



**MINUTES OF THE
81ST CONVENTION OF
AHEPA BAY STATE DISTRICT 8**

Saturday, May 18, 2013

**Best Western - Mainstay Inn
151 Admiral Kalbfus Road
Newport, Rhode Island**

Constantine P. Calliontzis, Chairman

Theodore G. Nikolopoulos, Vice-Chairman

Demetrios G. Vidalis, Secretary

District Governor Frank Fotis officially opens the 81st District Convention of AHEPA Bay State District 8 at 10:15 am on Saturday, May 18, 2013

Roll call of convention delegates is taken, with the attendees recorded by Brother Peter Vergados.

Brother Constantine Calliontzis is nominated by Brother District Lt. Governor Demetrios Vidalis as Convention Chairman.

Brother Calliontzis accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

All present vote in favor.

Brother Theodore Nikolopoulos is nominated by Brother Demetrios Vidalis as Convention Vice-Chairman.

Brother Nikolopoulos accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

All present vote in favor.

Brother Demetrios G. Vidalis is nominated by Brother Constantine Calliontzis as Convention Secretary.

Brother Vidalis accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

All present vote in favor.

Seat Late Entry Delegates

A motion is put forward by Brother Frank Fotis to seat Brother Demetrios Sarantopoulos of Brockton, Lord Byron Chapter 57 and Brother Nicholas Culafi of Worcester, Peter L. Bell Chapter 80 as delegates registering late and is seconded by Brother Athanasios Vulgaropulos.

The motion passes unanimously.

Minutes from the 80th District 8 Convention, held on June 9, 2012 in Brookline, MA, were presented to the convention delegates prior to the convention via postal and electronic mail.

A motion is put forward by Brother Athanasios Vulgaropulos to accept the minutes of the 2012 80th District 8 Convention and is seconded by Brother Gabriel Vidalis.

The motion passes unanimously.

The District Governor's Report is presented by Brother District Governor Frank Fotis (attached).

The District Scholarship Committee Report is presented by Brother Theodore Nikolopoulos (attached).

The District Scholarship, Peter L. Bell Scholarship, and Charitable Fund Reports are presented by Brother District Athletic Director George Leasca (attached).

A motion is put forward by Brother District Treasurer John Abate to accept the District 8 Scholarship, Peter L. Bell Scholarship, and District 8 Charitable Fund Reports and is seconded by Brother Athanasios Vulgaropulos.

The motion passes unanimously.

The District Athletic Committee Report is presented by Brother George Leasca.

Brother Leasca reports on the successful District Bowling Tournament and Sons of Pericles' Basketball Tournament. Brother George Papalambros adds to the report with regards to a plan for a District 8 softball tournament.

The District Auxiliary Committee Report is presented by Brother SOP Supreme Governor Jason-Demetrios Vergados (attached).

CONVENTION COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

Brother Convention Chairman Constantine Calliontzis requests for volunteers to chair the various committees of the convention. The following come forward:

Scholarship..... Brother Theodore Nikolopoulos
Charitable..... Brother Theodore Nikolopoulos
Athletic..... Brother George Papalambros
Public Relations... Brother George Leasca
Audit..... Brother Peter Vergados
Budget..... Brother John Abate
Resolutions..... Brother Athanasios Vulgaropoulos

At 11:20am the convention breaks up into committees.

At 1:00pm the convention breaks for lunch.

At 2:10pm the convention reconvenes.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Convention Scholarship Committee Report is presented by Brother Theodore Nikolopoulos (attached).

Brother Nikolopoulos reports that the committee makes the following recommendations:

- 1) District 8 award scholarships to 24 applicants at a reduced amount to meet revenue receipt
- 2) Amend the Scholarship Committee By-Laws accordingly to reflect a new investment strategy for both scholarship funds to be managed at Morgan Stanley through Brother George Leasca as the administrator under the following direction:
 - a. Up to 60% stocks (mid cap or higher)
 - b. Up to 40% Bonds and Money Market (rating B or better)
 - c. No hedge funds
 - d. No individual stock will hold greater than 10% of the portfolio

A motion is put forward by Brother Robert Leonard to accept the Convention Scholarships Committee Report and is seconded by Brother Arthur Patsios.

The motion passes.

The Convention Charitable Committee Report is presented by Brother Theodore Nikolopoulos (attached).

Brother Nikolopoulos reports that the committee makes the following recommendations:

The District donates \$400 to the Hellenic American Academy in Lowell, MA.

A motion is put forward by Brother Athanasios Vulgaropoulos to accept the Convention Charitable Committee Report and is seconded by Brother Frank Fotis.

The motion passes unanimously.

The Convention Athletic Committee Report is presented by Brother George Papalambros (attached).

Brother Papalambros reports that the committee makes the following recommendations:

- 1) Boston hosts the 2014 District 8 Candlepin Bowling Tournament.
- 2) District 8 sponsors a team (up to \$350) for either the Harry Agganis Tournament or the Sons of Pericles 2013 Eastern regional tournament.
- 3) District 8 raises interest, and begin to organize softball teams within the District with the purpose to form a team, and more so, a league.
- 4) District 8 should support individual chapters' efforts to hold golf tournaments.
- 5) District 8 cooperates with the Artemis Sportsman Club in order to hold competitive shooting competitions.
- 6) All District 8 initiatives are supported through the Public Relations Committee and their available media.

A motion is put forward by Brother George Leasca to accept the Convention Athletic Committee Report and is seconded by Brother Arthur Patsios.

The motion passes unanimously.

The Convention Resolutions Committee Report is presented by Brother Athanasios Vulgaropulos (attached).

Brother Vulgaropulos reports that the committee makes the following recommendations:

- 1) AHEPA continues to strengthen its grassroots network
- 2) AHEPA continues efforts in augmenting the Hellenic Caucus in congress
- 3) AHEPA urges our government to pressure Turkey to honor religious freedom and allow the opening of the school at Halki, and cease violating Greek waters and air space
- 4) AHEPA promotes actions to return Parthenon marbles to Greece
- 5) AHEPA strengthens ties with other Hellenic American organizations, federations, and Greek Orthodox churches
- 6) AHEPA supports the Pontian Greek American Committee for recognition of the Greek Pontian Genocide by Turkey, designated to be observed May 19th, annually
- 7) AHEPA supports a proclamation to make March "Hellenic History Month"
- 8) AHEPA makes efforts to stop Turkey and FYROM from infiltrating revisionist propaganda into school systems in the United States and elsewhere
- 9) AHEPA continues condemning the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus, the illegal occupation of Northern Cyprus, and Turkey's disregard of United Nations Resolutions
- 10) AHEPA continue to support the positions regarding FYROM's propaganda and issues against Greece

A motion is put forward by Brother Anastasios Miliotis to accept the Convention Resolutions Committee Report and is seconded by Brother George Leasca.

The motion passes unanimously.

The Convention Public Relations Committee Report is presented by Brother George Leasca (attached).

Brother Leasca reports that the committee makes the following recommendations:

- 1) District 8 appoint a position to publish or reinforce press releases to our chapter presidents and encourage each chapter to publish into their bulletin, church newspaper, and local newspapers for events that warrant
- 2) District 8 continue to maintain a website, as well as utilize social media (i.e. Facebook), and radio outlets to promote District and chapter activities and events

A motion is put forward by Brother George Papalambros to accept the Convention Public Relations Committee Report and is seconded by Brother Theodore Nikolopoulos. The motion passes unanimously.

Brother District Convention Chairman Constantine Calliontzis recognizes and gives the floor to Supreme Lodge representatives.

Brother Supreme Board of Trustees member John Galanis speaks to the body.

Brother Supreme Secretary Philip T Frangos speaks to the body.

The Convention Budget Committee Report is presented by Brother District Treasurer John Abate (attached).

Brother Abate reports on the Convention Budget Committee Report of anticipated income and expenses for District 8.

A motion is put forward by Brother Gabriel Vidalis to accept the Convention Budget Committee Report and is seconded by Brother Anastasios Miliotis. The motion passes unanimously.

The Convention Auditing Committee Report is presented by Brother Peter Vergados (attached).

Brother Vergados reports to the convention that the income and expenses of the District reconciled.

A motion is put forward by Brother George Leasca to accept the Convention Audit Committee Report and is seconded by Brother Athanasios Voulgaropoulos. The motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion is put forward by Brother Athanasios Voulgaropoulos that District 8 recommends Brother John Abate as AHEPA'n of the year and is seconded by Brother Basil Patsios. The motion passes unanimously.

A motion is put forward by Brother Frank Fotis that the District 8 Scholarship Fund, Peter L. Bell Scholarship Fund, and District 8 Charitable Fund be managed under the same parameters as approved for the scholarship committee at this convention and is seconded by Brother Basil Patsios.

The motion passes unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Brother Frank Fotis speaks to inform the convention of the June 1st deadline for Supreme Convention Delegate and Alternate forms.

Brother Demetrios Vidalis urges a prior motion to award scholarships publicly, preferably at a dinner, be reinforced.

82nd District 8 Convention in 2014 Host City

Brother Demetrios Vidalis requests an update to the inquiries from Lowell Hellas Chapter 102 and Worcester Peter L. Bell Chapter 80 as to their ability to be a host city.

The motion put forward at the 2012 80th District 8 Convention by Brother Alex Geourntas was to give the District Lodge the authority to select the 2014 District 8 Convention host, after it has been looked into by the perspective chapters and was seconded by Brother Peter Katsos and passed unanimously.

Discussion follows.

Elections to the District Scholarship Committee

The convention is informed that the three year term on the District Scholarship Committee held by Brother Theodore Nikolopoulos has expired.

Brother Theodore Nikolopoulos is nominated by Brother Frank Fotis to serve a term of three years on the District 8 Scholarship Committee.

Brother Nikolopoulos accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

The Convention Chair directs the Convention Secretary to cast one vote for the nominee.

Scholarship Committee Members are:

Chris Singas	through 2014
Peter Katsos	through 2015
Michael Krikonis	through 2015
Theodore Nikolopoulos	through 2016

Elections to the District Charitable Committee

The convention is informed that the three year terms on the District Charitable Committee held by Brother Alex Geourntas and Constantine Calliontzis have expired.

Brother Alex Geourntas is nominated by Brother Frank Fotis to serve a term of three years on the District Charitable Committee.

Brother Geourntas accepts the nomination.

Brother Nicholas Calufi is nominated by Brother Demetrios Vidalis to serve a term of three years on the District Charitable Committee.

Brother Calufi accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

The Convention Chair directs the Convention Secretary to cast one vote for the nominees.

Charitable Committee Members are:

George Economou	through 2014
Steve Michaelides	through 2015
Alex Geourntas	through 2016
Nicholas Calufi	through 2016

Elections to the District Public Relations Committee

The convention is informed that the two year term on the District Public Relations Committee held by Brother George Panagopoulos has expired.

Brother Jason Vergados is nominated by Brother Demetrios Vidalis to serve a term of three years on the District Public Relations Committee.

Brother Vergados accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

The Convention Chair directs the Convention Secretary to cast one vote for the nominee.

Public Relations Committee Members are:

Chris Alex	through 2014
Joseph Coutlis	through 2015
Jason Vergados	through 2016

ELECTIONS OF DISTRICT 8 LODGE OFFICERS

The convention is informed of the seven District Lodge offices that need to be elected.

District 8 Governor

Brother Frank Fotis is nominated by Brother Gabriel Vidalis for the position of District 8 Governor.

Brother Fotis accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

The Convention Chair directs the Convention Secretary to cast one vote for the nominee.

District 8 Lieutenant Governor

Brother Demetrios G. Vidalis is nominated by Brother Frank Fotis for the position of District 8 Lieutenant Governor.

Brother Vidalis accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

The Convention Chair directs the Convention Secretary to cast one vote for the nominee.

District 8 Secretary

Brother Anastasios Miliotis is nominated by Brother Frank Fotis for the position of District 8 Secretary.

Brother Miliotis accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

The Convention Chair directs the Convention Secretary to cast one vote for the nominee.

District 8 Treasurer

Brother John Abate is nominated by Brother Frank Fotis for the position of District 8 Treasurer.

Brother Abate accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

The Convention Chair directs the Convention Secretary to cast one vote for the nominee.

District 8 Marshal

Brother Basil Patsios is nominated by Brother Frank Fotis for the position of District 8 Marshal.

Brother Patsios accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

The Convention Chair directs the Convention Secretary to cast one vote for the nominee.

District 8 Warden

Brother Alex Orphanos is nominated by Brother Frank Fotis for the position of District 8 Warden.

Brother Orphanos accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

The Convention Chair directs the Convention Secretary to cast one vote for the nominee.

District 8 Athletic Director

Brother George Papalambros is nominated by Brother George Leasca for the position of District 8 Athletic Director.

Brother Papalambros accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations.

The Convention Chair directs the Convention Secretary to cast one vote for the nominee.

For the good of the Order

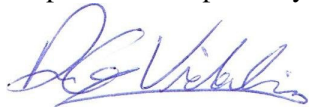
- Brother Constantine Calliontzis speaks to the brothers to help Brother George Anagnostis with the New England Regional via the ad book and otherwise.
- Brother Constantine Calliontzis informs the District of two chapters within District 8, Boston Athens Chapter 24 and Haverhill Acropolis Chapter 39, celebrating their 90th anniversaries this fall.
- Brother Peter Vergados speaks to the brothers to promote and urge greater participation throughout the district.
- Brother Athanasios Vulgaropoulos thanks brothers Calliontzis and Fotis for their visitations.

A motion is put forward by Brother Demetrios G. Vidalis that **“the convention adjourn,”** and is seconded by Brother Theodore Nikolopoulos.

The motion passes unanimously.

The 81st Bay State District 8 Convention of 2013 adjourns at 4:05pm on May 18, 2013.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by



Brother Demetrios G. Vidalis
81st District 8 Convention Secretary
May 18, 2013

**81st AHEPA BAY STATE DISTRICT 8 CONVENTION
ATTENDANCE**

Delegates

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| ➤ Boston, Athens 24
George Papalambros
Jason-Demetrios A. Vergados
Peter J. Vergados
Gabriel Vidalis | ➤ Worcester, Peter L. Bell 80
Nicholas Culafi |
| ➤ Brockton, Lord Byron Chapter 57
Demetrios J. Sarantopoulos | ➤ Watertown, Harris J. Booras 406
Arthur Patsios
Robert Leonard
Anastasios Miliotis
Athanasios A. Vulgaropoulos |

DISTRICT LODGE

Frank P. Fotis, District Governor
Demetrios G. Vidalis, District Lt. Governor
John A. Abate, District Treasurer, PDG
Basil Patsios, District Marshal
George P. Leasca, District Athletic Director

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Theodore G. Nikolopoulos, PDG
Constantine P. Calliontzis, Supreme Board of Trustees, PDG