

Order of AHEPA Yankee District Seven

Annual Convention

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Holiday Inn,
Mansfield, Massachusetts

Respectfully submitted by
Jack Isaac

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ATTENDANCE

DISTRICT LODGE OFFICERS

Nicholas Nikas	Chapter 99, Stamford, CT
Emmanuel Moshovos	Chapter 58, Hartford, CT
Jack Isaac	Chapter 117, New Britain, CT
John G. Grossomanides, PDG	Chapter 110, Norwich, CT
Kip Kyprianou, PDG	Chapter 90, Danbury, CT

DIGNITARIES

SUPREME TREASURER, Order of AHEPA
Anthony Kouzounis

BOARD of TRUSTEES, Order of AHEPA
E. P. Terry Mitchell, PSS Chapter 250, New London, CT

PAST DISTRICT GOVENORS

Ernie Pool	Chapter 110, Norwich, CT
Steve Jennings	Chapter 245, Newport, RI

CHAPTER DELEGATES

048 Waterbury, CT	Richard Pecka, Sr. Manolis Sfinarolakis John Ververis
058 Hartford, CT	Jerry Copsinis
090 Danbury, CT	Plato Demos Nick Metaxas
099 Stamford, CT	Arthur Kiratsous
106 Providence, RI	Andreas Andreopoulos Lakis Andriotis Harry Demopoulos Angelo Maintanis Michael Vezeridis
110 Norwich, CT	George Grossomanides
117 New Britain, CT	Angelo Moutogiannis
245 Newport, RI	Gus Hologgitas George Koulouvardis Mike Sisak
250 New London, CT	Demetrius Tasoulas
387 Norwalk, CT	Theologos Demetriades George Papadopoulos

VOTING STRENGTH SUMMARY BY CHAPTER

Chapter	Votes
048 Waterbury, CT	3
058 Hartford, CT	2
062 Bridgeport, CT	
090 Danbury, CT	3
098 New Haven, CT	
099 Stamford, CT	2
106 Providence, RI	5
110 Norwich, CT	3
117 New Britain, CT	2
126 Meriden, CT	
245 Newport, RI	4
250 New London, CT	2
387 Norwalk, CT	2
418 Danielson, CT	
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Total	28

CONVENTION MINUTES

AHEPA/Daughters of Penelope Tri-District Convention Mansfield, Massachusetts June 6, 2009

The meeting was convened at 10:35 a.m.

The following were nominated and elected to handle the business of the meeting:
Steve Jennings - Chairman; Jack Isaac - Secretary; Jerry Copsinis - Vice Chairman

The previous president of the Waterbury Sons of Pericles, Manolis Sfinarolakis, spoke briefly:
He introduced John Ververis, the new president of the Waterbury Sons of Pericles.
He mentioned that Cooley's Anemia was their chief charitable cause.
He spoke about the importance of the mentoring program where young people interested in certain fields are introduced to people working in that field.

Chairman Jennings led the group in the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for departed brothers.

OFFICERS REPORTS

The Secretary, Jack Isaac, read his report and it was accepted.

The Lt. Governor, Emmanuel Moshovos, spoke of participating in an interesting year and discussed the Hellenic History Trophy tournament. His report was accepted.

The Treasurer, John G Grossomanides, Sr., read his report and it was accepted.

John G Grossomanides, Sr. gave an update on the Yankee News.
Brother Ernie Pool spoke about the fundraising attempts for the Yankee News. He said he visited as many chapters as possible and stressed the need for chapter members to seek out ads for the Yankee News. He said it costs \$167.00 to mail each issue; He wants to raise \$3,600.00.

The Supreme Treasurer, Anthony Kouzounis, from Texas, spoke briefly and said how successful our Yankee News was. He indicated that his district had many of the same problems that we have.

The District 7 Governor, Nicholas Nikas, then went over his year's activities.

Manolis Sfinarolakis is up for Supreme Governor of the Sons of Pericles. This is a good opportunity to recruit new members. He said that he would be happy to speak to any proposed members.

At this point, Committees were established and the meeting broke for committee meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Budget: John G Grossomanides, Sr., discussed the income and expenses. He said that we have 700 members in District 7. He stated that the budget is \$10,515.00 with \$1400.00 going to the District Governor for San Francisco's National Convention.

Hellenic Affairs: Brother Arthur Kiratsous spoke about how to spread Hellenism. He suggested that books be given out on Greek History. He said that music and movies could be helpful. The use of speakers should be done to educate people on Hellenism.

Membership: Lt. Governor Moshovos spoke about his experience in increasing membership. He suggested having an orientation and an open house, and show videos of the history of the AHEPA. He said to always have an application with you and to be sure to explain the benefits of becoming a

member. During meetings, keep things interesting and follow the rituals. He suggested having speakers at the meetings and occasionally holding dinner meetings.

Housing: Brother Terry Mitchell spoke briefly about the current status of AHEPA housing.

Scholarships and Education: Brother Kip Kyprianou chaired the meeting and spoke about considered proposals. The Committee recommended that every member of the AHEPA family should be eligible to receive an AHEPA scholarship.

Vote: Against grandparents' grandchildren being eligible for a scholarship;

Vote: For High School graduates to be eligible for scholarships in their freshman year of college;

Vote: Against eliminating the limit of eligibility to three (3) scholarships.

These changes will have to be taken up at the next convention to go into effect.

Yankee news: Chairman Ernie Pool discussed the recommendations of his committee:

Yankee News should be a set item on the budget;

Chapters need to submit news and information about their activities to the Yankee News;

Chapters should work to get people to purchase ads;

Yankee News will be submitted as a candidate for top newspaper at the San Francisco Convention.

Chairman Pool addressed a comment from a brother who complained that there were too many pictures in the last edition. Brother Pool said that chapters are not sending enough news, thus the number of pictures.

All Committee Reports were approved.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:55 p.m.

After lunch, Governor Nikas showed the District 7 website and went over its features. He reminded the chapters that they had to send new officers' names to National. He urged chapters to support John Grossomanides, Jr. in his bid for office at the National Convention and to try to defray the cost of each delegate.

Hellenic History Trophy Contest

Objective: To give the AHEPA its identity, to make certain our youth remain motivated and interested in their heritage, and to involve the AHEPA community in the greater community.

Details:

Any high school student in Connecticut or Rhode Island is eligible.

For each match, two teams of three (3) students are given 30 questions about Greek history.

The team that wins the match moves on to the next level of competition. The losing team is eliminated.

The team that wins the final match will receive \$3,000 to be divided equally among the team members.

Each chapter gives \$50.00 to participate.

Each chapter sponsors students at \$100.00 per student.

If a chapter cannot afford to sponsor a student, they should go out to the community to find a sponsor.

Students should submit their names, even if they do not have sponsorship.

Students can purchase a book for \$20.00 that would be helpful for studying for the questions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were nominated, seconded and elected:

Governor Nicholas Nikas

Lt. Governor Emmanuel Moshovos

Secretary Jack Isaac

Treasurer John G Grossomanides, Sr.

All positions other than the above will be appointed.

Committee Recommendations:

The Scholarship Committee moved that:

1. Any member of the AHEPA family should be eligible to apply for the AHEPA District Scholarship. **Vote carried.**
2. High School students should be allowed to apply for a scholarship during their freshman year of college. **Vote carried.**
3. Lt. Governor Moshovos moved that grandparents be able to submit their grandchildren for district scholarships. **Vote carried** 9 in favor, 8 opposed.

The Daughters of Penelope meeting had already adjourned. They were not available to vote on the above motions.

Brother Pool moved that the Daughters of Penelope should, in the future, check with the AHEPA to see if there is anything they need to vote on prior to adjourning their meeting. Motion was seconded; **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. By-Laws change: In Section 2, regarding financial obligations: Plato Demos moved to increase per capita to \$11.00. Ernie Pool seconded; **Motion carried.**
2. Kip Kyprianou expressed concern that motions take too long to pass. He suggested a By-Law change so that votes could be taken in conferences, provided chapters were notified at least 60 days prior to convention. During discussion, it was stated that the District Convention was the vehicle for instituting laws. Legislative changes should not be done at conference. It was then suggested that a legislative conference be established to discuss the situation. **Motion carried.**
3. Governor Nicholas Nikas made two (2) motions:
For this body to vote as a resolution to support our favorite Son John Grossomanides Jr. in his quest for Supreme Vice President. Motion was made, seconded; **Motion carried.**
For this body to support our favorite Son Kip Kyprianou in his bid for Supreme Governor. Motion made and seconded; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Isaac
Secretary
District 7