVENTION MEETING

District Governor Alex Boutsoulis convened our meeting at 9:41 AM.

I. Election of Convention Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary

A. PDG Jack Isaac nominated George Scarvelas to be Convention Chairman

B. Seconded by George Rados; no other nominations

- C. PSP John Grossomanides moved nominations closed and to cast one ballot; Approved by acclamation
- D. PSP John Grossomanides nominated Emmanuel Moshovos to be Convention Vice Chairman
- E. Seconded by PDG Ernie Pool; no other nominations
- F. PSP John Grossomanides moved nominations closed and to cast one ballot; Approved by acclamation
- G. PSP John Grossomanides nominated Jack Isaac to be Convention Secretary
- H. Seconded by George Scarveles; no other nominations
- I. PSP John Grossomanides moved nominations closed and to cast one ballot; Approved by acclamation
- J. Brother Alex Boutsoulis said that the Convention Secretary position would be supplemented by audio recording of the proceedings by the District Secretary. Greg Simones asked that all members identify themselves by name prior to speaking for transcription accuracy.
- K. The three elected Convention officials were sworn in by the Supreme Secretary.

II. District Lodge Officers Reports facilitated by George Scarveles, Convention Chairman

A. District Treasurer's Report – John Melonopoulos

1. He attended the four (4) District Lodge meetings over the course of the year.
2. He attended meetings at his home chapter of Hartford and a Foundation Awards event at the Norwich chapter along with his attendance at the National Convention. George Scarveles stated that Brother John was called upon many times by many people over the course of the year for advice and clarification of District finances as well as his efforts leading the restoration of the Yankee News publication.

B. District Secretary's Report – Gregory Simones

1. Secretary Simones discussed his activities during the past year (See attached listing of activities).
2. 2014 District Convention, 4 Lodge meetings plus a joint Lodge meeting with the Daughters.
3. Attended Norwich 110 Foundation Awards and Officers Installation.
4. Attended Waterbury District Scholarship Awards Dinner and John Ververis Testimonial Dinner.
5. Attended Fall Conference in Norwich and Spring Conference in New Britain.
6. Newport, Norwich, New Britain, New London, and Hartford chapter visitations with new member initiations at New Britain and Hartford.
7. Hellenic History Competition photographer.
8. Honored 50 plus year members in New London.
9. Greek flag raising in New London and Greek Independence Day events in Hartford.
10. Attended the AHEPA District 7 Symposium of Christianity and Islam religions at Yale University, New Haven, CT
11. Night at the Races in Waterbury.
12. St. Nicholas Shrine fundraiser in Stamford by the Stamford chapter.
13. New London Foundation Awards

14. He discussed that he takes minutes and creates reports of all official meetings.
15. He also sent out the annual District Per Capita bills to all the Chapters.
16. He informed the assembled group that he also takes photographs at most major district events acting in his capacity as reporter/photographer for the Yankee News.
17. He informed everyone that he had repaired the District Secretary jewels and found and purchased a box from Amazon for \$34.99 to protect the investment of roughly \$140 for jewel replacement. He offered to repair other District jewels and recommended the purchase of additional boxes to protect them. The box was shown to the assembled for their review. The membership was complementary of the Secretary's activities and service to the District.
18. PSP John Grossomanides moved to accept the Secretary's report and Ernie Pool seconded. The motion passed.

C. Lt. Governor's Report – Demetrius Tasoulas

1. He said that the Secretary's report was similar to his with the exception of not attending the Ververis Testimonial (see attached Secretary's report).
2. He expressed that the scholarship event in Waterbury was a nice affair and it was his hope that it would be emulated by New London August 16th in the Venetos Center of St. Sophia Hellenic Orthodox Church expecting 100 to 110 people.
3. He expressed concerns over the health of the District and our ability to attract and retain younger members.
4. PSP John Grossomanides moved to accept the Lt. Governor's report and Ernie Pool seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A. District Governor's Report – Alex Boutsioulis

1. Made visitations to 18 chapters with multiple visitations to some; often participating in initiations and attending award ceremonies (see attached report for details).
2. Thanked Brothers John Grossomanides and Nick Nikas for their help in the reactivation of the Pawtucket, RI chapter on December 7, 2014 with 15 new members; made 2 visits to the chapters
3. Organized and participated in four Yankee District 7 District Lodge meetings and one with the DOP. Communicated with Daughters of Penelope District Lodge officer's as on needed basis.

Made visitations to the following AHEPA Chapters:

Bridgeport
 Hartford (3)
 New Britain (3)
 New Haven (2)
 New London (2)
 Newport
 Norwich
 Pawtucket (2)
 Stamford (2)
 Waterbury

4. Participated in AHEPA initiations at the Hartford, New Haven, Pawtucket, and Waterbury chapters.
5. Supported the development of a revised Yankee News magazine. Participated in several News meetings.
6. Attended Waterbury AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Chapter Scholarship Luncheon – June 2014 in Waterbury.
7. Attended AHEPA Supreme Convention in New Orleans, LA in July 2014. Communicated key convention issues to AHEPA chapters.
8. Attended Yankee District 7 Scholarship Dinner – August 2014 in Waterbury. Banquet proceeds funded additional Daughters of Penelope scholarship.
9. Participated in testimonial for John Ververis, past National Sons of Pericles President in Waterbury, August 2014.
10. Participated in 18th Annual AHEPA Chapter 48 Scholarship golf tournament at Western Hill Golf Club in Waterbury – September 2014. The golf tournament and luncheon is a major Waterbury AHEPA Chapter 48 Scholarship fundraiser.
11. Attended all three Waterbury AHEPA scholarship fund raising dinners (September, January and April) with approximate 150 – 190 in attendance at each dinner.
12. Attended AHEPA Governor’s conference in Washington, DC, September 2014. Communicated key conference issues to AHEPA Chapters.
13. Participated in Yankee District 7 AHEPAN and Daughters of Penelope Fall Conference, October 2014 in Norwich and Spring Conference, March 2015 in New Britain.
14. Participated in the Hellenic History Tournament in Orange, CT, November 22, 2014.
15. Supported organizationally the Waterbury Sons of Pericles regional basketball tournament, November 2014.
16. Attended New Rochelle NY luncheon honoring fellow AHEPAN Costa Papademetriou in December 2014.
17. Attended AHEPA Christmas parties in New Britain, New London and Waterbury, December 2014.
18. Spoke at the Connecticut Greek Independence Day celebration at the State Capitol in Hartford, CT, March 25, 2015. A great honor to speak in Greek and English at the event.
19. Participated in an Astoria, NY Greek Independence Day Parade organizational meeting January 2015. Participated with the AHEPA in Greek Independence Day Parade in New York, NY, March 2015.
20. Attended the AHEPA District 7 Symposium of Christianity and Islam religions at Yale University, New Haven, CT on April 23, 2015. 45 people attended and kudos to Greg Stamos and George Syrimis.
21. Supported the very successful and fun Yankee District 7 fund raising event, “Nite at Races” in Waterbury, April 25, 2015. Fun night and \$2,500 to St. Nicholas Shrine. Thanks to Rick Pecka and the DOP.
22. Supported Brother Greg Stamos’s led AHEPA District 7 delegation to Capitol Hill day and Congressional Banquet in Washington, DC, April 28, 2015.
23. Spoke of various upcoming events that are all on the attached report.

24. Discussion followed regarding Chapter, AHEPAN or Hellene of the Year awards and nominations with John Grossomanides. Recommendation to make announcement to chapters for nominations.
25. PSP John Melonopoulos moved to accept the District Governor's report and John Grossomanides seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Convention Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Yankee News (John Melonopoulos, Chair)

1. Each chapter is recommended to assign a reporter to provide news to the Yankee News as most of the news comes from only 5 chapters or one third of the chapters in the District (New Haven, Hartford, New Britain, Norwich, and Waterbury).
2. Asking each chapter to sell a minimum of one commercial ad a year. Don't just have a chapter ad but get some actual advertising.
3. There have been people asking for subscriptions to YN and the charge is \$12 as is what is charged per member against dues for 4 issues.
4. Ta Nea: Looking to be back this publication (similar to a gossip sheet). News about AHEPA members such as baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, deaths, or other noteworthy information.
5. YN is asking for recommendations, which can be passed along to the staff which are Alex Boutsioulis, John Melonopoulos, Jack Issac, Andy Aros, Greg Simones, and publicist Terry Plumley.
6. New size (17 x 22), little bigger font, all in color, 4 dates pretty much on schedule.
7. Brother Nick Nikas expressed his concern that due to the previous inconsistent timetable of the publications that he may not have all of the issues on the District website. He asked the YN staff to go to the website and review its YN inventory and if anything is missing to please procure him a copy.
8. Brother John Grossomanides asked how many issues we have per year. Brother Melonopoulos responded that the by-laws state a minimum of 3 issues and now that some internal problems have been resolved, the intent is to publish 4 a year. Brother Grossomanides was concerned as it relates to selling ads and that we should be consistent with ads and issues in a year cycle. Bro. Melonopoulos said that purchased ads are for 4 issues and if only 3 are published, the ad will be carried to the first issue of the following year.
9. Bro. Grossomanides wants it to be noted that the current publicist is now a paid position where previously it was a volunteer position. The YN staff needs to account for the extra expense when planning ad revenue generation. Bro. Melonopoulos stated that \$6,100 in advertising was sold last year.
10. Brother Harold Dimopoulos PDG would like to see that we have nametags available at registration.
11. Chair commented that Bro. Melonopoulos has done a great job and recommended that we gather old versions of the YN for the archives.
12. Greg Simones suggested in reference to Bro. Demopoulos' comment that we go around the room and say who we are.

13. Bro. Ernie Pool asked if we have identified the chapters present at the Convention.

14. Introductions; Greg Simones, DS, New London 250; Jack Issac, PDG, New Britain 117; Emmanuel Moshovos, PDG, Hartford 58; Ernie Pool, PDG, Norwich 110; John Grossomanides, Jr., PSP, PDG, Norwich 110; Alex Boutsioulis, DG, Waterbury 48; Harold Demopoulos, PDG, Providence 106; John Melonopoulos, DT, Hartford 58; Michael Michael, CP, Meriden 126; John G. Grossomanides, PDG, PSG, Norwich 110; Demetrius Tasoulas, DLG, New London 250; Tony Vallombroso, CVP, New London 250; Nick Nikas, PSG, Stamford 99; Anthony Neigel, CS, Norwich 110; Rick Pecka, DSA, Waterbury 48; Dick Pecka, Waterbury 48; George Rados, PDG, New Britain 117; Steve Jennings, PDG, Newport 245; Basile Panoutsopoulos, Newport 245; Michael Sisak, CP, Newport 245; George Scarvelas, PSG, PDG, New Haven 98; Greg Stamos, SC, New Haven 98. Ten out of fifteen chapters present (250, 117, 58, 110, 48, 106, 126, 245, 98, and 99). George Scarveles asked PSP John Grossomanides if we were still using Pittsfield, MA as a chapter. He answered that we were in the same way we are using Clinton and Ansonia, CT.

15. DG Alex Boutsioulis presented a certification of award to PSP John Grossomanides, on behalf of the YN, for raising over \$2,600 in new ads in the past year 2014-2015.

16. Bro. Ernie Pool asked if the Chairman or DG have identified the chairmen of the various committees: Membership: Demetrius Tasoulas; YN/Budget/Audit: John Melonopoulos; Hellenic Affairs: George Rados; and Sons of Pericles/Scholarship: Rick Pecka. George Scarveles helped to identify committee chairmen and to clarify schedule and locations of those meetings and timeline for return to deliberations.

IV. Break for Committee Meetings at 10:31 AM (half hour) to reconvene at approximately 11:00 AM

V. Reconvene at 11:05 AM for Reports on Committee Meetings just held

A. Audit and Budget (John Grossomanides, Chair reporting)

1. Steve Jennings assisted Brother John

2. Audit of books showed no issues. All records are in order.

3. Budget committee – John Grossomanides made the presentation as follows: The proposed budget is based on a count of 817 members for the district. He discussed a slide showing the budget numbers of the various line items. George Scarveles asked for clarification about Hellenic and Cyprus Affairs line item, which is a recommendation from the national convention to have each chapter donate \$100 to fund an unfunded committee. It is essentially a pass through of money from the chapters through the district to the national committee. Jack Issac asked for clarification about the Night at the Races budgeted \$1,750. The DG responded that there will not be an event in 2016 and the number on the budget reflects proceeds from the 2015 event. Total income/revenue: \$21,474. Balanced budget.

4. YN: Revenue: \$10,500; \$4,662 came from per capita fees and delinquent members do not get the YN if they are not on the paid list for the prior calendar year. Advertisers get papers and two Daughter's chapters have sold ads (New Britain and Hartford, certain National level officers, all the churches, and the housing projects all get YN. Approximately 875 names on the mailing list. Demetrius Tasoulas asked if there was any way to make recipient list updates more often. Discussion ensued. John Grossomanides suggested that the district could get an updated list from the national office prior to each issue's publication as members are added/removed during the course of the year. New members, reinstatements, and delinquents are not updated until year's end stated George Scarveles. John Melonopoulos and Nick Nikas stated that deceased members have been carried forward on active rolls and those should be updated in a timely fashion so as to not spend resources needlessly.

5. Chairman George Scarveles asked for further discussion; hearing none Brother Stamos moved to accept the report, seconded by Mo Moshovos. The budget was accepted as presented unanimously.

B. Hellenic Affairs (George Rados, Chair reporting)

1. George Rados presented his report as follows: He acknowledged the earlier discussion during the budget of the proposed voluntary \$1,500 contributions by the chapters (\$100 each) but so far has received nothing yet. John Grossomanides offered the information as a matter of pride that District 7 is the only district that has all of the congressional delegation as members of the Hellenic Caucus. Also, both CT and RI both have big Greek Independence Day programs. Nick Nikas praised Brother George's efforts to get signatures on a petition for the FYROM to withdraw their claim to the name of Macedonia. Greg Stamos offered that a Paideia concert fundraiser is scheduled at St. Barbara Church one week from tomorrow at 5 PM. Ernie Pool was asking about the feasibility of the District sponsoring information sessions about the oppressed peoples and religions in the Middle East. George Rados informed the brothers that he will soon publish a book entitled Makedonia: The Gordian Knot Unraveled through iUniverse, which is a subsidiary of Penguin Books. He has pledged that \$5 from each book will go to national Hellenic Affairs. Greg Simones stated that he had a check from the Winthrop chapter for \$100 for Hellenic Affairs. Jack Issac stated that he wrote an article published in the last issue of YN about the plight of the Christians in the Middle East and will update as information comes available. Ernie Pool referenced his recent awareness of the plight of the Pontic Greeks. George Rados said 600,000 people were lost and another million were displaced. Anthony Neigel stated that among Greeks and Armenians around 5 million were lost over the years during the various conflicts since 1913. George Rados added that others were involved such as Iraqis, Assyrians, Syrians, Arabs from Saudi Arabia.

2. Motion to accept the report as presented by Ernie Pool, seconded by Alex Boutsoulis was passed.

C. Scholarship (Rick Pecka, Chair reporting)

1. Rick Pecka presented his report as follows: Changes: Raised minimum GPA from 2.5 to 3.0. Essay questions were revised to be more targeted and self-reflective. The scholarship form was made available as a fillable PDF. Criteria

for independent evaluators will be 55% GPA, 35% Activities, 10% Essay. The committee is going back to Salve Regina as evaluators. There were 30 applications in total, 22 are eligible, rejections were due to late transcript postmarks, no transcripts, no chapter president signature, GPA below the 3.0 minimum. Recommendations for next year: start earlier bringing deadline back to April 15th, no applications by UPS (US Mail only), accept applications by email, and some language added that applicants strongly recommended to start the transcript obtaining process first.

2. Discussion continued over clarification over reasons for ineligibility and the new rules as well as due dates. Eligible persons are AHEPA members, Sons members, and children of members (not grandchildren).

3. Motion to accept the report as submitted by Alex Boutsioulis, seconded by Greg Simones, and passed unanimously.

D. Membership (Demetrius Tasoulas. Chair reporting)

1. Demetrius Tasoulas presented his report as follows: Five members met.

2. National membership is up and District-wise has been declining.

3. Chapters use different methods: vetting process or expeditious inductions. Whatever is done that publicity should be pursued to get greater public recognition. Attracting new members is easier when the meetings are conducted civilly and professionally. Also, members should refrain from drinking until after the meeting to avoid alcohol-fueled conflicts.

4. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Greg Stamos, seconded by Mo Moshovos, and passed unanimously.

E. Sons of Pericles Report (Supreme Vice President Andreas Christou)

1. Ernie Pool asked the SVP to tell the membership about a recent award presented to him by a group in NYC as the young Hellenic professional of the month.

2. He has been visiting the different District meetings and in District 7 it is a growing with a strong Waterbury chapter and a new Stamford chapter.

3. They have started or reactivated 10 chapters in the US and Canada in the last year.

4. The Sons have adopted St. Nicholas Shrine as their national project along with the other 3 orders.

5. As a reminder, the Sons of Pericles members aged 14 to 17 have free membership and 18 to 27 it is \$45 like AHEPA national per capita and they have dual membership in both groups.

5. Mo Moshovos asked what attracts potential members to the Sons of Pericles? It is a network of young Greek Americans across the country. Rick Pecka offered that SOP members participate in inter chapter activities, mentorship opportunities.

6. George Scarveles asked about the diversity of membership beyond a Greek background. Waterbury SOP: half the members are philhellenes. George Scarveles thanked Andreas on behalf of District 7 for all he is doing and offered our help and support.

7. Motion to accept the report as presented by Rick Pecka, seconded by Ernie Pool was done.

F. Adjourning so the Scholarship Foundation can have their meeting. Motion to adjourn by George Scarveles not formally completed.

VI. George Scarveles reconvened the meeting at 2:19 PM after Scholarship Foundation meeting and lunch

A. Unfinished Business – none

B. New Business

1. John Grossomanides rose to make a motion that \$8,000 of the District Treasury be moved to the District Foundation to increase the corpus of the fund, seconded by Ernie Pool. George Scarveles believed that the motion is not appropriate at this time. John Melonopoulos asked for clarification about the money being referenced. The money is approximately \$12,000 in a savings account that was accumulated over the years, which belongs to the District Lodge. It was intended as a cushion and John Melonopoulos is speaking against it. The amount was clarified to be around \$10,000 not 12. Ernie Pool withdrew his second to the motion upon hearing more details about the finances of the District. George Scarveles called for another second to the motion, which was given by Nick Nikas. John Grossomanides asked for confirmation of his clarification that the District has \$22,000 of which \$10,000 is in savings and \$12,000 is in checking and that was confirmed by John Melonopoulos. Dick Pecka stated that he can't understand the urgency to place \$8,000 in a fund that is nearly \$500,000, which is like a drop in a bucket. George Scarveles asked John Grossomanides if he would table his motion and refer the issue to a committee to review the issue between now and the next district conference. He responded by withdrawing his original motion and proposed a new motion. The motion is to form a five-person committee (2 from district lodge, 2 PDGs, and one at large member) to be appointed by the District Governor and develop a proposal and the next Spring Conference to review and address the disposition of any determined excess funds in the savings account. Seconded by Demetrius Tasoulas. The committee would create legislation to be evaluated at the Fall and/or Spring Conferences to be voted on to create a recommendation that could be brought forward to the next District Convention for a binding vote. Ernie Pool moved to table the motion. Need a two-thirds vote to pass. The table of the motion did not pass. Motion on the committee: 11 for, 1 against, 3 abstentions. Motion passes.

C. Supreme Lodge Officers

1. Supreme Secretary Andy Zachariades - Topics from his address included:
 - i. Supreme Lodge tries to get to as many District Conventions as possible.
 - ii. St. Nicholas Shrine donations are appreciated but as someone who lived through 9/11, it is important to remember who we have lost that day. Thinks we will surpass the \$500,000
 - iii. AHEPA Membership
 1. Membership up around 4 or so percent over the last year

- 2. We are in good shape this year...District Lodges and chapters are doing their jobs
 - iv. Thanks to the Convention Chairman George Scarveles, chapters for the AHEPA Family. He sees enthusiasm and an uptick with activity.
- D. Hellenic History Tournament (Nick Nikas)
- Topics from his address included:
- 1. Hellenic History Tournament is quickly approaching, teams should be in place by June 30, 2015. He has offered monthly reminders since March. So far, only Newport has committed to the Tournament. We have only 30 days left and it is important to get teams together before the end of school.

VII. Election of New District Lodge Officers – George Scarveles opened the floor for nominations.

- A. District Governor
 - PDG George Rados nominated Alex Boutsoulis
 - Seconded by PDG Mo Moshovos
 - With no other nominations, the vote passed unanimously for Alex Boutsoulis for District Governor
 - 2015 District Governor is Alex Boutsoulis
- B. District Lt. Governor
 - Alex Boutsoulis nominated Demetrius Tasoulas
 - Seconded PDG Steve Jennings
 - With no other nominations, the vote passed unanimously for Demetrius Tasoulas for Lt. Governor
 - 2015 District Lt. Governor is Demetrius Tasoulas
- C. District Secretary
 - District Treasurer John Melonopoulos nominated Gregory Simones
 - Seconded by Rick Pecka
 - With no other nominations, the vote passed unanimously for Gregory Simones for District Secretary
 - 2015 District Secretary is Gregory Simones
- D. District Treasurer
 - PDG Emmanuel Moshovos nominated John Melonopoulos
 - Seconded PDG George Rados
 - With no other nominations, the vote passed unanimously for John Melonopoulos for District Treasurer
 - 2014 District Treasurer is John Melonopoulos
- E. Convention Chairman moved that the District Governor and Lodge be authorized to appoint the following District Lodge Officers:
 - District Warden, Chaplain, Marshall
 - Sons of Pericles Advisor – Pick Pecka
 - Hellenic Affairs – George Rados
 - District Advisor - PDG Jack Isaac

VIII. Good of the Order

- A. Steve Jennings asked that we take a moment of silence for all the brothers we lost in the past year.
- B. John Grossomanides asked for more consistent communication from the District Lodge, hopefully weekly. The Lodge officers could take turns supplying the information to the membership. Greg Simones acknowledged the need for better and regular communication but noted that it needs to flow both ways not just from the Lodge. Discussion continued about the flow of information and why items like chapter delegate strength were not being reported to the District Lodge. No clear answer emerged other than the District Lodge and the National Lodge need to address that miscommunication.
- C. Basile Panoutsopoulos discussed way to promote education to our students by giving books to students at AHEPA day or other special occasions.
- D. Rick Pecka expressed that he felt that we should focus on being positive in these meetings. Too many people get caught up in the minutia. Comments by individuals during meeting should be thoughtfully considered prior to offering them up to the group.
- E. Jack Isaac wanted to commend the chapters that are sending information and news to the Yankee News because the paper cannot be done without that support. We only have 5 chapters that are regularly sending in information right now. Please consider sharing the good things you do in your chapters with the District through Yankee News. Tony Vallombroso asked what format items should be sent in. Jack said to send in what you have. Nick Nikas asked how do we know the next deadline for YN? John Melonopoulos said that information is printed in the current issue. George Scarveles commented that we should put in the publication for national recognition.
- F. Steve Jennings said he was appreciative of the comments made by Brother Pecka. He also just learned that a longtime Newport brother John Malikas is very ill and needs our thoughts and prayers.

IX. Installation of District Lodge

Supreme Secretary Andrew Zachariades and PSP John Grossomanides Jr. swore in the New District Lodge Officers, Except for the District Governor who would be sworn in at the District Banquet. Supreme Secretary swore in the District Secretary and PSP Grossomanides swore in the District Treasurer and Lt. Governor.

Motion to Adjourn made by Nick Nikas

Seconded by Ernie Pool

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned 3:21 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Zacharides, Supreme Secretary
Frank Fotis, Supreme Governor
Greg Stamos, Past Supreme Counselor
Alex Boutsoulis, District Governor
Jack Isaac, District Advisor
Demetrius Tasoulas, Lt Governor
Gregory Simones, District Secretary
John Melonopoulos, District Treasurer
George Rados, Hellenic Affairs
Rick Pecka, Sons of Pericles District Advisor
Emmanuel Moshovos, PDG
George Anagnostos, PSS, Convention Chairperson
John Grossomanides, Sr.
John Grossomanides, Jr., PSP
Steve Jennings, PDG
Michael T. Michael
Anthony Neigel
Dick Pecka
Ernest Pool, PDG
George Scarveles, PDG
Michael Sisak
Harold Demopoulos
Tony Vallombroso
Nick Nikas
Basile Panoutsopoulos

SONS OF PERICLES PRESENT

Andreas Christou, Sons of Pericles Supreme Vice President

YANKEE DISTRICT # 7 FOUNDATION, INC.

Yankee District # 7 Foundation Inc, President John Grossomanides called the meeting together at 12:15 PM. John said that the Foundation was set up over 10 years ago to manage monies donated for scholarships in the district, primarily by Angelo and Mary Pappas of Bridgeport and Deno Macrocostas of Danbury. It was formally a loan program then a grant program but in 2002 applied for and received 501c3 status. Call to order at 12:21 PM. List of attendees are Nick Nikas, George Rados, Mo Moshovos, George Scarveles, Tony Vallombroso, Steve Jennings, Ernest Pool, Karen Isaac, Ginny Argiros, Joanne Hologgitas, Marianne Boutsoulis, and Adelle Antoniou. Foundation Treasurer Steve Jennings said there were three parts to the paperwork being handed out: Balance sheet and income statement, a list of scholarship recipients from last year and the last statement from Morgan Stanley. The financial statement for income: \$1,168 from district assessments, \$1,000 individual and business contribution, \$1,700 form scholarship dinner for total of \$3,868 regular revenue plus \$31,503.88 unrealized investment income for a grand total \$35,372. Expenses: Liability insurance hasn't changed. There were \$20,700 in total scholarships, which are made out to the individual and the school. Another expense was \$50 for the State of Connecticut filing fee. He informed the members present that the Foundation had not paid its income taxes since 2001. The 2014-2015 Financial Report showed a Net Income of \$13,188 and Current Assets of \$468,594 with a fund balance of \$455,022.57. Investments have returned about 8%, which is good for a conservative fund. Motion to accept report as presented was made by George Scarveles and seconded by Nick Nikas. Motion passed.

John Grossomanides thanked the District 7 Daughters for funding a \$1,000 scholarship through luncheon proceeds. He also thanked Joanne Hologgitas (former chairman of the scholarship committee recently retired from that) for all of her efforts over the year to make the scholarship program what it has become.

No old business. Penny Pecka was asked to read the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as read made by George Scarveles and seconded by Ernie Pool and passed unanimously.

Ernie Pool asked how much percentagewise goes to scholarships and to growth and are there guidelines to dictate those percentages? Answer: Approximately 80% of dividends or sale of stock go to scholarships and 20% goes to growing the fund account. Greg Stamos stated that earnings are not guarantees and that the ratio should be evaluated yearly to make sure there is a viable spending policy. George Scarveles asked if there could be a motion to increase the contribution from \$1.25 to some higher number from the per capita income to the fund? John Grossomanides answered that would have to come from the district delegate deliberations. The fund doesn't get many annual donors and they are looking at ways to better market the fund to increase donations beyond the per capita income. Discussion ensued about the Daughters role in the scholarship luncheons where a \$1,000 scholarship is given in their name. There was concern about the Daughters having an active role in that process, not just name recognition. The fact that the Scholarship awards will be held in New London this year (where there is no Daughters chapter) was discussed as to how that will affect the traditional ownership of the event as a Daughters fundraiser. Ernie Pool says that since the scholarship fundraiser has been led by the Daughters for the last three years how are the funds protected so it continues as a Daughter's scholarship. The issue at hand should be taken up at the Lodge level between the AHEPANs and

Daughters. George Scarveles reminded the assembled people that this issue is not one that should be dealt with at this forum so it is out of order.

Elections are to be held for two open positions vacated by George and Helen Anagnostos. Motions were requested for nominations for one person each from the AHEPA and the Daughters. Brother George Scarveles, PDG nominated George Anagnostos, seconded by Dick Pecka. Ellen Anagnostos was nominated by Karen Isaac and seconded by Marianne Boutsoulis. George Scarveles moved that nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one ballot that we would elect both by acclimation, seconded by Dick Pecka. No discussion and the election was unanimous.

John Grossomanides called forward the District Governor and the Foundation Board to have a presentation of two checks for the District 7 Foundation (\$1,086, from last year and \$971.25, from this year) to present them to Foundation Treasurer Jack Isaac. No new business. Motion to adjourn from George Scarveles, which passed unanimously at 12:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Simones on behalf of Penny Pecka
Scholarship Foundation Secretary