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MR. NICK KARAKOSTAS: --indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Thank you, you may be seated. Too bad we don't have that young lady from last night, she sang the three national anthems so beautiful. I can't do that, so I apologize. Lou, Brother Lou, come forward. Brother Matthew come forward. Is Brother Andy here yet? Okay. Brother Lou Atsavis [phonetic] from Chicago will be our convention Chairman. Brother Andy Zacariadis [phonetic] from New Jersey will be our Vice Chairman. And Brother Matthew Kochiber [phonetic] from Indiana will be our Convention Secretary. So, please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I hereby solemnly swear--

BROTHERS: I hereby solemnly swear.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: --to faithfully execute--

BROTHERS: --to faithfully execute--

MR. KARAKOSTAS: --the duties of my office--

BROTHERS: --the duties of my office--

MR. KARAKOSTAS: --for the 88th Supreme Convention--

BROTHERS: --for the 88th Supreme Convention--

MR. KARAKOSTAS: --and be impartial--

BROTHERS: --and be impartial--

MR. KARAKOSTAS: --in all rulings--

BROTHERS: --in all rulings--

MR. KARAKOSTAS: --and fair--

BROTHERS: --and fair--

MR. KARAKOSTAS: --to my brothers.

BROTHERS: --to my brother.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: So help me God.

BROTHERS: So help me God.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: Congratulations. [applause] I hereby turn the convention over to our Chairman, Brother Lou Atsavis from Chicago. [applause]

[background noise]

MR. LOU ATSAVIS: Well, good morning, brothers. Before we start, I need to put on my cheaters, so I can see where we're at. Our first official order of business is not only to welcome you, but--

MALE VOICE: Let's seal the doors, so the Daughters stop eating our muffins. [laughs]

MR. ATSAVIS: I'm going to ask that two brothers volunteer to act as sentinels, and post yourselves by the doors. In the 13th District, we have a ironclad rule that if any female enters our proceedings, they have to strip naked. So. [laughter, applause] You would be surprised how effective that rule has become over the past few years. So, with that, I want to thank Brother Nick Karakostas [phonetic] for convening the convention, and for getting us started. And again, at this point in time, the first order of business would be the appointment of committees. We are bringing in a board from outside for the various committees, and I would ask all of you to sign up for at least one committee, as delegates to this convention. The committees, according to our bylaws and constitution, are as follows. We have Athletics, Auxiliaries, Canadian Affairs, Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs, Grievance, Growth and Expansion, Legislative, National Projects, Publications, and Resolutions.

Now, how important are these committees? If you look carefully at our constitution, the Supreme Convention of the Order of AHEPA is the highest law of the land for the Order of AHEPA. AHEPA is actually a grassroots organization which is governed from the bottom up. And this is your opportunity to enact legislation, a budget and set the direction and goals for the order of AHEPA for the coming fiscal year. So, please take the job seriously, if you can. Again, you're in control, you're in power, and I would ask that you delegate that power wisely.

Now, both Matthew and I are Midwesterners, and we'd like to think that we bring a bit of common sense to these proceedings. And we will try to do that throughout, as we

go through the week's deliberations. If you look at your calendar of events, as you registered, you will see that there are a number of rooms reserved for these committee meetings. So far, I have appointed, or will be appointing, three individuals to chair some of these committees. The rest of you, as you sign up, if you wish to express a willingness to serve as chairman, come see me, we'll talk, and I'd be more than happy to appoint you or give you the opportunity to let you sparkle or shine on behalf of the Order of AHEPA.

For Athletics, I would like to appoint Brother Kosta Papadimitrio [phonetic] to serve as Chairman. For the Grievance Committee, I would like to appoint Brother Alex Katsofomas [phonetic]. And for Legislative, Brother Dean Selimos [phonetic]. The other committees, I will need chairmen for, or I will be actively approaching people and serving chairmen. Now, see, there's two fine ladies that just came in [laughter] who didn't hear about the 13th District special rule. A third one now has come in. So. Somebody needs to clue them in and tell them what they need to do right now.

With that, I would ask that you all at the present time, sign up for the committees. We will briefly suspend the proceedings while you sign up. I would like to reconvene briefly at 11:00 o'clock to see where we're at. And for those committees that are scheduled to meet right now, or to meet this morning, once you sign up for those committees, please feel free to go immediately to that room so we can get going.

Again, thank you for electing me or appointing me to this position. I promise to be as fair and as open as possible. If you're shaky on procedure or you're worried about how to phrase emotion, feel free to approach me and see me as opposed to trying to stumble through it. I'll be glad to try to help you through it. If you're out of order, I'll tell you. If you're not out of order, or if you're out of order, I'll tell you how to get into order, so that you can do it the right way.

So, again, let's deliberate, and above all, let's get our business done, and let's have fun here at this convention. Brother? Oh, I need to announce one more thing before we go. These proceedings are being recorded. So, if at any

time that you need to address the podium or the Chairman, please state your name, state your chapter number, so that we can go about and make sure that we have a proper record. Brother?

MR. BILL HARRISON: Mr. Chairman, Bill Harrison, Hudson 108, Jersey City, New Jersey, District 5. Last year, I understand, you chaired the convention. You did a good job, but the only thing I'd like to see, if a committee is not ready, please take on another committee so we can be on time, 'cause I remember last year we stuck around waiting and a lot of things weren't done when they could've been. So, please, if one chairman, chairman is not ready, take on another one, please.

MR. ATSAVIS: Oh, I--well, just to set the record straight, I chaired the Grievance Committee last year, I did not chair the convention.

MR. HARRISON: Oh, okay.

MR. ATSAVIS: But I agree with you, totally, any committee that is ready to report, any organization that's ready to report, I will take them out of sequence if necessary, so we can proceed with the business of the day. Thank you for that advice. With that, let's recess until 11:00 o'clock. Please sign up for your committees, and please find a board that--it'll be posted just outside of the this room, so we can sign up, and we'll proceed from there. Thank you, brothers.

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[Audience chatter]

CHAIRMAN: Brothers, we'd like to get started. If there's anybody outside, could you please have them come in? Couple of quick points, I guess everybody needs to hear the gavel. This convention is now officially back into session from our recess from yesterday. We do have a couple of quick reports to give. We will also have a report again from the grievance committee, and the credentials committee so we have a better idea where we're coming from. But we will start with reports from the Daughters of Penelope, and also from the Sons of Pericles. While we're waiting for the Sons to make their arrival, I'm going to ask our grand president of the Daughters, Sister Sampus [phonetic] to come forward and give us her report and to address this convention.

SISTER SAMPUS: Morning gentlemen. You had this huge room in here, and I see so many empty tables. We have this little room next door and we are packed. Does that tell me something? I wanted to let you know that this year has been a very memorable year for me being grand—I don't want it echo too much—for being grand president of the Daughters. I have traveled far and wide, and not only have I met daughters all over the country, but I've had the privilege to meet many of you gentlemen here all over the country. Hey Sammy. And it's, you know, I feel that the AHEPA and the Daughters on the national level this year at least showed a little bit more of the unity than we had been showing in the previous years.

We have done a lot together. We supported the AHEPA with the biennial banquets. Sorry to say that the one in Portland we weren't there because we had our own big affair in Mobile, Alabama, which you know is where Penelope House is. And so we Daughters and the Maids went down there to support that. But we were in Chicago and we were in New York. We had the privilege, the top echelon had the privilege of going on the excursion to Greece, the family excursion to Greece. And it was very memorable, the places that we met, you've heard it all before from your supreme president, I'm not going to go into it.

The Daughters this year has had a good year in that overall

our membership numbers have not gotten to where I feel they should, but it's very difficult because when we count in our losses seem to follow suit with the number of deaths that we have. So we're having a hard time jumping that hurdle to get more in that'll replace that. But we have had a very progressive year. We have accomplished quite a bit. Stuff that yall really wouldn't be interested in like changing our investments so that now we're making a lot of money and different things like this. And you'd like to know more about that, but I'm not going to tell you. So it was a wonderful year this year and I feel that the AHEPA and the Daughters on a national level this year have tried to show that there is more unity within the two organizations, and we hope that that does filter down into the lower echelons of the district and the chapter level.

One message that I have been giving to the women all year, and in a way it probably would affect the AHEPANS also. I have tried to reiterate over and over that there is no "I" in the Daughters of Penelope. And we know that in the in AHEPA, an acronym—well anyway I can't think of how to pronounce it, there's—thank you—there is no, "I" in AHEPA. So we have to work together as teams whether we're on chapter levels, district levels, or national levels in order to get anything done and accomplished in a excellent manner. So just remember that, it's teamwork and it's also, I believe you men say, speak no evil of each other, well keep that in mind also. Thank you so much.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you sister. Do I have anybody here from the Canadian Affairs committee, more specifically Brothers John Sudas [phonetic], Paul Michael [phonetic], Paul Costas [phonetic], Jim Gez [phonetic], George Albenis [phonetic], and Nick, it looks like Micolopoloas [phonetic]. That is our mystery committee, who was supposed to have met yesterday. We tried to track them down. I'm not even sure that they've met yet. So if you see any of those brothers around could you please send them up and they could speak either to my vice chairman or to my secretaries so we can find out what they've been up to and when we can expect a report from them.

With that, I'm going to call the grievance committee forward to give us their most latest report. Brother.

MR. ALEX KATSAFANAS: Good morning brothers. My name is Alex

Katsafanas [phonetic], Chapter 29, Houston, Texas. Grievance committee has met five times this week so far, and this is another preliminary report, this isn't a final one. Yesterday we approved the following individuals. From District 7, George Stamos [phonetic], Chapter number 98, Peter Stamos [phonetic], Chapter number 98, and another one from District 7, Gipianu [phonetic], Chapter number 90. And yes? Gregory - - . Stand corrected. District 1, Chapter 3, Constantine Zubucas [phonetic]. From District 9, Chapter number 44, John N. Nacos [phonetic], Timothy A. Giotis [phonetic], Constantine N. Mutzules [phonetic]. I move for the adoption of these individuals to be seated.

CHAIRMAN: There's a motion made to seat these additional brothers as delegates of this convention, is there a second to the motion? Seconded by-

BROTHER SELIMOS: - - I second the motion.

CHAIRMAN: Chapter number? Thank you Brother Selimos [phonetic]. Moved and seconded to seat these additional six brothers as delegates to this convention. Any discussion? Seeing or hearing no discussion on the question, all those in favor please signify it by saying Aye.

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? Aye's have it, motion carried. And we'll make arrangements to seat these additional six brothers.

MR. KATSAFANAS: Grievance committee will meet now in Room St.Charles on the mezzanine floor, and for few more grievance - - .

CHAIRMAN: Thank you Brother Alex. Yeah go ahead and sign the bottom of the - - . I'll sign them as my - - and we'll take them out there. Actually they're not sitting - - . Chairman, does that bring our voting strength up to 208?

MR. KATSAFANAS: We'll know in a few minutes because I'll be asking for a report from credentials. And whatever report credentials will give us may not be final since the grievance committee will be meeting one more time this morning. So it may, it may not be, we'll find out.

CHAIRMAN: With that I understand our Sons are prepared to address this convention. I would ask that they be escorted forward, Brother Econmiles [phonetic] is outside, and could you please ask them to come in at the present time.

Brothers, Sons of Pericles, we're ready for you.

[Background conversation]

CHAIRMAN: As our Sons line up, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the current supreme president of the Sons of Pericles, Brother Dean Tselepis [phonetic]. Brother Dean.

BROTHER DEAN TSELEPIS: Thank you. Good morning brothers. Before we speak I'd like to introduce myself, Dean Tselepis and my supreme - - , our national advisor, Chris Economides Jr. [phonetic], who you all know.

[Inaudible male voice]

BROTHER TSELEPIS: Thank you brothers. As you see here today we have a lot of delegates. It's the most that we've had in my years on lodge and my years in the Sons of Pericles and it really shows what a positive and productive year we've had this year. I'm going to keep it real quick, 'cause I know you have a busy schedule. We only have about 10, 15 minutes in here. This year was great for the Sons of Pericles. I'm just going to run down a list of some of our accomplishments. And starting off this year our main focus was chapter expansion and chapter membership expansion. This year we initiated 12 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, which was very, very successful for us and exceeded our expectations.

We increased our membership numbers. On the philanthropic side, we donated \$750 to Haiti through the IOCC. This year we had dual national projects. Our first national project was the ALS assoSiation, Lou Gehrig's disease, which was named in honor of a brother AHEPAN and a father of a member of our supreme lodge, Brother George Catsulas [phonetic] from New Orleans, Louisiana. He passed away from ALS this past fall and we named the project in honor of him.

Our other half of the dual national project is the Cyprus Children's Fund. Our main source of fundraising for these two projects has been our national raffle, a 50/50, which I'm sure you've seen a lot of us peddling throughout this

convention, and we encourage you to find us after your meetings to buy a ticket. But half of the proceeds, it's a 50/50, so 25% goes to first place winner, 15% to second place, 10% to third place and the other half is split between the Cyprus Children's Fund and the ALS assoSiation.

We had two very successful basketball tournaments this year. Our first in February was our Western Regional Basketball Tournament held in Los Angeles, California. We had 11 teams at the tournament. We had after hours events with over 300 youth from across the nation. It was a very big success for us. Our other basketball tournament was held, it's the 5th Annual Eastern Regional Basketball Tournament held in Wyckoff, New Jersey. We had eight teams at that tournament with teams from all over the northeast, so that was a very, very good success for us as well.

This year we also tried to improve our communication. We did so via two vehicles. One being our website, which we put into place last year, but really had a lot of improvements through this year. The second was we resurrected the Periclean [phonetic] Newsletter. I'm sure a lot of you got it via email from us, and if it wasn't directly from us, it was a weekly part of the AHEPA e-news that you all get via your emails. If any of you want to sign up for our newsletter, feel free to visit our website, www.sonsofPericles.com, and you could sign up to find out what the Sons are doing on a monthly basis.

Moving on, members of the supreme lodge attended all three biennial banquets in New York, Chicago, and Portland. We attended various district conventions. We attended the patriarch dinner in Washington, DC back in November. We attended a AHEPA Capitol Hill Day. We attended the White House Greek Independence Day reception in Washington, DC. We attended the arch bishop dinner held in New York, I believe it was two months ago, with members of both the Sons and Maids from the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area.

We also marched in two Independence Day parades, the New York Greek Independence Day parade, and the Boston Greek Independence Day parade. On the local level some of the highlights were the Hall of Fame dinner that is now an annual event for the Waterbury [phonetic] Sons in Connecticut where they honor a dynamic member of their

church, whether in the AHEPA family or not, they're still honoring that individual.

Another recurring event is the Albany Valentine's Day dance, which was a huge success this year. Portland, just a few weeks ago held, and that was a new chapter that just came in this year, they held a summer kickoff party. Our brothers from Flushing, New York held the St. Basil Mossaidis's Christmas toy drive. And as I said earlier, the eastern regional basketball tournament for the fifth year in a row was held by Wyckoff, New Jersey.

Also the third year of the event, our Boston Red Sox Sons of Pericles, Boston Red Sox Sons of Pericles, our Boston Sons of Pericles held their annual Red Sox game, which caters to the entire Boston Greek community, kids, parents, women, men, everything. So that was a huge success as well.

That's pretty much it for our report right now. I want to invite our advisor, Mr. E to say a few words if he wishes.

Oh, I didn't even see Brother behind him.

CHAIRMAN: Brothers, thank you for your time this morning and allowing our youth auxiliaries to come in and give this report. The Sons did a tremendous job this year as I reported yesterday when I gave you my report. Under the leadership of our esteem Chris Econimidis [phonetic] from Charlotte, North Carolina, who I brought out of retirement to be the Sons national advisor. He put them on track. Under the leadership of Dean Tselepis, the esteem surpreme president of the Sons of Pericles in his lodge, they really have done an outstanding job. They've doubled their membership, they've reactivated many, many chapters, and I think they're back on track and I'm very proud of them. And I'd like us all to give them a round of applause.

Also I just want to note that we have Sia Zois [phonetic], the grand president of the Daughters of, I'm sorry, of the Maids of Athena-

FECHAIRMAN: [Interposing] Not yet.

CHAIRMAN: -not yet, and her grand lodge. And Sia, why don't you come up and give your report also.

SIA ZOIS: Good morning. How are yall doing today? Good. We

had our meeting yesterday, so unfortunately our girls are now getting ready. We're all dressed to go out to our brunch. We decided to get together today and have brunch together and then tour the old port, since we just didn't want to see each other just in the meeting, we wanted to hang out all together as well for one day.

My grand lodge is here with me this morning though. I would like to introduce them. We have Grand Vice President, Gigi Amanaditis [phonetic], Grand Treasurer, Madianthi Golokethis [phonetic], Grand Secretary, Victoria Pavlokolas [phonetic], and Grand Governor, Angela Armstrong [phonetic].

Now we did have 30 delegates representing nine different districts. For those districts to be proud, we have girls from District 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 20, 22, 23, and 24 today, or this week.

Now unfortunately in our rush to get ready and to be down here with you today and then to go to our brunch, I forgot my grand president report to hand out to you, but I do have a couple copies, we'll have them at our awards brunch, and I will make sure to put some out on our table over there. Feel free to pick them up and look at them. We will also have at our awards brunch, our Maid of Athena commemorative yearbook that highlights both my report, the rest of the girl's reports and two other parts in it. The first part being that we highlighted five different members in our organization of young professional women that are making a true change. One of them is our own Madianthi Golokethis who finished her first year of Law school. Another is a past grand president, Pamela Spires [phonetic] who has her own public relations company in California. We had a third girl who is Eve [phonetic] who is off in Greece on an archeological dig. We have Maria Tecos [phonetic] who is doing her honors thesis in depression in medical students, and who is currently applying to med school. And Julie Fiedler [phonetic], a award recipient in both in AHEPA scholarship and a Maids of Athena scholarship, who's the first culinary student to be feature on Iron Chef America.

On the third part in our commemorative yearbook is a review of my trip to Greece. I was able to go on the AHEPA family excursion this year and it really made a difference in my life in the fact that I was able to learn more about my

history and actually see it firsthand. Like I told the Daughters yesterday, my parents always have the Attena [phonetic] on, and now I finally realize what all those people are yelling about and who they are. So truly was a memorable experience, and I couldn't go without sharing it with both my girls and with you. So please look for that commemorative yearbook. I'll have it on the table as well.

That being said, I do want to go over a couple of the things that we have done this year. Our motto for the year for the Maids of Athena was Radiating True Beauty. The reason the grand lodge picked this was because we wanted to show that our members are both beautiful on the outside, but beautiful on the inside. That's how we picked those five girls to highlight, and that is also how we decided our growth and expansion project this year, which was to do a points award system. I won't go into further detail about that, 'cause I do want Grand Vice President, Gigi Amanaditis to speak.

Another way to be beautiful in our eyes though, is to donate to our international project. Last year in San Francisco the girls decided to do our national project towards domestic violence, specifically Penelope House. Though domestic violence affects anyone regardless of gender, soSial and economic status, education, it primarily affects women of our ages, about 14 to 20. Our national project this year was headed by Madianthi Golokethis, our grand treasurer. I'll have her explain what we've done.

MS. MADIANTHI GOLOKETHIS: Hello everybody. Like Sia said, this year we chose domestic violence with a focus on Penelope House for our national project. And this project allowed the girls to go into local shelters and volunteer, or have a meeting and have somebody come in and speak about domestic violence, and educate the girls. And this is key in prevention. So we thought that this would be a great project for the girls to do this year, and we have actually raised close to \$10,000 to go towards Penelope House. So we're really excited about that. And I just want to thank you all for helping us. Some of you were at the district governor's conference and you came to our I Survived a Greek Game Show night. And you might remember me, I was the host, but maybe not. So, but with the efforts that we have done this year we do have close to \$10,000. And last night we actually had our second fundraiser. We had the

MOA date mixer, and some of you attended that as well. And it turned out to be a great event, it was a lot of fun. And I just want to thank you all again for supporting our national project this year and help us reach our goal of \$10,000. Thank you.

MS. ZOIS: Another way we gave this year is when the earthquake hit Haiti, I couldn't go without responding to our girls, and I was beyond surprised how many responded. We decided this year to do the IOCC health kits, and the girls, each chapter, sent in these packages and sent them to the International Orthodox Christian Communities Center. And after the earthquake hit Chile, they sent even more. And I was truly surprised that with such short notice they responded to something that wasn't even in their backyard, and I was really proud of them for that.

Like I mentioned, our motto was Radiating True Beauty. And the best way that we did that was through our growth and expansion. I'll have Gigi Amanaditis explain that.

MS. GIGI AMANADITIS: Hi everybody. With our growth and expansion program this year we gave each chapter a manual that had different challenges and ways that they can earn points. Some of our girls earned over 500 points and all that money came from turning reports in on time, contributing to national project, both monetary, through donations I know that the DC girls sent over, was it \$8,000 worth of clothes, and also time hours and efforts. Girls volunteered at women shelters, children's shelters and many other more.

Another part of our growth and expansion program this year was Fly to Athena. Fly to Athena travels in an envelope with her travel journal from chapter to chapter. She's visited over half of our chapters this year and will continue her journey next year. I'm sorry, give me one second. As far as reactivations go, we were able to reactivate seven chapters. We initiated 102 girls and reinstated 36 members. So we're very, very proud of our efforts as far as that goes.

MS. ZOIS: Just a couple more points, we had a great year this year, so I can't go without telling you the exact same speech I gave the Daughters. This year we were able to donate \$2,500 in scholarships to our Maids of Athena.

Those scholarship recipients are Georgia Pavlostaphis [phonetic], Christina Bastune [phonetic], Zoey Manos [phonetic], Maria Daskis [phonetic] and Nikki Frankenstein [phonetic]. We congratulate them for their efforts. We had a lot of applicants this year and we could only pick those few and we're very proud of them.

Actually, anything else? I think that was the last thing. I would thank you so much for your time. If I could leave just one thing with you, is to support your youth, not just this week, but every week. We need you, and in order for us to be successful it has to be coming from both you and our Daughters. Thank you for all your time and I look forward to seeing you the rest of the week.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, thank you Sia. I congratulate Sia and her entire grand lodge, the Maids grand lodge. We worked very closely together this year both with the Daughters, the Sons, and the Maids. Sia was with us on the excursion as she mentioned to the - - Arcade, to Greece, and to Cyprus. And she very amicably represented the Maids of Athena, and it was a pleasure to have her with us. So let's give them a round of applause for a great, great year.

I think that concludes the reports of the presidents, we'll allow our brother Chris Acodomitis to give a brief-

MR. E: No-

CHAIRMAN: -brief-

MR. E: No, no, no, no, no, no. Move, move, move. He was one of my Sons of Pericles, he listens good. I have no speech to make, now how's that? Do I get a hand for that? In an hour or so I'll make my speech and I might even-well I'm not known for telling any jokes, but I've been told that I would be allowed one to begin with when I do make my speech. Maybe it will be interesting. Thank you so much for the help that all of you have given us. That's the end of my speech for now. Thank you.

BROTHER TSELEPIS: I just want to second what Mr. E said, thank you to all the AHEPANs. We wouldn't have been able to initiate our 12 chapters without the AHEPAs help. And now I ask you again like I challenge many of the district governors at governor's conference, just contact one of the members of the supreme lodge with one youth from your

community. We'll take it from there. We'll fly out there, we'll do the initiation, we'll get them all the necessary materials to get their chapter up and running. But we can't do it by ourselves 'cause we don't know everybody out there in the community. It's a grouse roots effort, so we need AHEPAs help. We just challenge you, just help us with one youth's name from your community and we'll take it from there. Thank you very much and stop one of us to support our national project. Like I said the 50/50 raffle, we're drawing on Saturday evening, and also those of you that aren't getting out of town 'til Sunday, Saturday night we have Montreal's own comedian, Angelo Sadruhas [phonetic], 8:00 PM, in this room, \$25 a ticket. God bless, proud to be a Son.

CHAIRMAN: As they all get escorted from the room, why don't we give them all again a big round of applause for a wonderful effort this year. Congratulations to all of you.

As we move on brothers, couple of announcements. First of all I would like to have a representative of the Canadian Affairs committee come to the podium and give us an idea of what you've been up to as well as the Athletic committee and Resolutions. Those are the three committees I'd like to speak to today. I wish to remind everybody that the Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs committee is scheduled to meet today all day in the Veriere [phonetic] Room, B, V-E-R-I-E-R-E Room. So if anyone is interested in serving on that committee we have a full compliment of brothers who have signed up for it already, but again if you'd like to attend and be part of that committee, feel free to do so. Remember I'm from Chicago, sign early, sign often.

With that we're going to give it a minute and one of the things that one of the committees is ready to report, today we're going to get them started, is the legislative committee. So we will start with legislation in just a couple of minutes.

Since we are, believe it or not, a little bit ahead of schedule, even in this abbreviated day, I would like to reserve some time, if we could do it either this morning, again remember we're going to break at 11:00 this morning, 'cause they're going to tear down this room for the Athletic Luncheon. I made an announcement yesterday about the barbeque, those of you who have yet to pick up your

tickets for the barbeque or for your bus ticket for the barbeque, please do so today. They've informed me that the bus drivers for the chartered buses do not know who the AHEPANs are, and if you show up there without a ticket you're not getting on the bus. So make sure you see the ladies out front and pick up your tickets if you haven't already done so.

Alright, and I also forgot to mention the district governors will also be meeting right after the luncheon today. And they'll be meeting just outside either in the hallway or somewhere here in the corner. So those of you who are district governors, you do have one additional meeting. It'll be right after lunch, right after 11:00. So the period of time that they're setting up for lunch actually is when they plan on meeting. So anytime after 11:00 from like 11:00 'til 12:30.

[Audience chatter]

CHAIRMAN: I don't know. I honestly don't know.

[Audience chatter]

[Background conversation]

[Audience chatter]

[Background conversation]

CHAIRMAN: Alright brothers, sorry about the delay. We will now resume and I would ask Brother Dean Selimos, Chairman of the Legislative committee to come forward and to give his report. Brother Selimos.

BROTHER DEAN SELIMOS: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Legislative committee has met and deliberated on approximately 15 proposals, some of which succeed the vote of the committee, others were voted down. But we'll go over the proposals that the committee approved and are presenting to the floor here for vote either as an amendment to the bylaws or change to the constitution, majority and two-thirds vote respectively. We've worked diligently with our vice chair, Demitris Kirkiles [phonetic], who's also going to help explain some of the changes. And also we worked very effectively with Matthew [phonetic] who served as a dual role as secretary for the convention body and he assisted us as secretary on the committee.

So we'll proceed. Proposal number 1, bylaw change, seeks to amend Article 15, Section D, Paragraph 3 of the AHEPA constitution by replacing the language with the following: Site selection is removed and replaced with the annual AHEPA supreme convention will be made after the AHEPA board of trustees and the supreme lodge agrees to proposals brought forth by the executive director. Selection should be based on specific criteria including dates, price, best possible financial success for the AHEPA. This was brought to us because of concerns on the existing process which takes place every year in the convention format. The explanation has been to take advantage of economic opportunities in an expedited manner without having to wait one year. The current site selection had proven cumbersome and slow. So that's the system that we're seeking to change now with this proposal number 1 as a bylaw change.

[Background conversation]

BROTHER SELIMOS: I move that the body accept it, proposal number 1.

CHAIRMAN: There's a motion on the floor to change our bylaws, amend Article 15, Section D, Paragraph 3, that just described to you. Is there a second to the motion? Brother Cantos [phonetic], chapter number? Thank you. Moved and seconded, the motion for the change of our constitution, not a bylaw-

BROTHER SELIMOS: This is a bylaw change, Proposal 1.

[Background conversation]

CHAIRMAN: That was a bylaw?

BROTHER SELIMOS: Yeah it was a bylaw.

CHAIRMAN: Proposal to change the bylaw as just described to you. Any comments, and debate on this motion?

[Background conversation]

BROTHER SELIMOS: Okay-

CHAIRMAN: You're saying that-there are-

BROTHER SELIMOS: I'll read-

CHAIRMAN: -people talking in the room and as a result we can't

hear.

BROTHER SELIMOS: We'll reread it. I'll reread it. Site selection is removed and replaced with the annual AHEPA supreme convention will be made after the AHEPA board of trustees and supreme lodge agrees to proposals brought forth by the executive director. See the existing system is where we meet annually at this convention and initiate the process for site selection. We were brought this proposal because it's been cumbersome, it's not proven effective, and it give our lodge and trustees working with the executive director more flexibility so they can review contracts and make a better and informed decision for the organization in a timely way instead of having to wait one year. That's the reasoning behind this proposal. So-

CHAIRMAN: Are there any other comments? If there are comments please go to the microphone.

BROTHER SELIMOS: - - past district governor.

BROTHER PHIL: Good morning Brother Dean. A job well done, I just wanted to remind your presentation should give us also a translation as we discussed this yesterday. It would certainly simplify us understanding the recommendations by the Legislative committee. And I'm in favor of this first Article. Thank you.

BROTHER SELIMOS: Thank you Brother Phil [phonetic]. Yeah, as Brother Phil requests, what this is really trying to do is make the site selection process for our conventions easier, more effective, timely, and competitive when we have our lodge trustees and executive director working essentially year round for this process. The way it is now, it's cumbersome and slow because we have to take this issue up at the convention every year. So there's good reason to change and make this effective for the best interest of the organization.

CHAIRMAN: Chris Conamitis, past supreme secretary - - .

BROTHER SELIMOS: Good morning Chris.

MR. CHRIS CONAMITIS: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN: I'd like to move the question please.

BROTHER SELIMOS: Move the question, okay.

CHAIRMAN: Seeing or hearing no further debate on the issue, there has been a motion to move the question, all those in favor of amending our bylaws described to you, please signify it by saying aye.

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Brother Selimos, what do you have next?

BROTHER SELIMOS: Mr. Chairman we have Proposal number 2, also a bylaw change, amend Article 15, Section D, Paragraph 1, of the AHEPA bylaws by deleting Paragraph, and this is the Paragraph 1. And this is-

[Background conversation]

BROTHER SELIMOS: Okay. What this is designed to do is is eliminate Paragraph 1 of Article 15, Section D. This section relates to the capacity of a convention coordinator. We were brought this to review and to consider because in our past experience there has been the capacity of a convention coordinator. Sometimes it was used, other times it was overlooked. We felt that it was superfluous to have the capacity of a convention coordinator, especially when the trustees, the lodge, the executive director are working essentially in the same avenue to bring about the convention in and of itself. So to have another person as a convention coordinator was found as superfluous and without having any particular need at this time.

[Background conversation]

BROTHER SELIMOS: Yeah. In our explanatory notes just pointed out by Vice Chairman, Kirkiles [phonetic], the supreme president under our bylaws and constitution has the power to appoint a convention coordinator if and when needed. So we have the flexibility anyway to maintain that language and paragraph that has just become superfluous and really unnecessary at this point. And we've got-

[Background conversation]

MALE VOICE: I might motion that we adopt this for vote by the entire body.

CHAIRMAN: There's been a motion to adopt the bylaws changes

just described as Proposal number 2, is there a second to the motion?

BROTHER JIM CANAMATOS: Second.

CHAIRMAN: Brother.

BROTHER CANAMATOS: Jim Canamatos, chapter number 75, New Brunswick, New Jersey, District number 5, I second.

CHAIRMAN: Okay, moved and seconded to change the bylaw as described in Proposal number 2, is there any discussion or debate on this particular motion? Seeing no individuals ready to debate the motion, the chair would call for the question, all those in favor of Proposal number 2 and amending the bylaw as described to you, please signify it by saying aye.

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? Ayes have it. And Proposal number 2 is adopted by this convention. Again we're going to all be voting on this at the time of the elections. Next up-

MR. SELIMOS: Brother Dean - - , we have Proposal number 3, constitutional change, amend Article 4 of the AHEPA constitution as follows, the jurisdiction of the order of AHEPA extends worldwide. This proposal came to us because apparently our organization in many ways is expanding around the country. There was a request to include the names of South America-

[Background conversation]

MR. SELIMOS: -and Europe, thank you. So instead of-we'll get to you brother-instead of making amendments either on a yearly or as often needed basis to this and because the organization does have a scope greater than the territorial United States, Canada, and other jurisdiction where we were at, it was deemed appropriate to say that the jurisdiction of AHEPA extends worldwide. And that would bring us into a scope of middle America, South America, even India and Asia if and when appropriate. Of course Headquarters will still maintain its regulatory oversight and our rules and regulations on becoming a member, but brothers we are growing and with this type of jurisdictional criteria we can expand just about anywhere we're able to.

MALE VOICE: I make a motion we adopt Proposal number 3.

CHAIRMAN: There's a motion on the floor to adopt Proposal number 3, which is a constitutional change. Is there a second to the motion? Brother? It's been moved and seconded to adopt Proposal number 3, a constitutional change as just described to this body. Is there any discussion of this particular proposal? Brother?

MR. PHIL GAVASIS: Phil Gavasis [phonetic], Chapter 59, my question is does this include Australia or is that completely separate?

MR. SELIMOS: Well the-

MR. GAVASIS: I heard the word worldwide-

MR. SELIMOS: Yes.

MR. GAVASIS: -I didn't hear-

MR. SELIMOS: Well Australia has a kind of unique situation.

MR. GAVASIS: That's why I know.

MR. SELIMOS: They in effect have their own internal operating procedures. Worldwide would encompass them, but since they have their own mechanisms, they would in effect operate in that jurisdiction with their rules and regulations. I mean theoretically, those having an interest in AHEPA could have a basis there as well. I haven't seen anything to the contrary, but Australia is unique in that they have their own situation. We don't find the worldwide language offensive to what they're doing. So we can work in harmony or in parallel given this language I believe. Okay, thank you.

CHAIRMAN: Are there any other further discussions? Hearing or seeing no further discussion on the matter, the chair would move the question at this time. All those in favor of Proposal number 3, the constitutional change to make the jurisdiction of the order of AHEPA extend worldwide, please signify it by saying aye.

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it, motion carried.

[Background conversation]

BROTHER SELIMOS: Proposal number 4, constitutional change, amend Article 10, Section B of the AHEPA constitution by amending the following, change 26 to 27 in the first paragraph. What that means is there was a clerical, typographical error indicating that we have 26 districts, in reality we have 27 districts. This change would bring us into conformity as to the number of districts that we actually have at this time, which is 27. So it's really a ministerial matter.

MALE VOICE: I move we adopt the Proposal number 4.

CHAIRMAN: Motion made to adopt Proposal number 4, brother?

[Background response]

CHAIRMAN: Motion made and seconded to adopt Proposal number 4, to basically correct the number of districts from 26 to 27. Any question, any debate on this issue? Seeing or hearing no further debate on this issue, the chair would call to question. All those in favor of this change, please signify it by saying aye.

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? Ayes have it.

BROTHER SELIMOS: Proposal 5, constitutional change, amend Article 15, Section A, and Article 16, Section B, Paragraphs 3 through 7 of the AHEPA constitution to remove all vice presidents, directors, and the last sentence in Article 15, Section A. Let me read our explanatory note. In recent memory these offices have never been filled either by election or appointment. This will leave the supreme president as the only vice president on the supreme lodge. We have of course our existing vice president and the vice president of Canada. This proposal relates to all of the other vice presidents in the categories of Hellenism, civic responsibility, education, and individual and family excellence. The reasoning has been this hasn't ever been part of our process since the inception of this material, so it's been proposed as 5, that these matters are eliminated, on the supreme lodge level. On the district and chapter level, they're not going to be affected, they could still have application.

MALE VOICE: Motion we adopt.

JIM CADAMATOS: Second, by Jim Cadamatos, so on and so forth.

CHAIRMAN: It's been moved and seconded that we make the constitutional change as delineated in Proposal number 5 to eliminate all the vice presidents and directors in this supreme lodge. Any comment, any debate on this particular proposal? Brother?

MR. TED VITAS: Ted Vitas, Chapter 453, Wyckoff, New Jersey. So I don't know that there's a need for this. I know the districts, the way we've been functioning in District 5, we assign people in these vice president positions, but most of them are lodge officers as it is. And I think it's very important that you have a go to guy for any of these purposes of our fraternity. You need to know who to work through for any project, whether it be Hellenism, education, philanthropy, whatever. And you know I think these positions should be used and names should be assigned to them so like I said, you know who to go to. So I speak against the motion, and leave it status quo.

BROTHER SELIMOS: You mentioned that these categories should be used. The problem is that this legislation has been around this organization for probably, I would say between seven or more years. We have not ever implemented this material, and we haven't implemented it because there isn't a need, but also implementing this thing would have additional financial costs and burdens on the organization. Remember we're amending it on the supreme lodge level, not on the district or chapter level. If they want to institute these vice presidential categories they can. In our supreme lodge level we've determined through the committee and the proposal brought to us on this subject that they've really been ineffective, haven't been used, and if they haven't then we should eliminate them. We really don't need to keep matters on our rules or regulations or constitution that we haven't sought to implement. If there really were such a need we would have done this a long time ago, but there hasn't been. And I remember at previous conventions discussing this or saying, hey I'm waiting for the election of the vice presidents or, and it never happened because we haven't sought to implement this type of matter. And that's one of the reasons why Proposal 5 was brought to the committee for adjustment in the way we have here.

CHAIRMAN: Are there any other comments from the floor on this

proposal? Hearing no further—

[Background conversation]

CHAIRMAN: They're elected positions. I have attended like seven consecutive conventions now and I've never seen any of them on the ballot. So I think that's what they're trying to tell us. Are there any other comments? Hearing no further comments the chair would call for the question for Proposal number 5 to amend the constitution as just indicated. All in favor please signify it by saying aye.

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it.

BROTHER SELIMOS: Proposal number, let's see here, okay this Proposal number 6, constitutional change, amend Article 18, Section B, of the AHEPA constitution. Change the second sentence to read, any member of the order of AHEPA in good standing shall be eligible to be elected to the AHEPA board of trustees by that convention. The explanation here has been to provide consistency with the supreme lodge election process. The particular issue here is that under our existing election process, a person seeking the office in the supreme lodge doesn't necessarily have to be present. This proposal came up because we wanted to have consistency relative to the board of trustees, that if something were to happen, that particular person didn't necessarily have to be present for whatever reason. But the existing arrangement is that they would have to be present if you're seeking something on the board. So we wanted to bring a consistency with these capacities by making somebody who's seeking a position on the trustee side wouldn't have to be present to receive the nomination and to be elected. That's the change here that we're talking about.

MALE VOICE: I move we adopt the proposal.

CHAIRMAN: Motion made to adopt Proposal number 6. Brother?

[Background conversation]

BROTHER SELIMOS: Yes. Proposal number 6, constitutional change, amend Article 18, Section B, of the AHEPA constitution. Change the second sentence to read, any member of the order of AHEPA in good standing shall be eligible to be elected to the AHEPA board of trustees by

that convention. So what this is doing is allowing somebody who seeking an office as a trustee without necessarily having to be present. It's the same goes for the supreme lodge officers, that's how we work it now. But the existing legislation reads that the trustee has to be present. We're just making it consistent with the supreme lodge, that they don't necessarily have to be. That's in essence what we're trying to accomplish here.

CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to the-

PETER SHAREESE: Peter Shareese [phonetic].

CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to the motion before we begin?

[Background conversation]

CHAIRMAN: Thank you brother. Motion made and seconded.
Brother?

PETER SHAREESE: Peter Shareese, Chapter 454, District 20.
There should be something in there that the candidate indicates to someone verbally or in writing that he accepts the position.

MR. SELIMOS: Okay can I comment on that Peter? Traditionally somebody who's been nominated doesn't necessarily have to accept the nomination. If they have been nominated and placed on the ballot and they've been elected by the delegates, that's all they need. You want to comment on that? Our vice chair wants to comment on that.

MALE VOICE: It's real easy. You would probably have to know in advance that somebody was going to be nominated in abstentia. And the way I believe our demitors and our rules and our practices have been, that anyone who was going to be nominated in abstentia, would know this in advance and submit something in writing that they would accept the nomination.

MR. SHAREESE: Yeah, but it's not in the motion-

MALE VOICE: [Interposing] It's-

MR. SHAREESE: -that they do that-

MALE VOICE: We allow that-

MR. SHAREESE: -and it should be.

MALE VOICE: But that's already in our demitons part of our constitution. It's already practice and procedure. On the chapter level you can accept an abstentia as long as in writing you indicate that you intend to -

MR. SHAREESE: [Interposing] We indicate in writing-

MALE VOICE: [Interposing] Right.

MR. SHAREESE: -at our district level and chapter level.

MALE VOICE: Right, it-

MR. SHAREESE: [Interposing] No, on the chapter level we would indicate even verbally. Somebody has to-

MALE VOICE: [Interposing] Well that's-

MR. SHAREESE: -accept or decline. But as far as I can see the motion doesn't imply that.

MALE VOICE: Okay, so we could entertain a motion to abide by demitons, which that an acceptance in abstentia, it must be done in writing or be considered declined. But how do you deal with somebody who was in a car accident or something like that?

[Background conversation]

BROTHER SELIMOS: Brother Peter, traditionally somebody in this situation that has been nominated and elected, and at the same time for some reason not being present or couldn't make it or whatever the circumstances-

[Background conversation]

BROTHER SELIMOS: Yeah, yeah, the precedence of this organization have allowed that to happen. And this is something that we wanted to clarify here. So in terms of needing a writing or something ratifying it, we haven't used.

MR. SHAREESE: Precedence and tradition if they're not in writing don't exist. I used to work at the University of Illinois, and I'll tell you right now, if it isn't in writing, it doesn't exist.

BROTHER SELIMOS: Point well taken. We'll think about that. That's why we're here to-

MR. JERRY GARBAS: Jerry Garbas [phonetic], Chapter 380, District 13. Can I ask the chairman to in every case state what the existing language is in detail and then tell us what the modification intends to do? Thank you.

BROTHER SELIMOS: Okay, point well taken.

[Background conversation]

MALE VOICE 2: - - , District 10, Chapter 195. Does the new proposal covers, for example we had a couple incidents with a couple brother being ill when they showed up at the hospital, they do had all intentions of, for example one of them running for an office if they did, what happens when they go to the hospital. I mean they had all the intentions of doing that, now they're going to go to the hospital, somebody nominates them back here, do we still know that they accept the nomination? For all what matters, I hope it doesn't happen, but they could be dead.

BROTHER SELIMOS: Well-

MALE VOICE 2: [Interposing] So is there any language to cover that?

BROTHER SELIMOS: I don't really think we need that kind of language because we are governed by demiters, and given past practices here, somebody doesn't necessarily have to make a formal acceptance. If they've gone through the process and for some reason they weren't here, they couldn't attend for whatever extenuating circumstances, they would still be eligible to serve in that office upon proper election by the delegates.

MALE VOICE 2: Right, would it be much helpful if we just insert a line that covers that?

BROTHER SELIMOS: Brother, I really don't think we need to do that.

MALE VOICE 2: Okay.

BROTHER SELIMOS: We're just trying to reach some kind of consistency between the trustee and the lodge positions.

MALE VOICE 2: Okay, so if a person gets sick and goes to the hospital and he had all intentions of running for an office, now he's not running, he's at the hospital, we can just make him whatever position and he's not around. We

don't even know if he accept it, we don't even know if his health is good enough to accept.

BROTHER SELIMOS: Okay, based on your facts we're assuming that after the exigency that he's overcome, that he will serve in that capacity. If he does not serve in that capacity, our constitution and bylaws have provisions where he can be replaced and/or somebody nominated in his position, if he physically can not serve.

MALE VOICE 2: Okay.

BROTHER SELIMOS: We have those measures already taken care of.

MALE VOICE 2: And what if he physically doesn't accept now because he's ill?

BROTHER SELIMOS: Well if he's elected and then later decides that he wants to resign, that's different. But in your scenario if for some reason he doesn't accept, he doesn't have to accept. He can go through the process, obtain election by the delegates, and then if he can physically serve, he'll serve. If he cannot, he's either going to be replaced, or he'll resign. We have that already in place.

MALE VOICE 2: Perhaps you didn't understand my question.

BROTHER SELIMOS: Go ahead.

MALE VOICE 2: I come here to run for an office. When I get here I get ill. Somebody nominates me back here, do you know if I accept it or not, I'm at the hospital? Do you know if I accept it or not the nomination?

BROTHER SELIMOS: Well if-

MALE VOICE 2: How do you know that I will accept it, I'm still laying at the-

BROTHER SELIMOS: You don't have to accept it. You're nominated, if you're elected, you're in. You don't have to accept it.

MALE VOICE 2: Okay.

BROTHER SELIMOS: That's been the process we've used-

MALE VOICE 2: Got it.

BROTHER SELIMOS: -traditionally for a long time.

MALE VOICE 2: So there's no need to - - ?

BROTHER SELIMOS: No you don't have to accept it.

MALE VOICE 2: Okay.

BROTHER SELIMOS: But you also have some assumptions here, if somebody's going to be nominated, we're assuming that they know they're seeking a certain position. It's rare that you have somebody nominated for something that they don't know in advance is happening. So I mean it could happen, but it's not too common in this organization.

CHAIRMAN: Are there any other further questions or comments on this motion at this time? Hearing none, the chair would entertain a motion, I'm sorry the chair would move on the question to adopt Proposal number 6 as described. All those in favor please signify it by saying aye.

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: All those opposed? Ayes have it, motion carries. Before we proceed with any other, just a quick announcement from our Holiday Cultural Commission.

MR. JOE KEEN: Good morning brothers. My name is Joe Keen [phonetic]. I the chairman of the Atlantic Cultural Commission. You received in your package an invitation to our session, which is at the Victoria Conference Room, it's starting at 10:30. One of the projects we would like to get going is the Hellenic History Tournament. It is the best use of scholarship dollars on the chapter and the national and the district level. It is a program that's based off this book, Hellenika [phonetic], Heritage and History by Peter Limber [phonetic]. He's a professor who wanted his children to understand their heritage, it goes from Ancient Greece all the way through modern times. And Nick Knekis [phonetic] who's the former district governor of Connecticut, ran the tournament last year, he'll take you through it, he has video showing you the results. It basically the students study it over the summertime, so it doesn't distract them. Parent are concerned their overloaded with different projects, but they do it in July and August. They come in in a tournament in October or November whenever it's convenient. It's a Jeopardy like format. You have two teams of three, their high school students, or it's open to the eighth grade, so eighth

through twelve. The read it over the summertime, they're given a question, and they have four choice answers so they don't have to memorize the answers, they can choose among the four. They get the first shot at it, if they get it right, they get three points, if they don't get it right, the other team of three people, three students, gets a shot. They choose among the three answers and they only get two points if the guess it right. But then they get the next question and a shot at three points. There's 45 questions are asked. The winning team goes on to face the next team.

The beauty of it is, the winning team gets \$1,000 scholarship each. And the second place team gets \$500 each. But last year there were 30 teams, so then, oh I'm sorry, there were 15 teams, so that's like 45 students. All the students are a winner, because they come through and they have knowledge of their history. It's a beautiful way to communicate it, and it's not very expensive from scholarship standpoint. You're just diverting, instead of giving a student \$1,000, we give out scholarships for \$1,000, we're now going to be sponsoring the Hellenic History Tournament, 'cause I don't know how many of your chapters have received thank you notes or— When your tuition is \$50,000 you get \$1,000 scholarship, it doesn't mean a lot, but when you end up with all these students who just participate and they're walking away knowing their history, everybody's a winner. So it's at 10:30, well this year we're going to do it as a regional tournament. And in 2012 we want to do it as a national tournament. So if you can take a break for about 15 or 20 minutes, go to Victoria Conference Room, see what it's all about, encourage your district to sponsor a tournament next year and we'll try to run it on a national level. It's a fabulous investment for your scholarship dollars. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you Brother Joseph [phonetic]. We will proceed then, Brother Dean, your next proposal.

BROTHER SELIMOS: Okay that's Proposal number 7. I'm going to ask our vice chair, Detris Kirkiles, to read, explain, and go over this with you. This is something that was brought to the committee through unimpassion plea by Brother Chris Acanomitis, was here as well. Brother Kirkiles, go ahead.

BROTHER KIRKILES: The next three proposals are all in concert.

They're all constitutional changes. They deal with the Sons of Pericles. As you know, Sons have had issues over the years, and I'm going to deal with them one by one. Each of them have a very good reason. The explanation that I'm going to give is not going to be in depth enough. I'm going to ask Brother Chris to explain, because it goes even further. We want our youth to be participants. In the AHEPA we want them to be incorporated in the AHEPA long term. So, first proposal is a constitutional change to Article 6, Section 8 of the AHEPA constitution. We are changing any male person over the age of 21 years of age, to any male person over 18 years of age. And as part of that constitutional change we are deleting Section B of Article 6. This removes the discouragement of AHEPA from forming some Sons chapters. This is again, part of an effort to revitalize the Sons of Pericles and encourage membership in the order of AHEPA.

I'm going to go ahead and read the next proposal 'cause I'd like them to be considered together, and then Brother Acanomitis can come up and speak on the issue. Article 22, Section A, Paragraph 2 of the constitution will be changing 21st to 18th. Again, at 18 we want people to be in the AHEPA. We want to eliminate this time lag between the ages of 18 and 21.

And the last proposal we can deal with separately, but I'll just summarize it really quick. It just makes all the Sons upon reaching 18, that they're automatically dual members. There is no application process and they only pay one membership fee. Brother Acanomitis, I'm going to ask you to speak. Oh, we would like to have a move, entertain a motion for the adoption.

[Background conversation]

MR. CADAMATOS: Second, Jim Cadamatos.

BROTHER KIRKILES: Sure. One last thing before Brother Chris gets up to speak, this is part of the ongoing since Greece effort to find solutions for the Sons. If we do nothing, we'll get the same result.

[Background conversation]

BROTHER KIRKILES: Real quick, what we have now is if you have a Sons chapter you can't have an AHEPAN until you're 21, but

if your chapter doesn't form a Sons chapter you AHEPA chapter can recruit members at 18. So why would I form a Sons chapter when I'm going to lose the potential of recruiting people between 18 and 21? We want younger people involved, we want new blood. We want dad or Papu to bring their 18 year old. I'm just trying to explain, I don't want to steal Brother Chris' thunder. But did I explain that? That's basically what we're doing. We're just lowering it a little bit. This is not a radical change, it is a slight change, so we can get a better result.

[Background conversation]

BROTHER KIRKILES: Forty.

[Background conversation]

CHAIRMAN: Let's start out, there's a motion on the floor which has been seconded, to make three constitutional changes. They have them called Proposal 7, Proposal 8, and Proposal 9, basically to change the age of membership to the order of AHEPA from 21 to 18, and to remove the designation that was previously described that occurs with the Sons of Pericles when there is a host chapter of the order of AHEPA. Is that correct?

BROTHER KIRKILES: Because the chapters are inconsistent, some can have member at 18, others at 21.

CHAIRMAN: Right, I think that's understood. Any questions or comments on this particular motion. I know, Brother Chris, I've limited him to one joke.

BROTHER CHRIS: I found out a long time ago, you know people talk a lot when motions are made and everything, but when somebody's telling a small funny story, which I'm not known for telling jokes, but anyway. That ought to bring a laugh. I have one small one that any of you guys got 16 year old kids, I think you will enjoy it more than anybody, okay?

This 16 year old kid goes up to his father and he says, dad, and he says, you know I just passed my driver's test day before yesterday. Father said so. And he said well, I wanted to talk you about sharing the car with you once in awhile. And he said, well son let you something, your grades aren't worth a darn right now. He said, I'll tell

you what, I'll make you a deal, you raise your grades, make better grades, number one. Number two, read the bible. I want you to read the bible from time to time. The third thing is I want you to cut your hair. The kid said you got a deal dad, right away, and he shakes hands with him. About a month and a half later the dad come to the son and says, son I'm proud of you, you're making all B's now. He said well that's great dad, now, now, that's great. He said and also I see you've been reading the bible. He said yes I have dad, now lets talk about the car. He said but wait a minute, I noticed that you haven't cut your hair. And the kid said, well dad, said I been reading the bible pretty good, and I want to tell you something, I noticed that Sampson never cut his hair. He said I also noticed that Moses never cut his hair. And the third thing I noticed, there was evidence that Jesus never cut his hair. He said well son if you noticed all that, you noticed that everywhere they went, they walked.

[Laughter]

[Background conversation]

BROTHER CHRIS: Brothers, I don't want to lose anybody right now, so let me make it as fast as possible because they're punching me in the back back here and telling me to hurry. I've been with the Sons of Pericles, this is my 13th year being advisor, and I retired a few years ago and they asked me to come back and I did, and it's an old story, you all know it. We have doubled our membership in the last eight months, okay, from September. According to Headquarters we're 266% ahead this year in January, okay? I'm telling you this only because we have surged. The Sons of Pericles are doing what they're supposed to be doing, I've made contacts for them, we've revitalized 12 chapters back into the board of AHEPA.

Now let me explain this to you. The reason we're doing this is because at 18 years old, from 14, here's the motion, now you got to listen very carefully to this. From the ages of 14 years old to 17 years old, we are going to let any boy that wants to join the Sons of Pericles, in free with no dues, absolutely free from 14 to 17. At the age of 18 he has to pay \$40 to become a dual member of the Sons of Pericles and the order of AHEPA, so the AHEPA's not going to lose anybody, he's going to be a dual member,

okay? Having said that, for three years we going to be without money, okay, the Sons of Pericles. That was my first thought, where do we et our money from? So I am recreating something that I did 20 years ago that made us go from 147 members nationwide to almost 3000 when I left, okay? So it worked, I'm going to do it again. I'm going to have four regional basketball tournaments in four different parts of the country, east, west, north, and south, okay? They're going to meet in Miami, Florida for the championship. Those four regional winners are going to meet in Miami and they're going to run for the championship, okay? Too much, okay. I'm sorry, but I want them to understand before they start asking a lot of questions.

CHAIRMAN: This was already reported yesterday.

BROTHER CHRIS: I understand, I want the people that weren't here yesterday to hear it today sir, in all due respect.

CHAIRMAN: Do you have anything else further?

BROTHER CHRIS: As soon as they become 18 years old, they gone pay dual membership. But for us to get money to live on, to exist on without asking AHEPA money, we make money on the tournaments that we're going to have. They made money in LA as the president said, so we can make it until the Sons get old enough. And then we start getting \$40 from every member that becomes 18 years old. He go to the order of AHEPA, now the order of AHEPA gives us \$20.

My last statement is if we get 500 free guys in one year and 500 the next year, that's 1000 members, okay? Those 1000 members at \$40 a piece, is \$40,000, \$20,000 for the AHEPA, \$20,000 for the Sons of Pericles. Now let me tell you the best part that all of you will like, work or not work it don't cost you a damn penny. There is no cost to what we're doing. Thank you very much, I hope that you will vote for this.

CHAIRMAN: Brother.

BROTHER CHRIS: I apologize, I had to be - - .

MR. JOHN MILLIS: John Millis [phonetic], District 5, on row 75, I have a question. I'm in favor of the motion, but I have a question. As I understand it they're going to pay from the age of 18 to 27, \$40 per capita, is that correct?

BROTHER KIRKILES: No.

MR. MILLIS: No.

BROTHER KIRKILES: It's going to be—respectfully brother—it's part of the compromise that came out of the committee. One of the bylaw—excuse me, constitutional proposals is the single payment is already in place between 18 and 23, we're just changing—I mean, sorry, we're changing 21 to 23, those two years, we're just tweaking that down to 18.

MR. MILLIS: Right.

BROTHER KIRKILES: So it's 18 to 23.

MR. MILLIS: Eighteen.

BROTHER KIRKILES: Then after 23, they pay.

MR. MILLIS: So anybody coming in at 21, the AHEPA would be equal, paying the same dues then?

BROTHER KIRKILES: Our vision is that it would be dual membership to encourage the young people. Remember these young men, the give is they now count as part of your chapters membership count.

MR. MILLIS: Good, alright, thank you, you've answered my question.

BROTHER KIRKILES: Thank you. Brother Vogas [phonetic]

BROTHER PHIL VOGAS: Phil Vogas, past district governor, District 5. Brother Chris?

BROTHER CHRIS: Yes?

BROTHER VOGAS: You had mentioned your four regional events—

BROTHER CHRIS: [Interposing] Yes sir.

BROTHER VOGAS: —if you include a northern event, I would like to offer our community where Brother Dean Salupas [phonetic], supreme president, Brother Ted Vitas is part of that event, would like to offer you our community for one of your four events.

BROTHER CHRIS: Well it will be taken into consideration that we have several people that have offered already, and we will take those recommendations on what the potential is of how

many members they can get by having that tournament.

BROTHER VOGAS: Excellent.

BROTHER CHRIS: Okay?

BROTHER VOGAS: Please consider us as part of your plan. Thank you.

BROTHER CHRIS: Alright thank you.

BROTHER KIRKILES: This is good enthusiasm. Please step up to the microphones if you have a question, otherwise you're just yelling at us.

MR. TED VITAS: Ted Vitas, Wyckoff 453, also District 5's Sons advisor. Now you've made it as clear as mud in my mind 'cause I thought I understood. Could you just outline the costs at what age for membership, for this dual membership, and then is there any provision to-like many districts and chapters charge AHEPA dues on top of the \$40 per capita, but I don't hear anything in the legislation to prevent that.

BROTHER KIRKILES: Okay.

MR. TED VITAS: So-

BROTHER KIRKILES: We would make that explicit. When a young man is a dual member, remember we want them to stay. When they are a dual member between the ages of 18 and 23 the district cannot charge extra, the chapter cannot charge extra, period. Once they're older than 23, upon their 24th birthday then it's the same as anybody.

CHAIRMAN: Are there any other debate on the particular motion? Actually it's one single motion with three proposed changes. And I would remind everybody that if you adopt this proposal it will appear as three separate line items on your ballot. Brother?

MR. GEORGE JODIADIA: Mr. Chair, George Jodiadia [phonetic], Camden 69. My question is if you have the per capita paid at \$40 and you split it between the Sons and AHEPA, do we get a dollar back on the \$20? Do the Sons get a dollar back on the \$20? We have that rebate program that we have in place, what happens to those \$2, I'd like to find out.

[Background conversation]

BROTHER KIRKILES: Well I don't think this proposal doesn't deal with the rebate.

MR. JODIADIA: Why not?

BROTHER KIRKILES: If they're paying the \$40-

CHAIRMAN: [Interposing] I'm assuming if we're not changing the rebate it's going to remain in effect, that would be my opinion.

BROTHER KIRKILES: No, no, no, wait a minute, the discussion was that it would be \$20 to the Sons and \$20 to the AHEPA, correct?

BROTHER SELIMOS: Yeah, you brought up a good point, it's a latent issue that the committee did not expressly discuss, but we haven't changed that aspect of what you're talking about. As far as we understand it, that would remain the same until there's any specific change.

[Background conversation]

BROTHER KIRKILES: We don't address eliminating that program, so therefore all our changes address only the constitution. And that rebate program is part of the bylaws if I'm not mistaken. Is it part of the bylaws? It remains in effect, we don't touch it. We stay away from that. The only thing, if the chapter sends in money and the district gets money back from that \$40, I mean if that's the question then we could ask Brother Codomitis, would the Sons be willing to waive the \$2 to address the brother's concern?

CHAIRMAN: No, no, no, no, no. - - Before this gets out of hand that question is not before this floor right now. There's nothing on the floor pertaining to any rebate that the Sons would receive or the order of AHEPA would receive through the dues paying system even as it's being modified. So I would declare anything further on that issue out of order, unless there's a specific motion brought up to deal with that issue. And right now in this committee report I don't see that issue being brought up. So let's not stray down field while we're at right now. If it's not going to be brought up today, the rule remains the same whatever it is. So the question we have now is basically changing the ages in three different places of our constitution from 21 to 18 and making the change so that a Sons chapter could flourish alongside an AHEPA chapter. That's the only thing we're

dealing with right now in this proposal. Anything else, put it off to the side 'til later, okay?

MALE VOICE: Okay, Mr. Chairman, can I suggest something?

BROTHER SELIMOS: Brother I'm just going to suggest something real quick. If it's an impassion issue for you that this process is explained or further clarified, there is a standing legislative committee that's theoretically supposed to meet between now and our next convention in Miami, Florida. So you can take it up there if you want, but I've heard the Chairman rule that anything other than what we propose is out of order and, go ahead. Next question.

CHAIRMAN: Brother?

MR. SAMMY THOMAS: My name is Sammy Thomas [phonetic], I'm with AHEPA 453, in District 5. I rise to state my opposition to the change of age from 21 to 18. My role has been chairman of the AHEPA youth committee, which was an extraordinary committee organized in the Athens convention to develop a set of recommendations to the supreme president or the grand president. Our recommendation has been to leave the dual age at 21 for a number of reasons. There's no mechanism currently to be able to absorb in the local AHEPA chapters the Sons, because most of the Sons, about 85 percent of the Sons are in college. So logistically it's very difficult. Also there is not a mechanism for the local chapters to be able to recoup and integrate the new members. Many of these members would default to an at large status, and there's no mechanism that's addressed in the resolutions, so all the money would - - hence be going to national. So I rise in opposition to the change respectfully.

CHAIRMAN: Are there any other further comments from the floor? Brother Chris, you've already spoken on the issue.

BROTHER CHRIS: Well I was asked to reply, if you want me to reply I will.

CHAIRMAN: Well we're dealing only with the ages now-

BROTHER CHRIS: [Interposing] Alright.

CHAIRMAN: -nothing else, right? No, just the ages.

BROTHER CHRIS: We're talking about the ages, with all due respect to Sammy, I don't know that 85 percent of the Sons are going to college, but we also have an idea about that too, and installing people in college to do things like that. But what the main thing is that we're trying to get the Sons of Pericles in the order of AHEPA. If we get 500 members a year for just for two years, that means the order of AHEPA gets 1000 members and we get 1000 members. That's what the progress is, that's what we want.

CHAIRMAN: Right.

BROTHER CHRIS: We want the Sons of Pericles to get into the AHEPA.

CHAIRMAN: I think everyone understands that, but right now we're dealing with these three proposal as they pertain to legislating changes on basically the ages of from 21 to 18. Brother?

MR. VITAS: Yes, Ted Vitas again, Chapter 453. I think this is a win-win for everyone. I don't see anything negative about it. I know is change is difficult, you know we all have to go through an adjustment, but for the 14 through 17 year olds, they get a free trial membership for three years in the Sons. After that from 21 to 23 AHEPA gets all these new Sons that are 18, 19, and 20, 21 years old. After that it's the status quo. So I think it's all positive, let's go for it.

CHAIRMAN: Alright, I see no further debate. There's a call for the question and the chair agrees. We'll call for the question at this time. All those in favor of these three constitutional changes, which were lumped into one motion, basically changing the ages from 21 to 18, please signify it by saying aye.

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: Ayes have it, motion carries. Again, even though we lumped three proposals under one motion, when you see these on your ballot, you will vote three times, three individual proposals on the ballot. So I just want to clarify that point for all of you. Brother Dean do you have anything

else?

BROTHER SELIMOS: Yes Mr. Chairman we have Proposal number 10, constitutional change, change Article 20 to add a new Section D as follows, it's under the category of special events accounting. When a single event fundraising is being channeled through the AHEPA charitable foundation for the purpose of raising monies for the AHEPA family charities, one, single event are defined as charity fundraising event such as but not limited to, running events such as marathons, dancing events, music events, and other such time certain events, which may not otherwise merit separate tax identification status. Two, upon conclusion of the special event, the AHEPA charitable foundation shall offer an accounting and disbursement of the monies raise within 60 days. Such report shall be provide to the board of trustees and the supreme lodge. The report is provided to any district governor upon written request. Sub Paragraph A, the 60 day shall start counting upon final day of the occurrence of the actual event. Paragraph 3, the administrative fee charged shall be capped at 10 percent of monies raised.

The background or explanation for this relates to providing a comprehensive and transparent procedure and accounting on special events such as the 2010 marathon in Athens, Greece. So this is intended as a new paragraph in Article 20 of the constitution. You want to move it?

CHAIRMAN: Make a motion.

BROTHER KIRKILES: I make a motion that this proposal be adopted.

CHAIRMAN: There's a motion to adopt the constitutional change as it pertains to the special events accounting.

[Background conversation]

CHAIRMAN: It says constitutional here, right, constitutional. Is there a second to the motion?

MR. ANTHONY GAZUNIS: Brother I so move, Anthony Gazunis [phonetic] from the Lone Star state of Texas, Chapter 29.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you Brother Gazunis. Moved and seconded to adopt the constitutional change of Section D, Special Events Accounting, change Article 20. Any questions,

comments, or debate on this proposal? Seeing or hearing none, the chair would move for the question. All those in favor, please signify it by saying aye.

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? Ayes have it, motion carried. Do you have anything else?

BROTHER SELIMOS: Yes Mr. Chairman.

[Background conversation]

BROTHER SELIMOS: Okay we have another hybrid matter, let's call it. And this is a Proposal 11. The 2010 supreme convention legislative committee meeting in Montreal, Canada refers to the AHEPA standing legislative committee and the AHEPA standing growth and expansion committee to make specific findings and recommendations regarding the following proposals. A, supreme convention every two years, B, district and/or regional conventions every two years, C, two year terms for all elected offices in the order of AHEPA, D, office of supreme vice president to have a designation of president elect, E, abolish delegate system and replace with members in good standing eligible to attend and vote at conventions, F, eligibility of any person into the order who is committed to the preservation and expansion of Hellenism.

The committee met as a whole and the decision was to refer these specific proposals for consideration by the standing legislative and growth and expansion. That is the motion.

[Background conversation]

CHAIRMAN: Let's make this referral in the form of a motion. Is there a second to the motion for starters? It's basically a referral of these questions to the AHEPA standing legislative committee and the AHEPA standing growth and expansion committee. If that is the will and desire of this convention, give me a second and we'll do that.

MR. CAZUNIS: I so move, Cazunis [phonetic] - - .

CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Brother Anthony Cazunis. I don't really think there's a matter of discussion on a motion to refer, those generally are not discussed. So on the question all those in favor of referring these questions to the standing

committee and the AHEPA standing growth and expansion committee, please signify it by saying aye.

[Audience response]

CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? Ayes have it, motion carried. This will not appear on the ballot by the way. This is not— there you go. Do you have anything further at this time?

BROTHER SELIMOS: Mr. Chairman that concludes the legislative committee report. Thank you.

[Background conversation]

CHAIRMAN: With that, the legislative committee is discharged by the chairman with our thanks. Normally you report like Friday afternoon, so I think we broke a record here. I do have an announcement before we formally adjourn so they can rip this place apart and reassemble it in time for lunch. I have a note from Basil Mossaidis [phonetic] and it's underlined, and it has three exclamation points, and it says, please announce, Headquarters needs all banquet ticket immediately. No tickets, no seat. So there you have it, if you have not turned in your exchange ticket for the banquet please do so immediately. I'm just following orders here. And with that, we will stand in recess until 9:00 AM tomorrow morning. Thank you brothers.

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MALE VOICE: Brothers, the convention is now-business meeting is now officially reconvened. If I could have everybody outside come inside as soon as possible, our first order of business is to arrange for the formal swearing in of our vice chairman of the convention, and I would ask Brother Nick Karakostas [phonetic] our Supreme President to do the honors.

NICK KARAKOSTAS: Please rise. Brother Andy, raise your right hand and repeat after me. I hereby promise and swear.

ANDY: I hereby promise and swear.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: To faithfully execute.

ANDY: To faithfully execute.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: The duties of my office.

ANDY: The duties of my office.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: As Vice Chairman.

ANDY: As Vice Chairman.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: Of the 88th Supreme Convention.

ANDY: Of the 88th Supreme Convention.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: And be impartial.

ANDY: And be impartial.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: And fair.

ANDY: And fair.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: In all rulings.

ANDY: In all rulings.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: So help me God.

ANDY: So help me God.

MR. KARAKOSTAS: Congratulations.

ANDY: Thank you.

MALE VOICE: Thank you, brothers.

MALE VOICE: Thank you, Brother Nick. We are going to start with some officer reports this morning. We do have a few officers available. The first officer I would ask to call up would be Colonel Nicholas Vamvakias [phonetic] to give his presentation and his report as to his year as our Supreme Treasurer. Colonel?

COLONEL NICHOLAS VAMVAKIAS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, and honored dignitaries on the dias, brothers, welcome to the 88th AHEPA Convention. It is my privilege and honor to be the Supreme Treasurer for the Order of AHEPA. I'm very pleased to report to you that in your books on page 26 is a detailed report if you care to follow along. I will hit the highlights. I just want to point out that it was with deep heartfelt humility that I accepted the position of Supreme Treasurer for AHEPA at our last national convention. I was honored to be part of the Supreme President's Supreme Lodge. Based on the initiatives that the Supreme President and Supreme Lodge took hold of and led was the participation in the governor's conference last September. This conference laid out a strategic plan for the order of AHEPA, and one of the guidelines that we received was we must improve membership.

Membership has a direct relationship to the budget, to monies coming in to AHEPA, and thanks to you the Supreme President turned to the Supreme Vice President and said I'm chartering you to be the lead in membership. As a result, membership went up for the first time since 1999. This increase in membership has been reflected in the budget. It has provided the Supreme President and the Supreme Lodge the opportunity to do many things. As part of the Supreme Lodge, we had the privilege of hosting the patriarch in Washington, DC. For the first time in the history of AHEPA, a patriarch came to the headquarters in Washington. He blessed the headquarters. He met with the Supreme President, the Supreme Lodge, and that same evening went to the State Department and was sponsored by AHEPA. You all contributed to that great, magnanimous event that opened the eyes of the world but also the American government to the fact that AHEPA was able to bring forth the patriarch to the United States. And so with all of that, I want to report to you that in your other book the detailed numbers are available, but the most important thing is that we are in the positive. We are in the plus side, that we are able

because of the increase in membership to do many things.

The Supreme President took us to new heights by you recall that there was the bicentennial dinner in Washington every two years. The Supreme President said I want to go to the, he went to New York on the East Coast, had a bicentennial supper, and went to the West Coast to Portland, Oregon and then went to the center of the United States in Chicago and hit three key areas, west, east and the center of the United States providing all AHEPAns the opportunity to come forward and be part of that and to share it as opposed to going to just one city in Washington every two years. So, this became a plus, a big plus that was a big success in New York, a big success on the west cost and a big success in the center, and I see many of you here were at those event.

Those also stimulate membership. It motivates us. It motivates the supreme governors, the governors, the chapter presidents to go out and raise money for AHEPA. And these things were done, and so I had the privilege of going to all of these events with the Supreme Lodge, the Supreme President, the Supreme Vice President, and I can tell you that the people, our brothers, our sisters, and the daughters, who by the way we have to be quite honest here, the Supreme President and Vice President have brought the daughters closer than they've ever been as demonstrated by their going to Greece, going to Constantinople, going to Cyprus, to Athens and doing all of these things in the best for AHEPA.

Just to show you how that is working to our advantage, there are possibilities to grow AHEPA even in South Africa. We're getting brothers who want to join and create AHEPA chapters and AHEPA districts in South Africa. This is something that the Supreme Lodge under the Supreme President is going to look at, and so there are many opportunities to continue growing AHEPA, but all of this comes back to the money. If we grow the brothers, if we go after the brothers who for whatever reason fail to join us, then it's incumbent upon you, I, everyone to go out and reach them, reinstate them and continue to make them members. They don't have to go to every meeting, but they certainly should pay their annual dues to the national, to the district, and to the chapters.

And so very briefly you can go through the numbers. They're in the books. I'll be available to answer any questions you have, but I would like to summarize by saying this has been one of the most successful years since 1999 in membership. The membership curve has changed. It's going up, and I ask you for your continued support because membership equals money. Money equals success, and as you all well know money equals survival. We're doing many, many great things. With that I will open the floor to any questions, or I'll make myself available, and, Mr. Chairman, that concludes my comments.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions for our Supreme Treasurer and his report today?

MALE VOICE: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your opportunity.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Brother. For the record, the Chair would entertain a motion to adopt the report of our Supreme Treasurer and enter it into the record.

MALE VOICE: I - - .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Could you again rise, state your name and your chapter number.

MALE VOICE: - - .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, is there a second? Brother?

MALE VOICE: - - .

MR. CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded to adopt a report of our Supreme Treasurer. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Thank you. Two preliminary matters. Again, we do have a number of committees meeting this morning. Those of you who still wish to serve, the sign-up sheets are again posted on the board. As I said yesterday from Chicago, sign early, sign often. Please don't forget.

The second order of business is these marvelous devices. I've been annoying a number of people here by calling chairmen of committees and calling officers and trying to

get them downstairs to give reports, but if everyone can do all of us a favor right now, put them on silent, put them on vibrate or turn them off. Please don't let them ring during the sessions today because it is pretty distracting. So, if you could put it on vibrate, it would be deeply appreciated.

With that, the second officer's report we're going to do a little differently from the norm because that officer is not present, and I am referring to our Supreme Counselor Anastasios Constantine [phonetic] who has submitted a report in his stead. Brother Constantine could not be present because of a personal matter. He is now the proud father of a newly-born child, which is the reason why he could not attend the convention.

With that, his report appears page 27 of our report and yearbook for this convention. The chair would entertain a motion to adopt the report of the Supreme Counselor from the floor at this time.

MALE VOICE: - - .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, it has been moved. Is there a second to the-Brother Jerry Garbis [phonetic] at shoreline 380. Okay, all those moved and seconded to adopt the report of the Supreme Counselor? Questions or discussions on this motion? On the question, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. The motion carried. Thank you, brothers. Again, I know it's a little bit unusual to do it in this fashion, but under the circumstances it didn't appear that we had much other choice. We do have another officer present with us at this time, and this is our Supreme Vice President, Dr. John - - , and I would ask him to step forward and give us his report.

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: Brothers, it was truly a privilege to serve the Order of AHEPA as your Supreme Vice President. I thank you for electing me last year in San Francisco and giving me the opportunity to show and give my talents, I guess, to the organization. This year, as you've heard, the Order of AHEPA had the most outstanding success in

membership that we've had in many, many, many years. Just to give you the specifics, this year we saw an increase of 633 members. The last largest increase even in 1999 was only an increase of 547 new members. So you can see this year was a very successful year. All of the district governors, the Supreme Lodge officers, Supreme governors, worked very diligently to increase our numbers. Some districts did very well. I'm not going to read you my report. There's actually two different sections in my report. One is on membership. One is my travels, and I do want to give you some of the highlights about some of the chapters and districts that have been very successful.

This year we actually saw one district that grew by 18%. District 5 grew from 947 members to 1,125 members, which was the largest increase in the AHEPA domain. Some of our chapters had huge successes this year, one of those being the Brooklyn, New York chapter, number 41, which actually had 73 new initiates this year, which was the largest in the AHEPA domain.

When I became—when I was elected as Supreme Vice President, the charge of the Supreme Vice President is to chair growth and expansion, so it was my challenge to work with the lodge and with the governors to develop a program that would increase our membership. One of the first things I did is when we went to the governor's conference in Washington, DC was to develop a PowerPoint slide presentation that showed all of the different advantages and positives that the Order of AHEPA has for programs from Journey to Greece to the AHEPA Academy to the housing program to our Hellenic affairs initiatives to all of the different chapters because sometimes I think we are our own worst enemies that we do not publicize what the AHEPA does. So many chapters give our scholarships, give out—have civic responsibility projects where they make donations to different things, but the only people we tell is the people in our chapter. We don't tell—we don't do press releases to the newspapers to show everybody what we've done, and so the community doesn't always know the AHEPA name.

I'd like to relay a story of what my uncle used to do. My uncle was a chapter president, life member in the Hartford, Connecticut chapter, and whenever it snowed in Hartford, Connecticut, he called up the TV station and he'd say hey look, the Order of AHEPA Chapter Number 58, their meeting

is canceled tonight so could you please run it at the bottom of the screen. And they would run it all night long, and he'd get phone calls from people in the chapter saying, Steve, we don't have a meeting tonight. He goes I know, but I wanted the Order of AHEPA's name to appear on the TV screen all day long. So it's things like that that we need to do to increase the visibility of the Order of AHEPA.

In addition to the PowerPoint presentation with the approval of the Supreme Lodge, we actually develop an awards breakfast that was held yesterday morning where we were recognizing all of the chapters and districts for their successes. We presented certificates like this and in some cases plaques to the chapters that were the largest chapters, the largest districts, most new initiates and for those of you who were here yesterday, I would like to think it was a success and we look forward to repeating that next year in Miami with a whole new set of award winners.

Another item, which again with the approval of the Supreme Lodge was that we're going to have at 10 o'clock today a membership symposium, and what we've done is we've asked four chapters who have been successful chapters to stand on a panel like this and to—we're going to have a person, myself moderating but asking them different questions to get them to exchange ideas with the members in the audience. What did you do this year that you had 73 new initiates? What did you do that you have 151 members in your chapter? What did you do to bring in 20 new reinstatements? How do you keep the members in your chapter paying their dues year, after year, after year. So, through this program that we'll be having at 10 o'clock in the auditorium, we hope to give you the best of the best and how they do it so you can take that back to your chapters and your districts in order to maybe take that idea, maybe mold it a little bit, tweak it a little bit so that you can then in turn come up with your own ideas and programs to increase membership.

In addition, I do want to—and the last thing we're doing is continuing education programs. Tomorrow morning the district governor from district 20 is going to do a presentation on healthcare, on nutrition, and so we're going to have that tomorrow morning, and then we're going to have a you and your medications presentation on Friday

morning at 8 a.m. to discuss people's medications, and questions, and answers with the pharmacist. So, these are continuing education programs that I'd like to consider as value-added programs. We do it for our members so that you can gain some knowledge, ask some questions, and maybe access the talents of some other brother AHEPANS and asking them what you can do to improve the quality of your life.

So, these are some things that all relate to membership. I'd like to think that all have a positive outcome, that all help to improve our organization, improve our membership, improve our Supreme convention because I think all of that is important in increasing our numbers. With that, I could tell you I went to 15 different districts and made 25 different chapter visitations this year, but I don't want to bore you with all my travel log and my frequent flyer miles. But at this point I think I'll conclude my report, and if anybody has any questions with regard to membership I do want to say that with the success of the membership program, we brought in about an extra 1,300 new paid members, which translated to about 52,000 extra dollars that wasn't in the budget, that wasn't planned for additional income. That gave the Supreme President the luxury of doing some things this year that he might not have expected to have through the normal budgetary process.

So I would—with that—in closing with that I would like to open it up to questions and answers if anybody has any questions of me, the membership program, my membership committee, which also had Jim Zafiros [phonetic] from the - - chapter and Cal Hollister [phonetic], for the Middletown, Ohio chapter. They also worked with me to—they gave me somebody to bounce ideas off of, somebody to help work with in developing the PowerPoint presentations. I have those. Those were sent to the supreme governors and to the district governor, so if you want a recruitment tool, your district governor or supreme governor should have that because it's a great little slide show that talks about the AHEPA, has pictures of the AHEPA at the parade in New York City as we marched down Fifth Avenue. It has a lot of highlights of different things that have happened throughout the year and in history so that when you go to a chapter meeting and you want to rush somebody, bring in some new people, it's a chance for you to show them some

things that the AHEPA does.

So, any questions from the floor? Yes, brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: Yes, I think—how we are planning to keep the members, there are a lot of different, you know, I think a lot of what we do keep the members, the scholarship programs that we have, the Journey to Greece program, and I think each chapter does something unique. You know, I had the privilege to travel to a lot of chapters. For example, the Norwich, Connecticut chapter, what they do is that for everybody who reaches an anniversary level they have a special awards breakfast or awards dinner, and what they do is they give them either a 25-year pin or a 30-year pin, and then they do that in front of everybody. They have a dinner in front of all of the community, and they bring each person who hits an anniversary up and presents them with a pin. I think, you know, we have numbers of programs, numbers of recognitions that we can give people, but each chapter will have to, you know, we have social events, we have athletic events, we have biennial banquets, we have programs. We just have to find a way to get those people to understand that we have those programs and get them to participate because once you see the fun, and the joy, and the acceptance, or the achievement you can get through the order of AHEPA, I think that keeps you coming back. I joined the Order of AHEPA as a 22-year-old in Connecticut and had you know the only goal I had was to have fun with the other guys and play softball on the AHEPA softball team. But that enjoyment, that coming to a Supreme Convention and having the camaraderie of all of meeting brothers from New Jersey and Chicago and the joy of their friendship over the years has kept me coming back. And I think we have to show each and every brother that, you know, there is a joy of being part of a whole, strength of unity by being Hellenic and Greek that together we can achieve. That's what hopefully will keep them coming back.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: Sure.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: Never seen that.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: And actually invited the Paramus Chapter, Alexander - - , to participate on the symposium. You were actually one of the panelists that I had invited as part of our forum, and so I'm not sure if you or who the chapter president has designated to be the person to exchange those ideas to the rest of us, but it's those ideas that we're looking to spread out to the rest of the AHEPA chapter throughout the United States, so if that will be you, I look forward to hearing what you'll have to say up at the membership symposium. Will it be you, brother? Good. Brother Charles?

CHARLES: [off mic]

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: We don't have anything on CD. We obviously have it on the web site. If you go to the web site, we actually designed a brand new web site this year.

CHARLES: I was thinking of something that would not only show our existing members but [off mic] that would also show the new members.

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: I have the PowerPoint presentation that I developed so that is what—we don't have a CD. I think a CD would be a little bit expensive to produce and to mail. A PowerPoint presentation is something that everybody can download on a laptop, get an LCD projector, and you can put it up on a screen and show it as a slide show. So we do have that that was developed this year, and that would be a great tool to show everybody all of the different programs that are listed on there, all of the different types of previous programs going back to the Greek war bonds and the Ellis Island Initiative, and the Statue of Liberty Initiative, but also the current programs of Journey to Greece, AHEPA Academy, the visa waiver program, so it brings the history but it also has the current. So the slide show is really more along the lines of what you're probably looking for, and that's available through your district governor. Your district governor has that. He was sent that, so if you contact him he should be able to forward that to you. It's about 20 slides, and you can always add stuff. If you want to take that and then put some of your own chapter stuff in since your chapter has a housing project, since your chapter has a past Supreme

President, you may want to add three or four slides to tailor it to your particular location and make it a little bit more personal so when people see it, they realize it's not just about national, it's also about northeast Pennsylvania.

Yes, Brother Peter?

PETER: [off mic]

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: Yeah, the Hellenic Caucus is up to 155 members now. Now, that's obviously a challenge for us because this year is a campaign year. There's going to be probably a lot of turnover, and we're not sure where we're going to stand at the end of the Congressional voting in November, but we would like to think, you know, we have two very strong leaders. Carolyn Maloney is a very strong leader of the Hellenic caucus, the chair of the-co-chair of the Hellenic caucus. We have people like Gus Billaracus [phonetic], you know, so we have a lot of strong leaders. Zac Space [phonetic], a lot of strong AHEPAns not even just leaders in-some of these members are people who have actually, of Congress who actually have joined the Order of AHEPA. New Jersey has initiated a number of new congressmen and senators into the Order of AHEPA. So we continue to look at the chapters because really we went-at least I can speak for Connecticut, we looked at our rolls a year ago and said none of the five congressional people in the state of Connecticut are members of the Hellenic caucus. So that our-the district governor in Connecticut last year took it upon himself to say, hey look, I need to get out and talk to the governor or congressmen in my district to see if I can encourage them, and he got one and then that was Jim Himes, and then he talked to somebody else in the New Haven area and he got two, so now we actually have two out of five in as little as eight months, and so Brother Charles?

CHARLES: [off mic]

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: That's wonderful. Brother Vice Chairman has indicated that if you go to the yearbook and look on page 103 and 104, you'll see the list of all of the people who are members of the Hellenic Caucus. I would turn to all of you because really the congressmen and the senators listen to you. I know in Albany you have had two

members of, you know, the previous congressman and now the new congressman who have joined the Hellenic caucus. So, if you go to your congressman and talk to him and explain to him you know some of the Hellenic issues with regard to Cyprus or Firum [phonetic] or you know different things that come up, even Greek fires when we had the issue, the Visa waiver program, these individuals will listen, will take the time, and you as your constituent of theirs can make a difference. But it's a grassroots effort that needs to be taken. They won't listen to me coming from Washington, DC and trying to sell them on AHEPA. They want to listen to the people who actually cast votes and cast ballots on their behalf to make, make the point with them. So, Brother Peter, thank you for bringing that up, and thank you, Brother Charles.

MALE VOICE: Are there any other questions?

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: Brother George?

GEORGE: [off mic]

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: That's a good question. It was available when we had the old layout of the web site, and I'm not sure now under the new one if it is or not, but we can definitely make sure that it's out there.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT: Brothers, any other questions? We'll make sure that it gets out there, George. That's not an easy thing. We can put it into a PDF and put it out there, or we can somehow put it out there password protected and but it into a PowerPoint, you know, so that way we can at least protect it a little bit so that it doesn't go into the general public. So-

MR. CHAIRMAN: [interposing] Any other questions for our Supreme Vice President and his report? Hearing no further questions, the chair would entertain a motion to adopt our Supreme Vice President's report. Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's been moved to adopt the report of Brother John - - , our Supreme Vice President. Is there a second, brother?

CHARLES: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: From chapter number?

CHARLES: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, moved and seconded to adopt the report.
Any questions or comments on the motion? With that we will
call the question. All those in favor please signify by
saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it, and the report
is adopted. Thank you, Brother - - . Next up we are going
to have a quick report from the Credentials Committee
followed by our audit committee. So, Brother Tony Drakus
[phonetic].

TONY DRAKUS: Good morning. Everybody awake? Okay, if you-all
right, as of yesterday at 6:00 when we officially closed
the registration table, actually we extended it Greek time
because we didn't close it until 6:30, we had that came
through yesterday, was 94 people came through so altogether
for a total of 201. Of the 201 that came through, 7 are
alternates, so that brings the count down to 194 voting
par, 194. I'll give a-okay, also, I understand there are
some people going through grievances. They're going to be
heard all day, and I instructed the Grievance Committee and
also going to make the announcement that the table will be
open to pick up their credentials between 4:00 and 5:00,
between 4 and 5. I'm not going to sit there all day like I
did the last two days, so you're going to come find me at
4:00, but I'll be at the table with my committee. Thank
you.

[applause]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any questions for credentials? Tony, brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

TONY DRAKUS: I had a report given to me before I came of 232
people pre-paid their package. Now, of the 232 pre-paid,
some of them are not delegates. So, that's a number that
we can't go by.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions at this time for
credentials? Seeing no further questions, the credentials

committee is not formerly discharged, but we will ask them to come back for one final report after whatever grievances are heard by the grievance committee for any potential further delegates. With that, the next person I would like to call upon would be Brother Craig Clauson [phonetic] who is chairman of the Audit Committee.

CRAIG CLAUSON: Thank you, Brother Chairman. First of all, I'd like to thank the other members of your Board of Auditors. Bill Albanos [phonetic] is the secretary of the board, and our other member is Nick Dixie who is busy at a committee meeting at the moment. Our report is on—starts on page 46 of the yearbook, and you can read the details if you'd like. I'm going to give you a little bit of a summary. We have presented our report to the Board of Trustees, discussed it with them in detail, and it's been accepted by them. So, that's our current status. Obviously, we hope to have it accepted here.

In summary, our biggest charge is to go over the audit and discuss issues with the outside auditor. We did that in June at headquarters. We reviewed the audit report and accepted it from Johnson Robinson CPA firm for the year ending March 31st, 2010. We had a couple of suggested changes, and we discussed several issues, accounting issues, but the audit—we got a clean report. We also approved their billing. I'm sure you will all be shocked if you read the budget, but the cost of our audit is \$37,000 annually. That's significantly less than it used to be thanks to the fine efforts of our Controller Patrice Farish [phonetic] who prepares a lot of the work—actually almost all of the basic work papers, and it makes it much easier for the audit firm to perform their audit procedures. We also approved the employment of Johnson and Robinson for the next fiscal year ending March 31st, 2011, and the fee is to be the same.

Next we offered some suggestions to the board of trustees and Supreme Lodge relative to their minutes, one to make sure to send us a copy but also relative to documenting some of their activities. In our discussions, we're satisfied that they've performed all their duties. They just didn't document everything as they should in the minutes, and we discussed that with them relative to having a complete documentation for the outside auditors.

They've accepted, the Board of Trustees has accepted our suggestion and is going to develop a code of ethical conduct for the Order of AHEPA members and particularly officers and appointees to be implemented during the next fiscal year.

We called to attention the constitutional requirement. It's a little bit ambiguous, but in review of the interpretation, we determined with the board who should actually sign checks and it's more of a procedural thing just to make sure everybody understands it. If you read the constitution, it's a little ambiguous, but we've had it clarified with the board and our assurance that headquarters is going to follow the more restrictive signing procedures for the future.

During the year the building was appraised, and it was a requirement of our insurance company so that we were at the correct percentage for insurance, for reimbursement in case of a disaster. We, you know, through the years there's been suggestions that we perhaps mortgage the building. There has not been a current suggestion of that, but we did recall to the members in our report the restrictions relative to the internal revenue code of unrelated business income tax should we decide to do anything like that. I think just for your consideration if that issue is brought up again.

Congratulated our vice president relative to the membership change. We've been concerned about that for years because of the revenue stream. That's a big source of our revenue, and this is the first significant turn we've had in quite a long time, so we're feeling a little bit more comfortable financially from that standpoint. That pretty much takes care of it. We performed our duties, reviewed the report, gave the suggestions, and I'm ready to take any questions that you might have.

Did we—I hope we didn't bore everybody. We didn't read a lot of numbers this way. No questions? All right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seeing or hearing no questions of the committee, the chair would entertain a motion to adopt the audit report for this year. Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Again, anybody rises on a motion or to speak, please state your name and chapter number.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is there a second, brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's been motioned and seconded to adopt a report of the audit committee. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Thank you, brothers.

MALE VOICE: Thank you very much.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A fine job.

[applause]

MR. CHAIRMAN: We do have our Supreme Treasurer and I would ask him, excuse me, our Supreme Secretary, and I would ask Brother Anthony to step forward at the present time and following his presentation will be that of the Supreme President of Canada.

ANTHONY: Thank you, Brother. Guys, it's been a busy year for everyone, and the board or the Lodge has been most active throughout the United States and a trip to Greece. I took minutes for at least, I've got written down here seven Lodge meetings. Six were in locales throughout the country, and one was a conference call. I've had the privilege of representing the Supreme Lodge and the Supreme President in four districts, four district conventions, district 10, which is held in Detroit, 16, which is my home chapter and city district, 16, two wonderful, well, they were all wonderful conventions, one District 20. I was a guest of the Supreme Governor Peter Trendopholis [phonetic], and District 21 in Stockton, California, again a guest of Peter Trendopholis.

This past year we initiated a program to raise funds for the AHEPA charitable foundation through the entry into the marathon in Athens, Greece on October the 31st, which commemorates the 2,500 years of the Battle of Marathon. We

were anxious and hopeful in the beginning that we would fill the 300 exclusive slots that we were able to negotiate from Sagus [phonetic], the official organization that ran the marathon. We fell a little short of that, but we got the word out throughout the United States in the fact that we were promoting this very original, Hellenic event, the original marathon that's celebrated throughout the world. This year it was again marking the 2,500-year celebration. It was a sold-out event, the marathon, on October the 31st it sold out, nobody could get it, except the ones that had these exclusive exceptions. Of the 300 we were able to get 69 individuals throughout the world, not just North America, several runners from Canada, quite a few from the States, one from Dubai, two from Brazil, and there was one, someone else that got on our web site and was able to see the opportunity.

Of these 69 people, part of the fundraising, they had to raise \$5,100 in order to get a free trip from their home town to Athens, return five nights' accommodations, six days. They had to raise the \$5,100. Some of you folks have these people in your district. I encourage you to contact them. The list is available through headquarters to find out if there are any from your district. Contact them and see if you can do something to help them attain the \$5,100 goal. We get about \$1,800 of that \$5,100 that goes into the AHEPA charitable fund. Within the category, we have subcategories that they can run for your district scholarship fund or some project that you have locally as long as it's a 501C3 corporation set up. Then you are able to get funds from that \$1,800 for your specific charity. It's a tremendous opportunity. It's a win/win situation.

Of the 69, there will be some attrition, and we hope to have a minimum of 50 actually fulfill the pledge of the \$5,100, which will net us about somewhere between 120 and 140,000. That's a tremendous achievement, and we're real proud of that. We had hopes for much more, but that's about the reality at this present time. There are some very limited spaces that we have not yet released back to Athens, so if any of you are aware of someone within your area, they do not have to be AHEPAs part of the \$5,100 fee goes to making them AHEPAs at large, so we will maintain a communication connection with these applicants about our AHEPA activities, so there are still some slots available.

So, think outside of the box, guys. Go to the running store places in your area, put up a circular. The circular is available on our web site, AHEPA.org\marathon. Download it. Make copies. Go on their bulletin board and let them know that AHEPA is having some slots available. It's a sold-out event, and let me tell you that means a lot to marathon runners. So, if you know someone in your neighborhood, I would encourage you to make them aware of it. It's not too late.

Besides the seven lodge meetings I took minutes of, I also attended the New York City 25th of March parade for Greek independence. It's a magnificent experience. A lot of credit goes to the AHEPAns in District 6 and 5, or 4? They work together to put on that wonderful exhibit or Hellenism, with a float. We marched throughout there. A lot of credit, of course, goes to our Supreme President, who was a dedicated honorary member of the parade committee.

I also was able to attend the patriarchs dinner put on by the State Department, an honor that we as the AHEPAns were able to fulfil their request of over \$50,000 gathered by individual donations from our chapters and our members. That was able to meet that challenge as well as attending one of the most pleasing, personally pleasing events of AHEPA is our participation On The Hill Day, truly a civic responsibility fulfillment of our mission, and I encourage you in the near future on the next On The Hill Day to make plans to attend, to visit our congressmen, our senators in their offices and be able to present AHEPA and its mission objectives and the fact that we are members of their particular district or their state makes an impression on these guys because they understand the commitment that you've made to be there. They may not be on our side, they may not be members of the Hellenic caucus. Thank them for listening and ask them to please join. And if there are members, thank them for being part of it. That concludes my report. Any questions?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions for Brother Anthony? Hearing none, the chair would entertain a motion to adopt Brother Anthony's report as the district secretary.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: State your name please.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt the report of Brother Anthony -- as Supreme Secretary. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Thank you, brothers, and finally I would next call upon who I referred to as the Supreme Canadian President but he is actually the Canadian President of the Order of AHEPA, Brother Nick -- to give his report.

[applause]

NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, brothers. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everybody in once more in this beautiful city and I believe so far very successful convention. I'm sure that you're going to have an enjoyable time here in Montreal, and as I spoke previously on the opening ceremonies, the last time this convention was here was in 1960. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brothers and sisters from both chapters here in Montreal for a job well done, and also I'd like to thank the organizing committee because in order for anybody to put this type of convention needs hard work, and I know these guys they have been working since San Francisco, after the San Francisco convention to have a very successful convention.

The first task that I took as Canadian president was try to continuously raise the profile of AHEPA Canada and all AHEPA family members in the Greek Canadian communities in general. With the same goal in mind, I appeared several times on the Hellenic TV programs in both Montreal and Toronto. As you know, Montreal and Toronto are the biggest Greek populated cities in Canada, and just to let you know that Montreal has about 100,000 Greeks, and Toronto has about 120,000 giving interviews trying to continuously raise the AHEPA Canada profile across Canada. For another year we continue fulfilling the mission of the AHEPA family

through the organization and support initiatives which promote Hellenism, education, philanthropy, civic responsibility and family and individual excellence.

Enthusiasm creates energy. Energy creates power. Power creates strength. This is the strength that is required to run a successful organization such as ours, and no other Hellenic organization operates at so many levels with so many projects and gives back so much to its community.

We also continue with our objective of raising the visibility and image of the Canadian AHEPA family by encouraging members to seek greater interaction and cooperation with local organizations as well as with municipal and provincial governments in their respective communities. I believe this is the only reason we can do something in this society.

We continue our mission to build a solid network of both formal and informal forums with the Canadian government, and this provides visible opportunity for voicing our opinions and concerns as Canadians of Hellenic descent. To that end we spear-headed the -- Hill Hellenic Friendship Day, which took place on May 13th, 2010. This was a momentous event because it was the first time that the Hellenic organizations, AHEPA the Canadian Hellenic Congress, SECA [phonetic] and SIA [phonetic] Canada spoke with one voice. These are different organizations here in Canada.

The AHEPA delegation with SIA, the Hellenic Congress, SECA, met with the prime minister of Canada, ministers and other Canadian government officials, and some of the topics we discussed with them was the continuous occupation of Cyprus, the ecumenical -- and the theological school of Helke [phonetic], the -- genocide, the theorem name issue that we have and as you know there is some development going on right now. And last but not least the -- Margos [phonetic] that right now they call them the Parthenon Margos.

The issue of the Patriarchate [phonetic] was championed and presented by the AHEPA delegation to the ministers and the prime minister, and it was received extremely well by all including the prime minister who used the word dismayed to express his feelings about the situation.

This year my travels took me to numerous chapters where I witnessed many worthy chapters and distant projects that promoted the mission of AHEPA - - Montreal, AHEPA Family, St. Valentine's Ball, a fund-raising event for two very worthy local causes. The Montreal Chapter, for you to know just for your information, committed to the local Shriner's Hospital here in Montreal a quarter of a million dollars, and the hospital will name a part of the hospital with the AHEPA name, so when you ever come back and the hospital is built, you will see a wing who will have the AHEPA family name.

I participated in the - - and awards dinner and also participated with other several factions organized from the Toronto chapter, and I traveled across the country several times and my last trip was Winnipeg to attend the district convention.

At the international level my travels took me to Washington several times to participate at the dinner function in honor of our patriarch of the State department to New York and Portland, and the last one I had it was the last biennial banquet was in Chicago. So, I have been every time it was a meeting for the Supreme Lodge I was there.

Now I'm going to talk to you about the AHEPA family charitable foundation, which I'm the chairman, and the foundation I'd like to report to you that finally we got about \$300,000 as a result of the past district governor of district 23, Nick - - , we got about 300,000. Nick left every penny he had to AHEPA. So, this year we are awarded two Journey to Greece scholarships to his name, and we named them Nick - - Journey to Greece.

Also, I'd like to report that after a couple of years we received another donation from another AHEPAn. His name was Dr. Demetriotis [phonetic] and from Calgary, Alberta in the amount of \$100,000. All this money we have been invested, and we're going to use the interest to create different scholarships in their names.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank some of my-the people that help at the foundation, - - . This is our legal advisor, Brother - - , our treasurer, Jim - - past Canadian president, and also past Canadian president, Frank - - for helping me to bring to the end these two estates.

Also, I'd like to let you know that if you ever go to our web site, which is AHEPACanada.org, there is a special program we have up there for people that don't speak Greek and they want to learn, and the name is the Odessian [phonetic] Line Greek School. So you can go there, and you can follow a program, and I think you can learn how to read, and write, and speak.

Then my travels this year I was very fortunate to be in the delegation with our Supreme President Nickolas Karacostas to the trip we took in Constantinople, Thessalonica, Cyprus and Athens. I'm not going to go into details because I'm going to bore you to death, and you have a long time, a long day today, but I'm going to just close with some closing remarks that I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the headquarter staff, especially our executive director, Basil Mossaidis - - , because in our trip we took he was the guy who organized everything. He was running around making sure everything was okay, and also I'd like to tell you that it was a great honor and a great experience for me serving under the Supreme Lodge with the Supreme President Nick Karacostas and our Supreme Vice President John - - . I had a great time, and after two years I'm thinking to stay again for another years. So thank you very much, and I can entertain questions if you have them.

[applause]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions for Brother Nick?
Hearing none, the chair would entertain a motion to adopt Brother Nick's report for the convention. Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is there a second? Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt the report of Brother Nick - - as the Canadian President for this just concluded term. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The eyes have it. Thank you, brothers. Thank you, Brother Nick, thank you, excellent

report.

[applause]

With that our membership symposium is beginning in the auditorium, which is in the level just above us. My recommendation would be at this time that we recess to convention until 11:30 and that we all proceed upstairs to hear the membership presentation as membership has been something that's been a burning interest to all of us and this will be the opportunity for us to see how successful AHEPA was in gaining new members and what their additional plans are for the future. So, if everybody could please proceed upstairs to the auditorium, which is on the mezzanine level just above us. I'll see you all up there. Then I'll see you all back here at 11:30. Thank you.

[break in audio, background conversation]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Brothers, I'd like to reconvene the convention at this time. Anybody outside if you can ask them to come in, we've got some important business to take care of this afternoon and we'd like to clip along as much as possible. One of the reasons why I'm pushing so hard to get business done today and why I pushed so hard yesterday is tomorrow this room is only going to be available for a couple of hours for our General Session and then they're going to break it out for the athletic luncheon followed by whatever they're going to do in the evening. We're not going to have time to conduct too much business tomorrow so as much business as we can possibly accomplish today we will do. Otherwise, we will be faced with the nightmare of trying to do it all on Friday, and that's the last thing in the world I want to do at this point in time. So if you could get all the brothers to come inside now, what I would like to do is start with the Grievance Committee and ask the chairman of the Grievance Committee to come forward and give us his second preliminary report.

ALEX CATSOVANAS: Brothers, my name is Alex Catsovanas [phonetic], Chapter 29, Houston, TX, and this is our second report, preliminary report.

We have seated nine individuals this morning, and I'll give you the names, district and numbers. The first one is Constantine Sise [phonetic], chapter number 71, district 4. Sam Benjamin, number 78, district 12, John Jorgafendes

[phonetic], chapter 8, district 16, James M. Cola
[phonetic], chapter number 326, district 6, Nicholas Demus
[phonetic], chapter number 343, district one, Sammy Thomas,
chapter number 453, district 5, Peter C. Paropolis
[phonetic], chapter number 29, district 16, Brian L.
Furbish [phonetic], chapter number 418, district number 7,
and the last one is - - Cotsakas [phonetic], chapter number
454, district 20. These brothers were all approved by the
Grievance Committee in their session today, and I submit
them for approval.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Submit motion by Brother Andy to seat these nine
additional individuals as delegates of the convention. Is
there a second?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Brother George. Questions or comment
on this motion? Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHARLESTON MOLLERS: Nope.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MR. MOLLERS: Chapter 15, Charleston Mollers [phonetic]. I was
a member of that committee. Mr. Chairman, did you just
mention the name of Brother Demus?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. MOLLERS: Brother Demus was the only one that was rejected. I
was there.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Brothers, I-you are right. I went with what the
secretary put down, and checking that out, he was
disapproved. So we're going to - - Demus, eliminate
Nicholas Demus, so we're going to eliminate Nicholas Demus
of district one, chapter 343 from this list.

MALE VOICE: You're right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is that correct?

MALE VOICE: That's correct.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions or comments concerning this proposal to seat these delegates? For the record, brother, you're making a motion to amend your previous motion to seat eight as opposed to nine with these names, is that correct?

MALE VOICE: That's right. That's correct.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And the seconder of the motion, do you agree to that amendment? With that any other questions, comments on the question to seat these delegates, these eight delegates now? All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Thank you, brother. Thank you. The Grievance Committee is not formally discharged. Hopefully you will have final report tomorrow. Next the chair would recognize the chairman of the Auxiliaries Committee for a report. Brother Chris - - . Brother Chris, if you'd like to come up here.

CHRIS: Brothers, a nice short one here. I think we can pass it quickly. This is the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope relations, okay, Mary - - is the chairman for the Daughters and I was chairman for the AHEPA. We met, and I am the past Supreme Secretary of the Order of AHEPA and presently national advisor for the Sons of Paracles. Here are the recommendations that this committee has come up with. In an effort to economize postage and printing to keep all members informed on all orders, we're recommending combining the AHEPA magazine with the Penelope scroll together. And I so move that. I want to tell you a little bit about it. That will be a terrific, well done thing. I've already talked to Basel [phonetic] about it, and I am also in the printing company so I know, in the business, so I know what I'm talking about about this particular thing. First of all, the more you print, the cheaper it gets. Make it clear that I have nothing to do with it although when I was on the Board of Directors, I saved - - \$16,000 a year by making some recommendations to him. There's a company in Maryland that does all the printing for AHEPA and the magazines, that the more pages you have, the

cheaper it gets, so they would have to pay whatever portion that they had. If they've got a third of the papers in there, the Daughters have to pay for it. So it doesn't cost AHEPA anything more.

It's a tremendous thing to have it all together because it saves you a lot of money on postage because it all comes in one book. It's going to save you a lot of money on postage, a lot of money on freight, and it's going to have everything from the AHEPA to the Daughters of Penelope's news in it at one magazine instead of sending two magazines to each member that we have, okay.

So, I strongly recommend that you approve of that one, and the other thing and this is very small and short, in order to encourage more participation for all orders for evening convention events, we recommend the following suggestions for possible family-oriented ideas, that they continue with casino night, that they should add karaoke night, they should have a talent show like we've had in the past, and a Miss AHEPA pageant, which we have had in the past.

I so move and thank you for your attention.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you making two motions or one?

CHRIS: I'm making two motions at the same time all wrapped up into one. I think it's a good idea, and I think if they want to discuss it they can and I'll be glad to answer any questions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So, we have a motion to economize postage and printing by keeping all the members informed and combining the AHEPA magazine with the Penelope Scroll together. Is there a second to that motion?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any discussion on that particular motion?
Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHRIS: They're the ones making that recommendation. It wasn't from us. That was from the Daughters and an AHEPA meeting combined. That was what we all decided on, - - .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, any further questions? With that, let's move for the question, which is the motion to combine the

AHEPA Magazine for the Penelope Scroll for these individuals. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Thank you very much, and finally with the adoption of the report of the Committee, there's a motion from the floor from Brother Chris here to adopt his recommendations. Is there a second?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Moved and seconded to adopt the report of the committee. Any discussion on the other provisions of the report, which involves future casino nights, karaoke nights, talent show, Miss AHEPA pageant and other ideas. Hearing nothing further, the chair would entertain—oh, I just had a brain freeze, okay, at this time the chair would ask a call on the question. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it, thank you. Thank you, brother. Your committee is discharged with our thanks.

CHRIS: Thank you, and don't forget the Sons of Paracles Friday when I come back in here.

[applause]

MR. CHAIRMAN: At this time the chair would recognize Brother Franklin Manios [phonetic] who is the chairman of the Board of directors of the Order of AHEPA for his presentation for this year as well as for the budget and upcoming financial report, is that correct?

FRANKLIN MANIOS: Good afternoon, brothers. My name is Franklin Manios. My report here says good morning, but going by AHEPA time I said good afternoon. So I'm correct here. My name is Frank Manios. I'm the chairman of the Board of Trustees along with other five members of the Board, which include Teri Mitchell, vice chairman, John Galanas [phonetic] as secretary, Lee Millus [phonetic], Constantine Highland, Dean Highland from New York and Connie

Constantine Calion [phonetic] from New England. Also, I have Patrice Farish [phonetic] with us who has been our controller for many, many years and without her none of us would be able to be doing this job. Anyhow, [crosstalk] I'm going to keep chugging. We have—I have in a proposed budget we have included this brochure. I don't know if you have it, if you've seen it, if you looked it over, if you want to open it up right now we could do the same thing. The brochure will provide you a historical comparison of last year's actual numbers and this year's fiscal budgeted numbers. Last year's numbers are presented in greater detail in the audit report and in the financial statements that are in the yearbook itself.

The Board of Trustees had many budget pressures to overcome, no money folks, or very little money—a little better this year because of the increase in the membership, which helped a lot, a lot. Increasing cost—economic downturn and volatile financial markets were paramount economic concerns in the budget development process. In 2/09, the membership did increase helping us to increase operating income. This is obviously significant, and I want to thank all of you for the hard work that made this happen.

Cash flow is a continuing concern and focus of the board. The timeliness of when the per capita payments come into the Board and any delay in remitting per capita places a strain on the AHEPA's operating budget. So many chapters wait until the last minute to get, you know, the last December 30th to get the—send the money in, and it hurts, it really hurts.

Let's begin by addressing income and then expenses, and then I'll be glad to answer questions either here if you want or at the end. However it goes is all right with me. Also, Patrice will be available for a little more finite and definitive answers where I can't—may not be able to have sufficient answers to you. Total budget income for fiscal year is \$935,000. Program services provide income of \$8,500. This AHEPA income receives from credit cards, rebates, AHEPA travel not very much and AHEPA insurance programs. Member services provides income of \$585,000. This is the bulk of the money. This includes per capita of 13,750 paying members for a total of 550,000, 11,200 in reinstatement initiation fees, 18,000 in on-line and

merchandise monies coming in and 6,000 more merchandise sales. Management and general income category includes administrative fees charged to other areas. Magazine revenue provides \$55,000 of income, \$50,000 of which AHEPA receives from the National Housing Corporation and another miscellaneous income of \$100.

The Montreal Convention is budgeted to profit \$18,000, and I think we're on line to do that. We had been averaging between 500 to 550 total AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope delegates since 2/03, since the Phoenix convention, but since 2/03 delegate attendance has declined to only a little over 400 delegates. So far we're going to have about 430 total here in Montreal. Along with this decrease attendance AHEPA convention profits have also decreased.

Investment income is \$140,000. That's the other area that we use up money from the portfolio as income. This income is transferred from a national trust investment securities to our operating account. We also have a little reserve account that is generating some income. This account provides about \$15,400. In addition, the National Trust Fund realized an increase in market value, which was a positive thing for us. I might say to you that's also in the brochure, but just as an offshoot, the portfolio went back up to almost the levels of the big crash of 2/08, and that includes the portfolio, that includes the AHEPA scholarship foundation, it includes the athletic department. Budget expenses were 945,000. Program services were 176,000. The increase from last year's program service figure is due to advertising in the Greek American Marketplace. I think you might be aware of a bigger increase in the advertising in the National Herald from Washington, in the *Hellenic Times* in New England, just cross the board we've increased our advertising. I might also add that the editors, particularly the *National Herald* fellow, - - has been very, very, very good to us in the area of support and even in pricing for our advertising. We have a good friend in the *National Herald* and in Barakus [phonetic] in New England at the *Hellenic Chronicle*. We have district rebates, \$27,500. This money goes back to the district for delegates, not delegates, for membership, 13,000 members at \$2. We're not going to bring it up here, but this is an area that sometimes you all and we all together back in our districts have to think about maybe

sacrificing this \$2 bit at the district level and give it back to the national. But that's not in this proposal, but I think it's something to think about. It's not a lot of money individually or to a district, but it's a lot of money collectively to the national.

Public relations, again we had \$83,000 spent, and you've seen all the good work that was done by the Public Relations Department all year long.

Appropriations for travel for elected officers, and expenses associated with hosting a district governor's conference were \$64,900. Again, let me say to you clearly, travel expenses were veery carefully and closely reduced. The only money that was going out was \$250 to a Supreme Lodge member or a Trustee member, and only for two meetings. Now, if you think you can go to Washington or go somewhere for \$250, get a plane, have even one night of hotel, but that's what their reimbursement was, \$250 for each Supreme Lodge member or each Board of Trustee and only for two meetings, and we had three meetings or four or more. It was strictly out of pocket. I also want to—I think I will just take a moment here and commend our Supreme President because he undertook some of these expenses espeSially some of the office expenses, travel expenses out of his own monies.

Our next—let's see, member services, we budgeted at \$159,000. The web site was \$8,000. AHEPA magazines 102,000. Death benefits—we still have an ongoing thing out there for the \$200, and people claim it. It's amazing. You think that—but a widow, boy a man dies in Monday and the letter is in the office on Tuesday looking for the \$200, so it goes out. So it's still laying out there, and you would think that that would not happen, but that's okay. It goes with the territory, and we're happy to do it. We're sorry to have to send it, not sorry because of the money, but sorry because of the reason.

Postage, \$32,000. Miscellaneous, which includes IRS filings, \$8,500. Management and general expenses are \$600,000, 611, to operate and administer headquarters. Increase this year's budget stems a little bit from expenses to hire an additional staff receptionist and then overall increase in the cost of doing business. We did hire a telephone receptionist this year, Maria. She was

fluent in Greek, she's American and Greek, which was a little bit of a concern in past years, and she's gone now and we have Stephanie Manyattas [phonetic] in there but the point is besides the money part of it that she's able to communicate in Greek too, so that's good for us.

Salaries, \$390,000. Office operating expenses, \$221,150, but now our budget projects a minimal loss of \$10,000. However our previous year we realized about \$34,000 in profit, so we already designated, the Board of Trustees designated some of this previous gain to offset this minimal loss. So we find ourselves basically in decent shape. I mentioned before about Nick paying money out of his pocket. He gave over—he raised over \$36,000 to offset expenses. My brothers, this concludes the budget. I will continue with my chairman report after this, but in the meantime if you have any questions about the budget, income, expenses and/or etcetera, I'll take your questions now.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why don't we do this, why don't you move for the adoptions of the budget.

MR. MANIOS: Okay, I move for the adoption of the budget.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There's a motion made to adopt the budget as presented. Is there a second from the floor. Brother, you'll need to stand and give us your name and chapter number.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Moved and seconded for the adoption of the budget. Are there any questions or comments as they pertain to the budget that was just presented that you see on this pamphlet form here.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is that part of the budget?

MALE VOICE: I don't know.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No.

MALE VOICE: Well, something to do with it, yeah.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, go ahead.

MALE VOICE: It wasn't [off mic].

MR. MANIOS: It was just a personal, it was not a-it was a very personal comment, yes.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. MANIOS: Yeah, probably. It's just an area that-just a personal thing that I thought. I probably shouldn't have mentioned it. Okay?

MR. CHAIRMAN: IS there anything further as it pertains to the budget then. Hearing and seeing no further comments, I would move for the question at this time. All those in favor of the adoption of the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Thank you, brothers.

MR. MANIOS: Thank you. Now should-

MR. CHAIRMAN: [interposing] Would you like to proceed with your regular report?

[crosstalk]

MR. MANIOS: Okay, I'm going to give you my report, read my report to you and for questions, and then I'm going to add a few things in that happened at the Board of Trustees this week that might be of interest to you. Let me find my place here and we'll do it. Okay.

As we meet here in Montreal, as before I would like to thank all the members of the Board, Vice Chairman Terry Mitchell [phonetic], Secretary John Galanis [phonetic], by the way John is in the room here, I saw him, and Connie - - , Lee Millus [phonetic], I see Connie over there, Dean Highland, and I don't think I missed anybody, who helped address issues that we felt were very important to the financial future of our beloved order. I would also like to thank Supreme President Nick - - for his efforts and acts of inclusion. He included us all as well as Supreme Lodge officers, Vice President John - - , Secretary Anthony Cazonis [phonetic], Treasurer Colonel Nick - - for their attendance and participating in our trustee meetings.

The trust portfolio—over the past 12 months AHEPA has experienced a resurgence in its investments. Under the astute and prudent management of our investment manager, Phil - - , of Wells Fargo, we have recovered from last year's devastating stock market loss. The National Trust Portfolio balance as of March 2010 was \$2,611,000. The fund last year closed at \$2,0984,000, so that's 600,000 addition.

Being an optimist I feel that the worst may be over and that AHEPA may be back in the black. I would also like to thank Harry Lake. He has contributed a lot in this portfolio in conversation with Phil - - and myself in the portfolio, and again Patrice Farish our controller for her continuing efforts. She was just sitting here. The Educational Foundation has experienced similar outcomes. March 2009 the portfolio of the AHEPA Foundation Educational Foundation was 2.4 million. In March 2010, it was increased by 450,000 to a total of 2.9. The AHEPA Educational Foundation under the chairmanship of Paul Neal continues to make education more affordable for our youth, and while the foundation is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees, we have made suggestions for improvements that will benefit our students. Our recommendation last year was to increase the size of the scholarship awards and was accepted by the foundation.

This year the foundation increased the size of the amount of awards awarded each scholarship winner. They reduced some of the amounts. The thinking is that maybe a \$500,000 scholarship so reduce the number of scholarships and be more substantial in the number of dollars being given. I think it's working, and I personally think there should be even less money given per person and even more money given to a particular scholarship. Again, that's a personal thing, and I've been involved in this many years, but now athletics. Our new Supreme Athletic Director - - has tremendous knowledge of the AHEPA athletic program, and he has a vast network of athletic connections that have national and international outreach. We congratulate him and feel he will be an outstanding athletic director.

This year the Athletic Program accomplished successful golf tournaments in California and Florida as well as national and regional bowling and softball. The Athletic Investment Portfolio, this is really nice, the Athletic Investment

Portfolio is now being administered by the Board of Trustees. Since the Board took over the management of these funds in May of 2009, the investments have increased by \$134,000 from \$208,000 to \$343,000 at the end of this fiscal year.

That is a dramatic increase. Again, many thanks to the Phil - - and Patrice for handling this. This portfolio was done by the Athletic Department over many years in the past, and there were problems. It got transferred to us, and it shows an increase, substantial.

Invest for the future. Now, this is again some of this is personal. The AHEPA needs to continue its forward progress. To do so we must ensure by making sound investments. I firmly believe, it's not going to happen so don't everyone get excited, but I should be happy, we should be happy to keep aware, look around for real estate in Washington, DC. I consider it to be a solid investment. The *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and *Washington Post* have declared downtown Washington, DC and Dupont Circle as one of the hottest real estate markets in the United States. I can tell those of you that may or may not have come to AHEPA headquarters, catty corner of the building on Dupont Circle is a hotel. It was the old Jury Hotel. It's been re-named now I think the Dupont Hotel, but what I would like to make a comment to you was that they raised the entire top floor. They added a whole new floor. I don't know how many millions of dollars that was, but to add a floor tells you that they feel that there's money available to recoup their investment.

The market value of our particular - - has increased probably to about \$5 to \$7 million, and here again sometimes if we have a chance to leverage and buy a building, that's my own personal-I'm involved a little bit in this area and that's just again a personal comment.

The Board has been active in determining the market values for office space in Dupont Circle. I'm happy to inform you that we recently negotiated new leases with two tenants, retaining them for five years at a 31% increase over our former lease. We are now at \$32 per foot.

Some of you were present in September when we unveiled the reworking of the roof, the new decking of-the - - staff

did a great job of reworking the deck up at the -- and are using it for small gatherings and for get togethers, and it's turned it into a functional space. This is a beautiful addition to our area.

John Economi [phonetic] -- fund. Originally this was a dream developed by past Supreme President John Economi to raise funds to augment AHEPA's public relations. These funds can and should be used to promote AHEPA. The Board will entertain spending some of these funds to create an AHEPA pack. Now, I'm going to stop there. This is not in your book. The Board of Trustees this week voted to create an AHEPA pack. We're not going to use any moneys from the -- fund. We're not going to use any monies from operating income. We need \$9,000 the first year and \$8,000 a year thereafter to operate the pack. So, what we're going to do is we're going to request \$100 donations from individual brothers across the domain and when we get the \$9,000 we will continue and after that we will put the rest of the money into the pack. If you do the math, \$100, 1,000 members, you know, that's really quick, that's \$100,000. I think we need to have a presence, and we would be the only Greek American organization in the United States. You know, the church doesn't have a pack. The -- doesn't have a pack. Coordinated Hellenes don't have a pack, but AHEPA will have a pack to promote non-partisan candidates both Republican and Democrat who we feel are on our side for Greek American issues, whether it be church or patriarch or anything that we feel going into the hill.

Again, the past Supreme President Scott Acosta [phonetic] I mean president and we had before him -- and Gus James, and we've all worked the hill much better each year and doing better at getting members of the congress to come over to our side and be more visible. They know they have a much better--this will make it even better.

This will go of course to Greek American candidates for public office. The board Supreme -- should actively pursue and solicit members, but we've said all this.

Okay, the budget I just went through the budget. It's a balanced budget basically of using a little bit of last years. In closing, I would like to thank again the entire board for its efforts as the Board has met all year with the spirit of brotherhood really and with passion. And the

sincere dedication has persevered. We've persevered for the forward progress of our AHEPA. My gratitude to the AHEPA Housing Corporation led by Nick Stratis and congratulations to Art Polley [phonetic] for his new position as AHEPA Housing and his Housing Committee for their continuing contributions to the Order of AHEPA. However, here again this is personal, I feel that we can successfully work together to find legal ways that will afford us the opportunity to receive money from the AHEPA Housing Corporation into the AHEPA operating budget to enhance the financial position of our order.

I would like to thank brothers Andrew - - and Phil Atley - - for their communication expertise, Rosalyn - - , Roy Pukrin [phonetic] for the extraordinary performance of their duties. Headquarter staff is very limited in quantity of people but not in quality. Again, special accolades to Supreme President Caracostas and for promoting the AHEPA. Congratulations.

Lastly, but certainly not least my sincere thanks to Brother Basil Mossaidis - - for his efforts and support during my term as chairman. Basil Mossaidis has a demanding job, and we don't always agree, we haven't always agreed. However, Basil Mossaidis continues to be flexible, creative and persistent with his thoughts and always on ways to improve our fraternity and is deserving of our gratitude. In the same vein, I thank Ms. Patrice Farish for her hard work, her commitment to AHEPA. Her vast accounting experience and financial knowledge made my job easier. She has never failed me to accomplish anything that I've asked. I send to her and Basil Mossaidis a very large and sincere thank you.

In closing, again, thanks again to my Board vice chairman Terry Mitchell, Secretary John Galanis, Lee Millus, Constantine Highland, Constantine - - . They have never failed to do what is the best for the Order. Well done brothers, and thank you you all. I also want to thank my wife, Mary, and my entire family, and my brother, Mike, for their unconditional support.

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve the AHEPA as chairman of the Board of Trustees, and I thank you all for your trust and opportunity. Frank Manios, chairman.

[applause]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions for Brother Frank?
Hearing-brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. MANIOS: That's a good question. I don't think there are any tax-I don't think there's--there are no tax implications at all.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, there's no tax break.

MR. MANIOS: There's no tax breaks. It's not deductible if that's what you mean, you know, you give your money, you give personal money, not corporate money, you send it in to the pack, the pack will determine, you cannot tell the pack who you want your money to go to or who you do not. The committee on the pack will determine who gets the money.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. MANIOS: No, I don't think that's true. I think we're not--first of all, this is not the first time. We had a pack before. We had a pack before back in the days of Peter -- and Sam Nickus [phonetic] I don't know who else was involved 15 years ago. I think it kind of died because the administrative area wasn't really strong to take care of it, but I can tell you this, with Andy Cafas [phonetic] doing the work and he already has people lined up to help administer it, I think if we do our part and fund it, it will be successful. John Galanis [phonetic] our secretary of the board--John?

JOHN: I just wanted to add that it's a separate body. I believe it's a corporation, but at any rate, it's separate from the AHEPA. So, AHEPA is not violating its rules. That's why you have to set up a pack, and I just want to add one thing if I may. We have Andy Cafas who does really a very good job on the hill for us on whatever matters affect AHEPA, and I think without a pack on his side to help him in his efforts, it's almost like we're neutering him because he's asking for favors from congressmen, senators or their staff, and then he's going to be asked questions, well, can you support X or Y, and I think this hopefully will give him some ammunition to help him do a better job. He's doing a very good job now, but this will put us on the map in maybe a--we're not talking about

millions of dollars, but it will be substantial and hopefully the brothers will support it.

MR. MANIOS: Thank you. Any other questions?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. MANIOS: Please go to the mic, please.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON: - - chapter 54, Alexander Hamilton. How the pack is going to choose the politicians, number one, and what is the political view of the pack?

MR. MANIOS: The political view of the pack is non-partisan. It is not Republican or Democrat in any manner, shape or form, and the people that will be selected will be selected by the pack committee on a non-partisan basis depending on their relationship with Greek American programs or Greek American situations, patriarch, scholarship, St. Basil Mossaidis's, marbles, anything that comes along that will be under the—have something to do with Greek American things. That will be done by the pack committee. That will be independent of the Supreme Lodge, independent of the Board of Trustees, and it will be non-partisan.

MR. HAMILTON: Are the pack members going to publicize the events or the—sorry, that you're going to choose or what are going to be the views besides Hellenism or American help to Greece, or to Cyprus or—

MR. MANIOS: I think it's all under the same blanket. I think it will be all under the same blanket. It will be—that will be determined in the same—we'll have equal thought process. Thank you. Yes, Phil - - from Canton, OH, - - number 59.

PHIL: I don't have to introduce myself now, right?

MR. MANIOS: That's right.

PHIL: I have a question, you said that for candidates or Greek American candidates for public office. Now, what level is this?

MR. MANIOS: It's federal, federal, federal only, I should have been more clear, federal only.

PHIL: So my two sons that wouldn't apply, right?

MR. MANIOS: No, you have to take care of yourself.

PHIL: Okay. Thank you.

MR. MANIOS: You're welcome. [laughter] Hearing no other questions again I want to thank you for hearing me and—thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: For the record can I have a motion to adopt the report of Brother Manios and the Board of Directors?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Chapter number? Thank you, Brother Peter. Brother Peter moves, seconded by?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Moved and seconded. Any further question or discussion? Seeing and hearing none, we would move for the question. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Motion carries.

At this time it is my pleasure to ask our current Supreme President, Nick Caracostas to come forward and give us his report as to his activities during his term of office. Brother Nick.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Thank you. Good afternoon, brothers. It is with great pride and humility that I address you this afternoon. It has been a distinct honor and privilege to serve as your Supreme President this past year. For me it has been a year of truly historic measures. We've accomplished many great things this year. I'm very pleased with the response of all the brothers in the chapters, in the AHEPA domain. I want to thank all of the fellow Supreme Lodge officers. Frank Manios as the chairman of the Board of Trustees and his Board members, Basil Mossaidis -- at AHEPA headquarters, Patrice Farish at AHEPA headquarters and all the other folks at our AHEPA headquarters. If you look at your yearbooks, I wrote a brief letter and a long report, which basically I don't want to read to you because I'm more pro-active in terms of the conversation that I want to have with you brothers. But if you see just to give you some highlights of our year

starting with record growth in terms of membership. We realized close to 800 new members and over \$1,000 reinstatements, and we are now back into the 16,000 member organization that we haven't seen since 1999. That I thank each and every one of you for your commitment and love to this organization just like mine and for assisting us in getting the brothers either to come back to AHEPA and rejoin us or get some new brothers out there. In addition, we went to the regional banquet format this year. As most of you know, we had our biannual banquet in Washington, DC, which kind of got a little old and a little tired, and people didn't want to travel to Washington, DC, so we came up with the idea to take our show on the road and have these banquets regionally. We had one in New York to cover the East Coast. We had one in Chicago to cover the Midwest, and we had one in Portland, Oregon to cover the West. All three were very well-attended. I have to say that we got some excellent publicity and marketing from those events, and we were able to couple the re-activation and re-invigoration of the chapters on the regional level. These banquets were long overdue, and it gave us a reason to showcase AHEPA regionally and have the local chapters and districts participate in those banquets. My goal was to do four. Unfortunately, we only did three, but all were successful as I said, and all brought forth some excellent notoriety to the Order of AHEPA. The plan is to continue those banquets as we go forward, and as we've seen, as we've seen, because they are so successful, we've had a lot of chapters come forward now and offer to volunteer and host these regional banquets. In addition, we had a truly historic visit by his all holiness, Patriarch Bartholomew. We raised over \$75,000 to sponsor his visit and be a host at a Secretary of State Clinton dinner in his honor. The response from the brothers and sisters I might add because the Daughters of Penelope also sent money in was overwhelming. We were able to help out our Patriarch and have this event for him. He came to headquarters where we hosted him. I'm sure most of you saw the picture. He was very gracious and had Greek coffee with us and - - and spent a half hour of his time with us at AHEPA headquarters where the Grand President of the daughters and I hosted him.

We also were able to give his All Holiness some money for the Patriarchate [phonetic] and for the school in Helke

[phonetic]. Additionally, I was lucky to be invited to the White house twice, once for a Christmas party and I was basically the only person representing the Greek American community other than his eminence, Archbishop Dimetrias, so the two of us were there with the President and some other organizations. It was a not-for-profit organizational type party, and again we were invited for the Greek Independence Day celebration in early March.

Let's see, we had some great successes with the Capital Hill Day that we had where a bunch of us went to Washington, DC, and we went on to Capital Hill and we visited with all of our Congressmen and Senators and at that evening we had a small little banquet where we honored Senator Voinavitch [phonetic] from Ohio who is a brother I might add and who is retiring from the Senate. This will be his last year in the Senate. Capital Hill Day is a very, very important function for the Order of AHEPA as we not only get to show them who we are but basically show them the grassroots network that the Order of AHEPA has.

The single most important thing that we offer to the outside world is that we are the largest Greek American organization that has these chapters throughout the United States, Canada and abroad.

We also went on a presidential—did I say we went on a presidential—we went on a presidential excursion to the Patriarchate to Greece and Cyprus that was very, very successful. We were well received by the Patriarch. We were well received by the Greek government and the Cyprus government. They rolled out the red carpet for us, and we were able to get some excellent publicity on behalf of the organization. They were truly honored to have us there as they normally do, but I think with especially the financial crisis that was going on in Greece at the time, we were especially well received because it was a new government. And they wanted to really pay respects to the Order of AHEPA for our contributions over the last 88 years.

The athletics program continues to thrive. I want to thank Spyro Sieagis [phonetic] and his group. They do a wonderful job with our athletics program as you know. We've had a number of regional tournaments both golf and basketball, and the Athletics Department is a very, very important program that we institute, and we administer

every year, and they should be commended on a job well done.

We've had an excellent year with regard to the Sons of Paracles under the leadership of brother Chris Economedes [phonetic] the Sons' national advisor who I asked to come out of retirement and kind of take the reins of the Sons of Paracles because they were floundering a bit, and he put them right back on the road to recovery. And I'm proud to say that through Chris' leadership and mentorship they've doubled their membership this year and started how many new chapters, Chris?

CHRIS: Reactivated 12 chapters, so congratulations.

[applause]

MR. CARACOSTAS: The National Education Foundation continues to thrive. We gave out over \$100,000 in scholarships. I'm sure all of your districts received their \$1000 scholarship that you get to name, but in addition they gave out another 22 \$2,000 scholarships and a number of other smaller ones that were dictated to us through a trust, but as you heard the chairman of the board, the moneys under the auspices of the Board of Trustees are in great shape. We're doing very well income wise, and through that income we're able to give out those scholarships every year. I'm very proud of what we do nationally. However, I know that what the districts do and the chapters, probably if we added up all the scholarships hat AHEPA collectively as an organization gives out, it's probably in the millions of dollars, and I wish I could give you a number. But unfortunately the chapters and districts don't really report to national what they give out on a yearly basis, but I know that it's probably in the millions of dollars. Based on my travels to all the chapters and districts, I hear the big numbers that they give out, so we should all be proud as an organization that one of our main goals, education, is to give out these scholarships. And I think we accomplish that every year.

Civic responsibility, we initiated a program called the United We Serve Program where we feed the homeless and the veterans, and all of the chapters responded in a very, very positive way. And I want to give a speSial recognition to the Indiana chapters that really have gone above and beyond

the call of duty with regard to this campaign and really just rolling out the red carpet with regard to the homeless and our veterans, so congratulations to all of us for our community service work.

I really don't have much else to report. I mean this is the highlights. I wanted to hit the highlights, and I think I did that not to take up too much of your time, but I prefer to have more of a question and answer period and engage the brothers. As I often say, it's not me that makes a difference. I'm just lucky enough to be the Supreme President of this wonderful organization and have your trust, but it's you, it's each and every one of you that go back to your chapters, and your districts and your communities, and you represent the AHEPA so admirably, so I commend each and every one of you for the great work that you do, and I want us to continue to preach the brotherhood and try and bring in more members and keep the foundation that was given to us by our founding fathers, and I think we've been doing that in every way possible under our mission statement, and I think we'll continue to do that.

So, with that I just want to open it up to any questions or answers, I mean a question and answer period and give all of you an opportunity to engage. Yes?

JOHN GALANIS: John Galanis, Milwaukee, Chapter 43-biennial, I know, I think Houston is going to do one next year. Is it the current thinking to do the biennial regionally every two years or are we doing it annually because I know I was involved obviously with Chicago but I'd like to hear what the thinking was.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Yeah, well first of all, John and Brother Lou were instrumental in having the regional banquet in Chicago, and I'd like to thank them and commend them for their great work. And the thinking is to continue those banquets. John, I think you saw the great publicity that we got and how exciting it was to bring something like that of that level to your area and Chicago, Milwaukee, etcetera, and I think we're going to continue those banquets. I'd like to do another three next year if possible. I think that is going to be very instrumental to keeping the excitement going. And I—we don't know the locations yet. Obviously, there's been a lot of—as I said earlier, there's been a lot of discussion and a lot of

chapters that have come forward and offered to do them, but I think we want to, you know, take a wait and see approach. But we are going to do more of those regional type banquets and not wait.

MR. GALANIS So it's really not biannual, it's-

MR. CARACOSTAS: No, we don't call it that anymore. We call it regional banquets.

MR. GALANIS: Okay.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Thank you, John. Yes, brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CARACOSTAS: I'm not sure if that's on, so if you want to walk over to the other mic, it might be better if there's a-

PETE SEREES: [interposing] Can you hear me now?

MR. CARACOSTAS: Now.

MR. SEREES: Pete Serees, chapters 454, district 20.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Yes, brother.

MR. SEREES: Chandler, Arizona. I noticed on your suggestions for making our conventions larger you have a couple of suggestions. A few years ago, maybe more than a few years ago, somebody suggested for every ten members you get a delegate. I thought it was a great idea at the time, but it, you know, like a lot of other things it died.

This would encourage large chapters and give us many more delegates hopefully at our national conventions.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Yeah, well I personally agree. I want as many people as possible to come to our conventions and have a voice. That's my personal opinion. This was something that was put forth. The Supreme Lodge, I should say, and the Board of Directors, submitted a number of legislative items to the legislative committee for review. Unfortunately, there's a lot of folks who disagree with me, which is okay. We can all have, you know, be entitled to our opinion, and it didn't make it out of the legislative committee from what I understand. But there's always-when the Legislative Committee reports, if the brothers want to

be heard there is no greater voice than you, the delegate, on the Supreme Convention.

So, feel free to voice your opinions and your comments when the Legislative Committee reports, but thank you for the question.

JIM: Jim - - , chapter number 75, Brunswick, NJ, district 5 as everyone knows. Brother Nick, there's something that is very dear to me in that I am a graduate of the theological school up in Brookline. I think you know where I'm going with this. As far as - - goes, I hear where Turkey said that Turkey said they will allow the reopening Celke, but what is the true thing that is being done over there with Celke. Are they going to reopen it? Are they just saying it? Or what?

MR. CARACOSTAS: That's a good question, Jim, and, you know, only the government of Turkey knows the answer to that question because they've never come out and fully said that they would allow the reopening of the school in Celke. They have mentioned that they would consider it, which there's a big difference between considering and allowing, and it's truly in my opinion a crime that they have not allowed the re-opening of that school. And especially if you go there as I did with, you know, the presidential excursion that we took. It really brought a tear to my eye that this beautiful institution cannot be utilized for the education and advancement of our clergy. This is not a Greek/Turkish issue. This is a human rights and religious freedom issue, and the Arcons of the Order of St. Andrew from the Greek Orthodox church have taken this on as their full speed ahead mission, and I've offered the assistance of the grassroots network of AHEPA to help them in that regard because we really have to raise the awareness to the public. I mean we're all Greeks or we're Phil-Hellenes and we internally know the issue, but what we have to do is get the message out to the American mainstream press and the international human rights commission so that they understand that the Greek Orthodox church is being persecuted by the government of Turkey.

JIM: One more thing, Brother Nick. The administration in the person of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the former as we know first lady of the United States, she's also pressing the issue I understand, right?

MR. CARACOSTAS: That is correct. That is correct. I mean the administration, we have raised it with the administration, and they have both, both President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton have put forth this issue with the Turkish government, and as we all know sometimes that doesn't work, but at least we're on the radar screen right now and it's a better situation than what it was where we would just be ignored, but we're not quite there yet because the school obviously has not been reopened. But thank you for your questions. Yes, brother?

GEORGE ANNIS: Brother George Annis, chapter number 241, district 3, past district governor. Mr. President, I want to commend you this year, you and Vice President John - - for what has happened with our membership. You may recall last year I kind of gave you hell because I was concerned about what was happening with our membership. I've been a member of AHEPA for close to 38, 93 years, and I'm a Sons of Paracles, past district governor Sons of Paracles as well. And what has happened this year is wonderful. The changes that were made as far as extending the no reinstatement fees, extending the no initiation fees for I guess the entire year must have had a lot to do with what's been happening, not to mention the travels that you and your Lodge have done to motivate our members to do more to get other members in. And I highly commend what you have done and if there is anything District 3 can do to help with that, please let us know. In fact, I can speak for all of us that we want to do whatever we can to increase our membership so that we can continue to do the good things that we do. Thank you very much.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Thank you, Brother George, thank you. And let me just address two of your points, Brother George. First of all, don't ever be afraid to give me hell. I'm accountable, and as long as you do it in a respectful manner, I am not above criticism, I am not above mentorship, I do not have all the answers, but I promise you I will work my butt off for all of you, so don't ever be afraid to give me hell. And honestly Supreme Vice President John - - did a hell of a job and he should be—he should be commended, not me.

[applause]

He was certainly a better vice president than me.

Hopefully he'll be a better president than me, and that's the way we go. The work continues as long as we're unified. No one can stop the Order of AHEPA. Any additional questions?

STEVE: Over here, Brother - - .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes sir, Brother Steve.

STEVE: If I may Steve - - , chapter 373, Pasadena, California, district 20. There's an item that has been going on for some years, and I'm sure that the brothers are interested, and I don't know that it has been resolved. There's an issue of property in Athens that there's been a dispute. It's supposedly the AHEPA's property. We went a long way to perfect our position. I understand I think that the Athens Chapter has claimed it also. I don't know where that stands. Could you give us an update?

MR. CARACOSTAS: Yeah, the update is I don't have an update unfortunately. I don't have to tell you the workings of the Greek government because I think everybody kind of has an understanding of how archaic—for the people that invented democracy, their government is very archaic. They are just now starting to charge property owners property tax in Greece. They are just now starting to charge those that work income tax in Greece, and that's why there's rioting and people getting upset. They're in a very bad fiscal situation, and the least of their worries is what little property they're going to give the Order of AHEPA. But we have not forgotten a bout that. We are still—it's still on their radar screen so to speak, and we're still waiting for some kind of a response. As you know, there was an administration change in Greece back in the late fall, and that further threw things into a bureaucratic red tape. And right now they're dealing with a tremendous financial crisis, and it's hard to get answers. But we have not forgotten about that, and we're still working on it is my response.

But I don't have an update.

STEVE: Thank you, Nick, and may I ask is the Athens Chapter taking a contrary position to the AHEPA at large?

MR. CARACOSTAS: No, the Athens Chapter is not. The Athens Chapter received a benefit where they are able to use an

office from the hospital that they participate with, that they sponsor, not the AHEPA Hospital in Thessalonica but the other one in Athens.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CARACOSTAS: - - that's right, and they were able to secure some office space. But they're not taking an adverse position to us, they're not.

STEVE: Okay, thank you very much, Nick.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Thank you.

EVAN SPIRAS: Hi, Evan Spiras [phonetic], District 10, Lincoln Park, Michigan.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Hi, Brother.

MR. SPIRAS: I have a question regarding the Leon Stavro [phonetic] who runs the Next Generation. I had a distressing e-mail from him indicating their financial stability and that organization as far as networking and getting jobs and people coming on to universities and like from a Hellenic background. Can this be parlayed at all into AHEPA?

MR. CARACOSTAS: Yes, we are actually going to look at that. We want to do a networking site, and we also want to partner with Leon. As you know, Leon was an employe of AHEPA, and after he moved on he went to this organization. And they have been having some success with regard to their networking operation. And we're going to be able to probably partner with them. He stays in constant contact with our AHEPA headquarters. He invites us to events. We invite him, and whatever communications we have amongst each other, he distributes to his network. So it has been a very like great partnership with them, and we're going to continue that. And we're going to be looking into a networking site.

MR. SPIRAS: Thank you.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Thank you. Yes, brother.

PETER MASTERS: Peter Masters, chapter 202, district 13, Chicago. Brother President, I would like to know what is the relationship between AHEPA and SIA [phonetic]? Is AHEPA under the umbrella of SIA, or the other way around?

MR. CARACOSTAS: The AHEPA has no relationship with SIA other than we may support something that they put out or they support something that we put out. But we're not under—the SIA is a—for lack of a better word it's a political organization that's operated with Greek funds, although I'm not sure there's Greek funds now to support that organization. But we do not operate under the SIA. We're an independent. We're the order of AHEPA. They don't certainly operate under us, but as far as I'm concerned, we're the oldest and largest Greek organization period.

MR. MASTERS: Thank you.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CARACOSTAS: Yeah, you should come to the mic.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

JOHN MINOLAS: John Minolas [phonetic] -- Lincoln Park, Michigan.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Hi, John.

MR. MINOLAS: How you doing? You are the largest, but not the oldest. Panacarean [phonetic] Brotherhood celebrated their hundredth anniversary three years ago in Pittsburg. So, it started out as a group, it started there was a Acarian [phonetic] who died and -- money to bury him so these guys got together, they started picnics every year that became conventions and they're--

MR. CARACOSTAS: [interposing] Well, I think we distinguish ourselves because we have chapters whereas the Panacarean probably does not.

MR. MINOLAS: Yes, they do, there are I think 17 chapters throughout the United States.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Seventeen?

MR. MINOLAS: Yes.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Okay.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CARACOSTAS: That's okay. That's semantics to me anyway. Yes, brother.

JERRY GARVIS: Jerry Garvis [phonetic] from Chapter 380,
Chicago, Illinois.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Yes, brother.

MR. GARVIS: And I'd like to get an update if I could on the at-
large chapter. I think they call it 600, and where it's
at, how it's growing, and what its future is.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Very good question. As most of you know in
this day and age of electronic communication, we have to be
amenable to some members that are members at large or
friends of AHEPA who are basically virtual members. They
join on the internet, and I'm proud to say that that group,
Brother Jerry, has over 500 members in it. And that's 500
members that we would not have realized otherwise. We try
to steer them towards a chapter, but if there's people that
want to join the AHEPA, get our communications, be in our
grassroots network and participate then we should not
refuse them. The only difference is, and it's obvious that
we should not give them the right, the only difference is
they don't have the right to come to a convention such as
this and be a delegate, which is fine. That's how we
distinguish and differentiate. But other than that, I
welcome members to join on-line. It enhances our grassroots
reach, and as I said there's over 500 members in that
grouping, which we normally would not have realized
otherwise. Yes, brother.

MALE VOICE: Do they pay dues?

MR. CARACOSTAS: Yes, they do absolutely. The question was do
they pay dues. They do. They pay more dues than the \$40
actually to be a member on-line. Yes, Brother Phil?

PHIL: Brother Nick, on the same issue regarding the 600, there
was a meeting this morning in legislation, and we wanted to
define these brothers. Are they from all walks of life?
Are they from all denominations? Are they from where, and
do we take a pulse of these individuals to make sure that
they are-

MR. CARACOSTAS: [interposing] Well, I can't answer that
question.

PHIL: You need to define that.

MR. CARACOSTAS: Phil, I mean I don't-I can't tell you as I

stand here today whether they're, you know, young, old, professionals, non-professionals, I mean you're asking me to classify the group in a way that I cannot.

PHIL: We have a membership application and it's very clear, and we take that oath. We want to be sure that we follow the constitution. Thank you.

MR. CARACOSTAS: You're welcome. Any other questions, comments? With that, I would like to thank you for your time. I would like to thank you for electing me as your Supreme President. As I said at the outset, it's been a truly magnificent experience for me. My 30 years in this organization, starting with the Sons of Paracles all the way to the AHEPA Supreme Lodge has been a ride and an experience that has formed who I am today and has shaped my life. All my friends, family that I have is because of the AHEPA. My profession as an attorney is because of the AHEPA. I am grateful to this organization, and I'm grateful to you, my brothers, who had the faith in me to elect me. Thank you very much, and God bless the AHEPA.

[applause]

MR. CHAIRMAN: For the record, I would ask for a motion from the floor to accept and adopt the Supreme President's-

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Say that again.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Brother Phil. There has been a motion, which has been seconded to adopt and accept the report of our Extreme President. On the question, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. The report is accepted. Thank you again, Brother Nicholas.

[applause]

MR. CHAIRMAN: With that we have a Committee ready to report at

this time. This is our National Projects Committee, and I would ask Brother Harry Cavalaris [phonetic] to come forward.

MALE VOICE: Go ahead if you want to make that announcement.

MALE VOICE: Yeah, why don't we do that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I tell you, brothers, you become convention chairman, they give you presents. Somebody just lost a gold bracelet, so check your wrists and—otherwise, I would be more than happy to put it on.

[crosstalk]

HARRY CAVALARIS: Order of AHEPA National Convention, National Projects Committee, Wednesday, July 14th, 2010, Montreal, Canada. Committee members present: Harry Cavalaris, that's C-a-v-a-l-a-r-i-s, chairman, Constantine Nonas, N-o-n-a-s, John Millas, M-i-l-l-a-s, John Drossis, D-r-o-s-s-i-s, Stanley Geroundelis G-e-r-o-u-n-d-e-l-i-s. Brothers, I spelled the names because many times when the recorder writes the names he'll spell them three or four times differently, and this is for your benefit for the minutes.

Chairman Harry Cavalaris opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. in Room 522 Delta Centerville Hotel. A brief historical review was given of the National Projects Development, and for the new committee members.

Number one AHEPA Hollywood chapter, number two 18 documentary. As of 2010 Montreal AHEPA National Convention, a copy of the 2004 Request of AHEPA Miami National Convention minutes has not been sent to the National Projects Committee to confirm that the AHEPA Hollywood Chapter Number 218 documentary was approved. In 2004 Miami AHEPA Convention as a National Project. Brother Chris Rockus [phonetic], chairman, was informed that upon confirmation of national status, the project would have to adhere to the National Project Rules and Regulations. If this project was not approved, the committee would assist in the process for submission for approval.

In your books you will see the report of the National Projects Committee and the correspondence that addressed this particular issue. The only National project that we had presented to the committee is the National Hellenic Museum. George - - on behalf of Louis Esteves [phonetic]

made the presentation on the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago, Illinois for AHEPA national project status. The proposed resolution for AHEPA national status was presented that stated that North Shore Chapter 94 and the 13th Blue Ribbon District of the Order of AHEPA have approved the sponsorship of the National Hellenic Museum for national project status.

The property for the museum has been purchased. Architectural drawings have been completed for a 40,000 square foot building and footings are currently being poured. Fundraising has been instituted with a comprehensive pledging plan, with naming and sponsorship opportunities. A proposed AHEPA historical section will be developed. Over 7,000 articles have been collected, and over 100 voice histories have been taken Constantine Nonas moved for the national Hellenic museum to be presented to the AHEPA national convention floor for approval for AHEPA national project status. John Millas seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and that is the only program that we have presented to this body to be voted on to be given national project status. Louis, if you would like to say a few words on this.

LOUIS: Do you want to make the motion first and put it on the floor?

MR. CAVALARIS: The committee moves that the National Hellenic Museum be considered a National project status. We need a second from the floor.

PETE NICHOLAS: I second that.

MR. CAVALARIS: Dr. Pete Nicholas.

DR. NICHOLAS: Pete Nicholas, Worthington Chapter, number 30.

MR. CAVALARIS: Discussion?

MR. CHAIRMAN: As I've been saying all week, I am from Chicago, and the Hellenic Museum has been in existence for roughly a quarter of a century at the present time. They have been bouncing around in rented quarters in and about Greek Town. The 13th district of the Order of AHEPA a few years back sponsored one of her largest display rooms in their temporary quarters at the present time. They are in operation. They have a curator. They have two assistant curators and basically have garnered the support of the

State of Illinois and the City of Chicago in this construction project. It is our goal to raise enough funds for the museum so that we can obtain naming rights to either a floor, or a display room or something in the building and have the Order of AHEPA be a permanent part of this grand endeavor. When Brother Nicholas Caracostas visited us in Chicago, we took him to the museum and we had a nice long discussion at the tie. We showcased the museum, and when I say museum I say the temporary quarters. The new building is being built in the heart of Greek Town in Chicago, and it will be spectacular once completed. I think on behalf of the Order of AHEPA I would be proud to see AHEPA be a part of this very process in naming it through a national project but in raising moneys for that purpose.

My chapter and my district through me we've agreed to oversee the entire project through the AHEPA side in fundraising endeavors and do everything through the name of AHEPA whenever possible. And as a final comment on the area, the executive director of the museum, Ms. Helen Alexander, will be here Friday morning and she will make a presentation to this plenary session at 9:00 on Friday and it will take roughly 20 minutes so you can get a better feel and flavor about what the National Hellenic Museum is, what it's about and it's plans and goals for the future.

MALE VOICE: I'd like to add I'm originally from Chicago, Woodlawn Chapter, that it's across the Eisenhower Expressway from the University of Illinois in Chicago, and about a mile away from the Hull House if anybody has heard of it where many Chicago Greeks got their papers. Mrs. - - used to help, she helped my father, and it's in a perfect spot for the AHEPA to be showcased in this museum. I strongly recommend its passage.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any other further comments on this issue? There is a motion on the floor to adopt as a national project status the Hellenic museum. Hearing nothing further on the question, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Thank you very much, brothers, and don't forget the presentation will be

on Friday so you can learn more about this project.

MR. CAVALARIS: This concludes the Convention National Projects Committee report, and we submit it for approval by the convention floor. Thank you.

[applause]

MR. CHAIRMAN: For the record, the chairman would accept a motion to accept or adopt the report of the committee as presented.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Brother Nick?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, it's been moved and seconded to adopt the report of the committee. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

MIXED VOICES: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? The ayes have it. The motion carried. Thank you, brothers. Our executive director has been pressing me to make a few announcements, and I've been waiting for the appropriate moment, and the room is pretty full. So, let's start out with the how many of you are planning on attending the barbecue, which is scheduled for tonight? How many of you have tickets in your—tomorrow, I'm sorry, tomorrow. I'm sorry how many of you have tickets in your hand for that? How many of you need to pick up tickets? Please when you get the opportunity see the ladies outside and pick up your tickets. They have informed me that if you don't have a ticket to get on the bus, you can just imagine being left on the corner outside of the Delta Hotel in a cloud of blue smoke while the bus goes on to the banquet or to the barbecue and you stay behind.

So, make sure you get your tickets for this event no matter what, and they've stressed very strongly since the busses that are being chartered are leased, we'll be collecting the tickets and they're not going to take your word for it or my word for it that we paid or not. So make sure that you do that.

Secondly, I have been handed a note saying that the

district governors should visit the Vitre Room, and I'm sorry my French is terrible, V-i-t-r-e room after 3:00 p.m. and before 5:00 p.m. today. And then finally for the grand banquet, I think everyone here is pretty much familiar with the ticket exchange program that goes on. Banquet tickets will be ready to be picked up at the offices Thursday after 5:00 p.m. One person per district needs to pick up those tickets. So those are three advertisements or announcements for the present time.

With that, is there any other—are there any other committees prepared to report on the floor at the time of their activities? Are there any other announcements that need to be made or are requested to be made? I did have a note passed to me earlier about the marathon which will be held in Greece this year, but I don't see the individuals who would like to make that announcement. So we'll hold back on that until they come into tissue expander room. I don't think we have anything else at the moment, do we?

NICK: Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Brother Nick?

NICK: Can I just have one more announcement that if the district governors can meet tomorrow between 11 and 12 just outside these doors, that would be great. We'd like to have one more district governors' meeting. So just tomorrow between 11 and 12 just outside this room.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

NICK: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What we need to all remember, and I would advise you all again that one of the reasons why I'm pushing to get as many reports and resolutions done is because tomorrow we will be meeting only from 9 in the morning until 11 in the morning, at which time the hotel will tear down this room and the adjoining room, and we will have the athletic luncheon in this facility. So, our time tomorrow will be limited to just two hours. We will have a report from the Credentials Committee, which would hopefully be the final report based on the number of brothers that have actually formally registered for the convention and adding on the names, which we approved earlier today. So, we will have a final report as to our voting strength at that time.

We will also have a report from the Sons of Paracles at 9:15 in the morning sharp, and when I mean sharp, I do say that with all sincerity because our time will be limited tomorrow. So please make a special effort to get here at 9:00 in the morning so that we can immediately resume our business and continue on as far as possible. With that, according to my clock here we are at 1:42 Chicago time, which means 2:42 Montreal time. We have this room until 4:00 today, so I would suggest we recess until tomorrow morning 9:00 sharp. Those of you who are still working on committees, the Resolution Committee is still meeting, the Grievance Committee will give a final report hopefully tomorrow, and legislation of course is still ongoing. I have not heard from the other committees as of yet. There's a few committees that will be meeting tomorrow, and please make it a point if you're on one of those committees to meet and get the reports in to us as quickly as possible. When you're ready to report, please give a copy of your report or a note to Brother Matthew here who is our convention secretary, and we will line you up and send you going as much as possible. Brother Basil Mossaidis?

BASIL MOSSAIDIS: Personal privilege, Mr. Chairman. Anybody whose got the tickets ready for the banquet, the district governors, bring them on in to the office so I can start doing the seating for the dinner when you recess. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: With that we are in recess until tomorrow morning, 9 a.m. sharp. Thank you, brothers. Thank you for all your cooperation thus far.

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CHAIRMAN LOUIS ATSAVES: All right, Brothers, it's 9:00 in the morning. Can everybody hear me? There we go. It's 9:00 in the morning and we are resuming our general session. The first order of business is to call forward the Grievance Committee for their final report.

MR. ALEX KATSAFANAS: Good morning, Brothers. This is the Grievance Committee's final report. My name is Alex Katsafanas. I am chairman of the Grievance Committee and a member of Chapter 29, Houston, Texas.

The Grievance Committee has met six times: once on Tuesday, four times on Wednesday and once on Thursday. My fellow committee members are Nick Dixie, secretary; John Lugsis [phonetic], John Tsimekles, James Scofield, Thomas Pappas [phonetic], Charles Stamitoles and Peter Sergis.

We have approved the following member for late registration and seated at the convention: George Karatzia, District 5, Chapter 517. This is our final report. This convention week we received 29 grievances, of which 24 were approved and 5 were disapproved. The committee recommends that the form the chapter uses to report its delegates names be placed on the AHEPA website to make it more convenient in case they lose it. It's an important form.

I thank the members of the committee for their diligence and cooperation during this week. They made the work of this committee easier and pleasant. On behalf of the committee, I move for the adoption of this report.

MALE VOICE: [off mic] You want to also vote for the seating of the last delegate.

MALE VOICE: Before I accept the motion to adopt the final report, there will be a different motion made.

MALE VOICE: I move that we seat the delegate from New Jersey.

MALE VOICE: [off mic] Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] I second that motion.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you. It's been moved and seconded to seat our brother George Karatzia as a full voting delegate member of this convention. Questions, comments? Seeing,

hearing none, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? Ayes have it, motion carries, and the delegate will be seated. Finally, there is a motion made by Brother Alex to request that a copy of his report and recommendations--or his committee's report and recommendations be adopted by this convention. Is there a second?

[Background noise]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother. Motion made and seconded to adopt the report of the committee. Any comments, debate on that particular motion? No? All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? The ayes have it. The Grievance Committee is thus discharged from further work and deliberation with our extreme thank you.

MR. KATSAFANAS: Thank you.

[Applause]

MR. PETE SOURIS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Nice job. And they did meet almost constantly.

MR. SOURIS: Mr. Chairman? Pete Souris, Chapter 454 District 20.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Yes, Brother Peter.

MR. SOURIS: Does that bring our total to 109 of voting strength?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I'm asking for the credentials report to give you a report right now. So why don't you hold on and we'll find out what the final number is.

MR. SOURIS: All right, thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: With that, I would call the Credentials Committee through Brother Tony Drakos [phonetic] to give us

their final report.

MR. TONY DRAKOS: Good morning, gentlemen. My name is Tony Drakos, as if you didn't know me. I'm a pain in everybody's behind.

MALE VOICE: I second that motion.

MR. DRAKOS: Second that motion? Thank you. This was a very unusual convention this year because it seemed like everybody came through, everybody seemed to be seated. I think the brotherhood came up with a lot of very good and reasonable excuses and obviously everybody was seated because everybody had to come to Montreal. So my final report, as of this morning at 9:00, we had 127 members pass through the gates. We have 219 voting power. So when we have the elections, it'll be 219 people. Of 227, second of those people are alternates.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. DRAKOS: 219. The voting strength, add the seven people that are alternates, above that number. Seven. I'm going to sit down now.

My recommendation to the chairman of the convention, that we open up the voting Friday evening after the banquet for people that are going to catch a plane early Saturday morning. If they come, they make sure they bring their plane ticket in order for them to vote early, Friday night after the banquet.

Also, I want to move--I guess it's on the schedule that the voting will be on Saturday at 11:00. Is it possible we could move that up?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MR. DRAKOS: We recommend that the voting start early on Saturday at, say, 9:00 and be open until at least 11:00. We shouldn't have any problems getting people through because of the voting machines. This way we could have results of the election by noon. With that, I move to accept my report.

MALE VOICE: I do have one question though. We have 219 voting delegates and 7 alternates. Are these 7 alternates going to replace any of the 219?

MR. DRAKOS: They should. They can.

MALE VOICE: They can, but we don't know if they're going to or not. All right.

MR. DRAKOS: They'll be able to vote. But they're put into a separate--

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: [interposing] There is a procedure for alternates to vote, but their votes will not count unless the delegate is present and they put it in a sealed envelope and everything else. With that, it would appear that from the report of the Credentials Committee that our voting strength is currently at 219 regular voting delegates with an additional seven alternates out there. The Chairman at this point would ask for a motion to adopt the final report of the Credentials Committee. Is there a motion, brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: There's a motion to adopt. It's seconded by brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Moved and seconded to adopt the report of the Credentials Committee as to our final voting strength. Questions, comments debate? Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: We're just working on the final number as to the number of people who are eligible to vote. Right. That's that part of the motion. All right. Hearing or seeing nothing further, all those in favor of adopting the Credential Committee report, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? Ayes have it. Thank you, Brother. The Credentials Committee is discharged with our thanks. And of course, you will be now known as the Election Committee henceforth for the balance of the convention. So you still have some more work to do.

[Background noise]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Since you're looking for pay, we're going to

double your salary.

MALE VOICE: [off mic] That sheet I gave you yesterday - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: With that, we have a number of reports of committees. One committee that is ready to report at the present time is the Resolutions Committee, and I would ask Brother Tom Gober to step forward, as chairman of the Resolutions Committee. Brother Tom?

MR. TOM GOBER: The Resolutions Committee consisted of Peter Papanicolaous [phonetic] from Chapter 456, myself from Chapter 157, Nick Loxas from 123, Nick Kavadas from 78, Bill Harrison from 108, and Christos Mavridis from 54.

We have several resolutions. The first one deals with the publications. I'll start reading that one. Be it advised that when the Publications Committee meets at the national convention, it will not be necessary for district representation at this meeting. The publication should stand on its own merit and shall be reviewed by an independent audit committee. This was submitted by Brother Bill Harrison, Hudson Chapter 108, New Jersey, District 5. Do we have to vote on these individually? I'll move the question.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Do we have a second to this resolution? It's been moved and seconded to adopt the resolution as it pertains to publications. Any questions or comments or debate the issue? Brother?

MR. PHIL VOGIS: Thank you, Brother Chairman. Phil Vogis, past district government, District 5, Chapter 453. Brother Chairman, if you'd be kind enough to explain to us what has been the procedure to bring us to this resolution item, since there are lots of great publications out there in the Order of AHEPA that have not received the recognition. So I think it's important that we all know what has been the procedure and how this past procedure has been in place to come up with a winning publication. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Just so you know, there is a Publications Committee. It's a standing committee of the Order of AHEPA. The Publications Committee met on Monday before the convention was formally convened and we elected officers. They came up with a determination as to which publications would receive awards this year.

On Tuesday, after the convention was convened, there were several other brothers who brought in their publications and asked when the Publication Committee was meeting. They were a little miffed to discover that it had already met.

So basically, as I understand its motion, it's to try to get everybody to meet at the same time so that everybody can bring in their publications when the convention starts. Consequently, we won't have any meetings occurring before the convention begins.

MALE VOICE: Move the question.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Are there any other further questions, comments, debate on this resolution?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MALE VOICE: It shall be reviewed by an independent audit committee, which I believe would be the Publication Committee, right?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

[Background noise]

MALE VOICE: I'm going to make a motion to amend it.

MR. GOBER: Brother, I wrote this article. We could strike out the independent audit committee. I just wanted to make it where it would be more neutral and the representation would not have to be there from a district to present their paper. I just wanted it to stand on its own merit.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: So you're moving to amend your resolution to strike the words "independent audit committee"?

MR. GOBER: Yes, that's fine.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Is there a second to that amendment?

MR. MATTHEW: I'll second it.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Seconded by Brother Matthew. Any further discussion on the resolution as amended? So nobody is paying attention because everybody is talking.

One more time. Nobody is paying attention because everybody is talking. There's a motion on the floor which has been amended to adopt the resolution as it pertains to

the Publications Committee. Do you want to re-read that resolution now?

MR. GOBER: As amended, be it advised that when the Publication Committee meets at the national convention, it will not be necessary for district representation at this meeting. The publication should stand on its own merit. Then we eliminated that review by independent audit.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Does everybody understand the resolution as amended?

[Background noise]

MR. GOBER: Okay, it said, be it advised, when the Publication Committee meets at the national convention, it will not be necessary for district representation at this meeting. The publication should stand on its own merit. That's it. We eliminated the last section.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Any further comments or debate on this resolution? Seeing or hearing none, the chair would move for the question. All those in favor of adopting this resolution as amended, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed?

MALE VOICE: Opposed.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Ayes have it, motion carries. The resolution will be adopted.

MR. GOBER: The second resolution and I'll try to speak up, Brother, so everybody can hear. Resolution for awarding website design and usage by the convention Publication Committee. This was presented by Brother Nick Kavadas, District Governor, District 12.

Whereas, the Supreme Convention Publication Committee reviews and selects the best newsletters from across the AHEPA districts and chapters; whereas, the advancement of technology has provided further means of communication to AHEPA members, and whereas the internet provides opportunities to communicate and distribute the AHEPA values and missions to its members and non-members;

whereas, it would be beneficial to recognize the efforts of the AHEPA chapters and districts to make use of the advancement of technology, therefore be it resolved that the Supreme Convention Publications Committee recognizes and reward the best use of technologies such as the use of the website or use of online social networking beginning on the 89th Annual Supreme Convention.

MALE VOICE: I'll make that motion.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: All right, it's been moved and seconded for a resolution awarding the website design and usage by the convention Publications Committee. Any questions, comments or debate on that resolution?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother?

MR. BILL HARRISON: It sounds like you'd have--Bill Harrison, Hudson 108, Jersey City, New Jersey. It sounds like there would be two separate awards. Am I getting this? Okay, I just wanted that clarified. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: That's my understanding as well. Yes, Brother?

MR. TED VITTAS: Ted Vittas of Ramapo 453. A point of information, in the past I know I served on an internet committee. Just to make sure that that doesn't exist anymore and that this doesn't fall out of the scope of this committee. Is there an internet committee anymore?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: According to our constitution and bylaws, no. Anything further? With that on the question, all those in favor or adopting the resolution, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Thank you.

MR. GOBER: The next resolution is legislation to give past supreme presidents who have not served as district governors in their respective district a sovereign vote at the district convention. This was presented by a district governor from District 11, Socrates Kolitsos and Tony

Capranica, past district governor from 11 and past supreme governor.

When the supreme president of the Order of AHEPA is the highest office in the AHEPA domain, and whereas, these individuals have gained great respect from their brother AHEPANS, whereas, they deserve this respect to be honored in their home district, be it resolved that any past supreme president of the Order of AHEPA that has not served as district governor of their home district shall be granted a sovereign vote in the home district during yearly district conventions. This resolution was voted on and passed at the Buckeye 11 Convention held in North Royalton, Ohio, June 18th through the 20th, 2010.

MALE VOICE: I guess I'm move to adopt this.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Is there a second?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Question, comment or debate? Brother Andy, go ahead.

ANDY: First of all, I speak against this motion. This should really be brought to legislation, number one, when it comes to voting. I don't think it's something that should be done as a resolution. Secondly, number two, the whole idea of a district governor having a sovereign vote is because the district governor served on a district lodge and he worked up the lodge and served his district. No disrespect to the past supreme presidents, but just because you're a past supreme president and you never served as a district government shouldn't give you the right to have a sovereign vote in your district. I say that this thing doesn't even belong as a resolution or as a bylaw item. I'm 100 percent against this, 100 percent.

MR. FRANK FOTES: Frank Fotes [phonetic], Boston Athens Chapter 24. Are you amending the constitution? Just by this resolution, I don't think this should be allowed at all.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Quite honestly, it looks like they're looking for an amendment to either a constitution or a bylaw provision. This should have gone through legislation.

MR. FOTES: I think you're overreaching. Mr. Chairman, I think that resolution is over reaching. It is unfortunate that

the Resolutions Committee even considered this thing.

MALE VOICE: Brother Chairman?

MALE VOICE: Mr. Chairman, could I--

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: [interposing] Before we get too far into this--is everybody paying attention? Are you sure? Before we get too far into this, since this is looking for basically legislation to change either our constitution or bylaw provision, my inclination as Chairman would be to refer this to the standing Legislative Committee for further action down the road and that we not take this up any further. That would be my recommendation and my action at this time, unless I hear anything to the contrary.

MR. GOBER: I'll withdraw.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: The maker of the motion thus has also withdrawn the motion under these circumstances. Thank you, Brother.

MR. GOBER: Okay, we'll get to less controversial ones, resolutions. This resolution deals with Greece's participation in World War II resolution basically. Whereas, in the course of World War II, Germany conquered Netherlands, Belgium, France in six weeks; whereas it took more than seven months, several major battles before the combined forces of Italy and Germany with the help from Albania and Bulgaria to subdue Greece. This took significant military assets from the axis forces and it was the first victory of the allied forces.

Whereas this came at a high price for Greece; Greece lost approximately 10 percent of its population; whereas no other country experienced this level of casualties and hardships for its population in World War II; whereas today most history books have eliminated or make no mention of Greece's participation in World War II. Therefore, this omission in the history books is unacceptable and should be addressed by the AHEPA, the largest Hellenic organization representing Greeks in diaspora.

Be is resolved that the following motion was duly debated and passed unanimously. The AHEPA takes this up. This is the resolution. That the AHEPA takes up as a program and reinstates Greek's participation in World War II in the history textbooks for schools, develop a strategy for

addressing this problem, develop a summary of the Greek's participation in World War II, develop suggested language that may be adopted in textbooks and it refers to the author that wrote the book "The First Victory" in parenthesis.

Work with various states that control content for textbooks, identify book publishers and start dialogue with them, identify this omission as a problem at the state and federal level and it is requested that AHEPA uses grass root muscle to talk to state legislators, school districts, school boards, school administrators and principals and apply the AHEPA grassroots muscle to get the story to the proper decision influencers and decision makers. This effort may also be positive by educating the educators and political leadership of this important event in history.

The above was duly voted upon and passed unanimously at the Golden State District 21 Convention in Stockton, California on June 26th, 2010.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Motion made and seconded by Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] George - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Stand up and give us your chapter number.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: It's been moved and seconded that this convention adopt the Greece and World War II resolution as presented. Any questions, comments or debate on this particular resolution? Brother?

MALE VOICE: - - Chapter.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: You're on.

MALE VOICE: Is it okay? Chapter 51. That's very good and I'm glad that somebody spoke about it. But the problem is not only here, it's in Greece. They don't know about the 1940. I was there in 1997 parading on October 28th and we appeared on a paparaki [phonetic] show in the morning and I was listening to the radio going into the TV station. They were asking the kids what is the 28th of October, and they had no idea. They said when the Turks left Greece. We have to lobby the Greek government also to write something

in the textbooks. If you expand that motion to lobby the Greek government, I will appreciate it. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Yes Brother?

MR. GEORGE CHIAGOURIS: George Chiagouris, District 13, 380. Gentlemen, about a year ago I wrote three articles on the Second World War as to what Greece's role was played and how the allies ignored them. So I'm willing to send you the articles and you can include it, okay? I'm willing to work on this program, on this project, because I do believe that we should get recognition that if it wasn't for Greece, as Staling and Hitler said, the outcome of the Second World War would have been different. Those are direct quotes.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Are there any other questions or comments concerning this resolution which is entitled "Greece in World War II Resolution"? Brother?

MR. FOTES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Frank Fotes, Boston Chapter, Athens 24. I support the resolution but I question the 10 percent. Because we say we lost up to 10 percent of the population during the Second World War. We lost a lot of the population after the war, during the civil war. Let us not confuse the two. The civil war happened after the World War II was over. So just make sure that the 10 percent is the correct percentage.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I think the 10 percent--

MR. FOTES: [interposing] I don't know what the answer is, but make sure that that 10 percent is what we lost during World War II, and don't confuse the two wars, although they happened one after the other.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I believe in the history books or in the data, and I've read it myself, the 10 percent refers to about 700,000 that died during the Second World War because of famine, because of the Germans killing people and everything else. That's where that 10 percent comes from.

MR. FOTES: Okay, if you substantiate it, thank you very much. I just don't want to have the number confused. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Any further comments on this question?
Brother?

MR. MARK PAPAPHOTES: Mark Papaphotes [phonetic], Chapter 67, Hudson, New York, district governor supreme and national treasurer. The motion is excellent. My heart belongs to our heroes. Does the AHEPA have the resources and the people to follow up? It will take human bodies, and a lot of research. How the implementation will take place? Send a letter to the Greek government or send a letter to publishers left and right, it will be a drop in the ocean?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother. I don't have the answers to those questions, obviously.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother?

MALE VOICE: That resolution came from District 21. We are trying to put together a plan and that's what this asks for to do this. So we don't have a budget for it. And I don't think we're talking about a lot of money. We are talking about a lot of support, a lot of our grass roots network to be used jut like we used it on the Jennifer Lopez thing. So I think that what we want to do is take a look at it, put together a plan to see how the best way to attack this and reverse this where they wrote us out of history.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Any other further comments on the matter? Hearing none, the chair would call for the question to adopt the resolution for Greece in World War II as presented to this body. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? The ayes have it. Motion carries.

MR. GOBER: Okay, the next two resolutions deal with the Hellenic Museum in Chicago. I'll start with the first resolution. Whereas the 13th Blue Ribbon District of the Order of AHEPA expresses great interest in furthering and fostering a continuing Hellenic education and cultural in the United States of America through the Order of AHEPA; and whereas the National Hellenic Museum has been in existence for many years, temporary quarters in Chicago,

Illinois; whereas the National Hellenic Museum has over 7,000 objects in its collection and offers a variety of programs and exhibits on the Hellenic American culture past and present.

Whereas the 13th Blue Ribbon District of the Order of AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope were instrumental in raising funds for establishment of a temporary quarters of the National Hellenic Museum and have a major exhibit room in those temporary quarters currently named in the honor of 13th Blue Ribbon District of the Order of AHEPA for such efforts.

And whereas, the National Hellenic Museum has obtained property for the construction of modern, permanent museum building structure located in the heart of Greektown in Chicago, Illinois; and whereas the National Hellenic Museum has since broken ground and commenced construction of a modern permanent museum building structure located in the heart of Greektown in Chicago; and whereas the 13th Blue Ribbon District of the Order of AHEPA prays that a section of the new permanent museum building structure of the National Hellenic Museum be named after the Order of AHEPA and that the Order, through its various local chapters, districts and national organization fundraise efforts sufficient for the Order of AHEPA to qualify for naming rights within the new facility.

And whereas the North Shore of 94 Chapter has formally petitioned, through a resolution enacted at one of regularly scheduled chapter meetings, the 13th Blue Ribbon District Order of AHEPA to adopt the chapter resolution supporting the designation of the National Hellenic Museum as a national AHEPA project for presentations at the Supreme Lodge of the Order of AHEPA.

And whereas, the North Shore 94 has prayed that this resolution be adopted by both the 13th Blue Ribbon District and the Order of AHEPA for the following reasons. Here we go. That the National Hellenic Museum, conveniently located geographically in the center of the United States of America in the city of Chicago, a major transportation hub by air, rail and highway.

That the National Hellenic Museum, conveniently located in the heart of Greektown, Chicago, Illinois, both in its

current temporary quarters and the new facility and that the National Hellenic Museum is the largest museum of Hellenic American culture and education in the United States of America and outside of Greece, that the National Hellenic Museum is professionally operated with professional museum curators and a board of directors and is featured prominently among the many museums in the Chicago metropolitan area.

That the North Shore 94 office spearhead and oversee the National Hellenic Museum as a national AHEPA project, including offering administrative oversight and officers with the cooperation of the 13th Blue Ribbon District of the Order of AHEPA. That the North Shore 94 felt it important that the Order of AHEPA continued its major presence and support of this institution, one of the few in the new world endeavoring to safeguard, protect, display in educational and cultural setting our unique history as Hellenic Americans in the new world.

Resolution, that the resolution presented at the regular scheduled meeting of the 13th Blue Ribbon District, Order of AHEPA during the district convention on the 5th day of June, 2010 and the unanimously and enthusiastically adopted with attachments from the National Hellenic Museum by the delegates present and voting. Brother Louie was the district governor and George Miller the district secretary.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: These two resolutions were previously moved and adopted by the National Projects Committee. We can either reaffirm these resolutions again or simply allow the, to remain as passed by National Projects. I will entertain a motion one way or the other from the floor. Brother Nick? State your full name and chapter number.

NICK: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Is there a second?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: It's been moved and seconded to reaffirm these two resolutions, establishing the National Hellenic Museum as a formal AHEPA project. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

MR. STEFANOS VERTOPOULOS: Debate please.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

MR. VERTOPOULOS: Thank you. My name is Stefanos Vertopoulos. I'm from 154 Chapter Mount Hood of Portland, Oregon. I happen to be also the chairman of our own museum in Portland, Oregon, which is second to the Chicago in size and importance. We also have over 3,000 items at the museum. I think by affirming as a project of AHEPA that museum in Chicago, which we respect and love and we honor, I think you're opening the door for other museums like ours to come in and ask for AHEPA's commitment to support the effort. So unless you open it to also other similar museums which are sprouting around the country, your support, I would like to vote against the motion. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: The motion's already been passed. The question is do you want to reaffirm what has been previously passed.

MR. VERTOPOULOS: Well the motion is to reaffirm. So I oppose--

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: [interposing] You're opposed to reaffirmation.

MR. VERTOPOULOS: --the motion to reaffirm. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: All right, anything further?

MR. PETE SOURIS: Pete Souris, Chapter 454, 20th District. I suggest to the Brother that he should bring up, perhaps at next year's convention, his museum as well for national recognition by the brotherhood. However, this particular museum, of which I'm a member, is across the Eisenhower Expressway from the University of Illinois, specifically their dorms. It's about a mile or a mile and a quarter away from the Hull House where many, many Greeks got their first papers, including my father. Mrs. Esconies [phonetic] helped all the Greeks get their papers. It's in perfect spot for a National Hellenic Museum, and I recommend the passage of this motion.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother, you're talking about my alma mater, just to let you know. Brother?

MR. PHIL VOGIS: Brother Chairman, Phil Vogis. Congratulations to the district. I think a project of this nature should have been brought forward years ago. I urge every district

to get into that bandwagon to get more museums into the USA. My question is this being a national project; I wanted to understand the operating expenses for such a facility. Will this become an AHEPA budgetary item from national or from the district?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: No, it'll be a capital project. Their new building is under construction. After the resolutions are completed, we do have a representative from the national museum present. She is currently giving her report to the Daughters. My plan is to bring her in here afterwards so she can give you a formal presentation and you can ask her all about their operating expenses and everything else.

MR. VOGIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Any other questions or comments on the reaffirmation of the resolution? Brother George.

GEORGE: Brothers, as every major project should have in promotion a slogan, the slogan that I propose is this, that the National Hellenic Museum will be "a beacon for Hellenism." From there, we will showcase Hellenism from 4,000 years ago until now in the middle of the United States as it was stated by the chairman over there as the reasons. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Anything further on the question to reaffirm these resolutions? Please signify by saying aye?

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed?

GROUP: No.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Ayes have it. Motion carried. Anything else?

MR. GOBER: Okay, we have a couple of other resolutions. Brothers? Brothers, can we have some attention here? We have a couple other resolutions. This one is from the district governor's standing committee. After reviewing this with the chairman, this is a legislative problem here that has to go to legislation. Really, I don't see reading it as a resolution. Do you want me to read it?

Well I'll read it to you but just so you know why it's legislative. Okay, for prerequisite to be elected and

serve as a supreme governor, presented by the District Governor Standing Committee on 7/15/2010.

Whereas today there is no rule or statement in the AHEPA constitution/bylaws that requires supreme governor to hold office of the district governor before being elected as supreme governor. And whereas the District Governor Standing Committee unanimously agreed that a supreme governor not be elected as a district governor in that region. I think they wanted to say supreme governor in that region. Before serving as a district governor is not qualified to effectively serve or is appropriate to serve the district in that region.

Therefore, be it resolved that an AHEPAN member must be elected and serve as a district governor before being able to qualify and be elected as a supreme governor. This is legislative. This has to go to legislation.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: As Brother Tom indicated earlier, it is my inclination that this resolution, although honorable, is actually a legislative piece. As such, I will refer it to the Standing Legislative Committee for further action unless I hear any objections to the contrary.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: No, not on a referral. Anything else?

MR. GOBER: Okay, the last resolution was actually given to me by the Pan Macedonian Association. After reviewing and speaking to several people, this needs to go to the Executive Director and to the Supreme Lodge for action. This is not an appropriate place for us to do this because there are some implications with the Greek Foreign Ministry on this issue. So I'm going to recommend that it be passed to the new Supreme Lodge and the Executive Director.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I agree that this should be referred to the Supreme Lodge and to the Executive Director for further. This was not presented by a chapter. This was not presented by a district. This was presented by some individual who showed up, who happens to be a delegate. So as such the resolution was presented in a highly irregular fashion. That being said, it is a resolution worth considering which is why I would like to refer it to the

Supreme Lodge for them to consider it in the future. Thank you.

MR. PETER PEROPOULOS: Peter Peropoulos [phonetic]. I'm a delegate from District 16, Chapter 29. Alternate, but I'm now a delegate because some of the regular delegates didn't show. I am a party to this. Indirectly I'm a party to this resolution. It was brought before the Resolutions Committee and also before the Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: The question is, Brother, was it brought at the District 16 convention to be presented here?

MR. PEROPOULOS: I do not believe so.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: That's one of the reasons why I want to keep this thing alive by sending it to the Supreme Lodge for further consideration as opposed to having it die on the floor because it was not properly brought before this convention.

MR. PEROPOULOS: Can you enlighten me, as a point of information, sir, as to what is the issue with the Greek Foreign Ministry? Have they expressed any objection to this? Have they expressed anything?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: They have expressed their opinion, yes.

MR. PEROPOULOS: They have expressed their opinion?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Yeah, they have.

MR. PEROPOULOS: Are we subjected to the whims and the will of the Greek Foreign Ministry?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: As this matter is being referred, I don't want to get into a debate over it. We can read the resolution so that everybody has an idea of what we're talking about. I would be happy to do that. At the same time, I'm referring it just to keep it alive and to keep it active as opposed to allowing it to die right now. So I hope you appreciate the action I'm taking on your behalf.

MR. PEROPOULOS: If that's the procedure that's required through the organization, we appreciate keeping it alive.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Yes. Let me read the resolution for the body. If I could have everybody's attention because I know

this microphone is cutting in and out a little bit.

The resolution comes from the Pan Macedonian Association, Inc. USA. It's a resolution that was adopted at their duly convened 64th annual national convention which was held May 27th through May 30th in the city of Chicago, Illinois.

The resolution reads as follows. Whereas, the Pan Macedonian Association expects from the Greek government, the political leadership of Greece, the United States government and the rest of the international community that the final agreed upon name of the country of the FYROM, the former Republic of Macedonia, should clearly differentiate the residents of that country from us, the Macedonians.

And whereas, the name Macedonia is unquestionably a historical and cultural heritage of Greece, and whereas the history of Macedonia and in particular it's name are not negotiable and as a paternal legacy cannot be seated to third parties; and whereas Macedonia as a permanent name of the country of the FYROM does not express its multiethnic composition and does not permit all of its inhabitants to co-exist peacefully.

And whereas, the people of Hellenic origin residing in the FYROM be accorded all of their human rights; and whereas the Macedonian identity is historically and culturally Hellenic, thusly, we do not accept any concept of a Macedonian ethnicity and Macedonian language.

Whereas, history demands that it is our sacred duty to continue our struggle for the rights of Macedonia. And whereas, if the final agreed upon name of the FYROM includes the term Macedonia or its derivatives, it should be ratified with a referendum by the Greek people.

And whereas, the final agreed upon name of the FYROM should be reflected in its constitution and should be applicable for all cases. And whereas, we fully support the existence of a country north of Greece with the interim name of the FYROM as we support its efforts to join the European Union and NATO, provided its official name does not include the term Macedonian or its derivatives.

And furthermore, we harbor now animosity or any ill feelings towards its citizens or its Diaspora as we expect good neighboring relations as an additional criterion for

its European Atlantic integration. Let it be resolved that we shall never accept for the country of the FYROM any name that will include the term Macedonia or any of its derivatives.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: For the record, this chairman is now referring this matter formally to the Supreme Lodge and to the executive director for any further action that they may properly take on the resolution. Thank you.

MR. GOBER: Brother Chairman, that's the end of my resolution committee.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Can I have a motion on the floor to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee as presented? Brother? Thank you. And seconded by?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you. It's been moved and seconded to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee as the final report. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? The ayes have it and the Resolutions Committee is discharged, with our thanks.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: With that, while we await the museum to come in, we do have a brief report and presentation from Brother Kirkiles as to the proposed marathon program of the Order of AHEPA. Actually, proposed is the wrong word. It's already in progress. It's already taking place. Brother Demetri.

MR. DEMETRI KIRKILES: Thank you, Brothers. I just wanted to cover the marathon team and explain some of the details for those of you who don't know about it.

The background is as follows. This year marks the 2,500th anniversary of the marathon in Marathon, Greece. It presented an opportunity for us to send some runners to raise a little money for our charitable foundation. Well, we found out that the Greek government was willing to give us 300 slots.

So with that in mind, we began a campaign to obtain some runners. We were hoping, ultimately, to get maybe 10 or 20. We now have 75 runners on our first team and we've started filling up a second team of 25 runners. That's 75 and 25 people running in the name of AHEPA. Just to put it in perspective, there are only 12,000 or 13,000 spots available period. So if you haven't signed up, the only way to run this historic marathon now is through the Order of AHEPA or any of the other charities. I believe there's only one more that actually has a few spots left.

Each runner gets a free trip to Greece by raising \$5,100. That money is all funneled into the AHEPA Charitable Foundation for disbursement to the AHEPA charity you name. So this was an excellent opportunity for people to raise money for your national or district charitable project.

You could run for your district scholarship foundation, you could run for Cooley's Anemia, you could run for Penelope House, you could run for the--if we have the National Hellenic Museum, any of these things. The catch was that any administrative fee would go to headquarters for handling it. Essentially, headquarters acts as our back room, taking care of the money.

Once we finish with this program, we hope to expand it to all the marathons. All marathons allow you to run for a charity. Imagine if you could run for any AHEPA charity and funnel the money and raise money for your charity and help headquarters. We always complain about our per capita going up, and this way we don't have to have our per capita going up.

All I would do is ask the brothers that if you have runners, please support them. If you don't have runners, we have about 15 slots still left. Somebody came forward and bought up those slots and said to us, okay, AHEPA, keep selling those spots, we think we're going to sell out.

Also, this is beautiful because it's a fixed project. Once the money has been raised, once the race has been run, it's easy to give an accounting. That's about the size of it. I'll entertain any questions that somebody has.

MR. JIM KERAMIDAS: Jim Keramidas [phonetic], Monroe Chapter 75, District 5, New Jersey and Delaware. I think it would be incumbent upon us to propose that the marathon be named in

the name of the first marathon runner to run from Marathon Marathona [phonetic] to Athena to tell the Athenians [foreign language] and that person's name is none other than Pheidippides [phonetic]. So I propose that it be named in the honor of that historical figure.

MR. KIRKILES: The only issue with that is we are not in control of that. We are sending a charity team to the marathon. That's in control of the organizing committee, or SEGAS of the Greek government. It's a great notion and on YouTube, if you look up AHEPA and marathon, you will see videos of our promoting our program.

MR. KERAMIDAS: All right, we propose it to the government of Greece.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Any other questions on our marathon program for Brother Demetri?

MR. KIRKILES: By the way, there is no age limit, so any of you, feel free to join us. Thank you very much, brothers, and please sponsor the runners.

[Applause]

MALE VOICE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you. Before we go any further, a couple of procedural points. We've had women walking in and out of this room on a regular basis. I want to remind everybody, we are using District 13 rules in dealing with women that walk in and out of here who are not invited. They need to strip naked before they enter the room.

[Laughter]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: So if you see any females coming in who are not formally invited by the chair, please ask them to leave. That includes this fine young lady who just walked in right now. So break the news to her and escort her out please.

MALE VOICE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: You also heard that Hugh Hefner is trying to repurchase Playboy, so you know where he got that idea from.

MALE VOICE: Brother Louis, is that your chapter or the entire

13th District?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: That's the 13th District edict. Go ahead.

MR. SOCRATES KOLITSOS: My name is Socrates Kolitsos, Buckeye District 11. Mr. Chairman, you were standing here when I approached. You sent me to the gentleman who was the head of Legislative yesterday. The announcement of all the meetings for this entire week said Legislative will meet 9 to 5 every day this week. Yesterday, they supposedly were done. We wanted to present something and they said, no, that belongs in Resolutions. So we took your advice and went to Resolutions and now it's being referred to Legislative.

I would like that motion, as far as the vote for somebody who's become a supreme president, the sovereign vote--I'm sorry, no, supreme president is the right way. Somebody who's risen to supreme president but was never a district governor would have a sovereign vote in their particular district. We passed it unanimously in Ohio in the Buckeye District and we would like that brought before the body. Somehow we were sidetracked by being sent back because they didn't want to reconvene.

So rather than send it back and kill it for another year, I would appreciate it if you would bring it before the body and give us an up or a down. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Both committees have been discharged. For the record, so you know, I did refer it to the standing Legislative Committee, so your proposal is still out there.

MR. KOLITSOS: It can still come back in this convention?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: It cannot come back to the floor at this time, but it means that it's not going to die and you need to go through the whole process of bringing it to your district convention next year and then bringing it here. You will have the opportunity to have it brought up at a later date. Now, once the committees are done with their work, they're done with their work. That goes with all of the committees that we have here at the convention. I have been trying to operate this convention on somewhat of an accelerated schedule because this room at times has been used for luncheons and other events where we've had to clear out, unlike other conventions.

MR. KOLITSOS: You're doing a great job, Mr. Chairman. My question, basically, was why couldn't that be considered? Okay, they said they were done with their work. It was one issue, a very simple issue, not an issue that would cause turmoil in the convention. That's why we thought it could be brought before the body.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: It's now in the hands of the standing Legislative Committee.

MR. KOLITSOS: Thank you.

MR. MIKE PAPAPHOTES: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Go ahead.

MR. PAPAPHOTES: Mike Papaphotes, Rochester, New York, Chapter 67. Why no information? The question arise to myself and several of my brothers, what's the reason behind with a motion and how many supreme presidents arise to be to the position without serving as district governors?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother, you're asking me to debate the motion now that's been referred to committee. We're not going to do that now.

MR. PAPAPHOTES: The last five.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: We're not going to do that now, okay? We'll take it up with standing Legislative from this point forward. With that, I would like to call the Athletic Committee to give their report. Brother Kostas Papadimitriou [phonetic].

MR. KOLITSOS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Could somebody go outside and bring Brother Kostas in?

MR. KOLITSOS: Point of information--

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: [interposing] We're moving on. Athletics is starting.

MR. KOLITSOS: All right, thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: There is a presentation in the Auditorium Room which will take up the Pan Macedonian issue we just read. So if anybody is interested, you could please go upstairs one level at the Auditorium Room. They're

starting at 10:00. With that, I will turn the microphone over to our Athletic Department, Brother Kostas.

MR. KOSTAS PAPADIMITRIOU: Thank you, Brother. Good morning, everyone. I'll keep my remarks short, although we've had a very busy week. My name is Kostas Papadimitriou, I'm the National Basketball Director. As part of the athletic program, I've been asked by the athletic director, Spiro Siaggas to be the athletic chairman this week for our convention. So I will give you some of our points that we covered this week at our athletic meetings. We had meetings every day, so we had a lot to cover.

Meetings opened on Tuesday morning and continued throughout the week. We had a total of five meetings that were held and were very well attended. Initial meeting discussions included input from each member in attendance on the various sports they are interested and involved in their own districts and chapters. The current sport directors in attendance from golf, soccer, basketball and softball provided updates to the committee.

Soccer is working currently on a grassroots project to build a program starting with the kids ages 14. Initial research has been done and this is progressing. Steve Mavronis is the director of the soccer program.

A number of sports, including basketball, volleyball, golf and possibly soccer, will be targeted for the Miami convention next year. We must attract the youth to the conventions and sports can do it. These groups broke out into separate sessions to discuss plans for next year. There are many regional sporting activities happening that were discussed in our meetings that will be captured in a calendar of events on our national AHEPA website.

The committee unanimously agreed that a marketing/promotional campaign is needed to be able to reach the Greek American corporate athletic community. I think everybody knows that there's a lot of Greek Americans, very successful Greek Americans that are involved in athletics. People like Ted Leonsis, Peter Angelos, those type of the people are the ones we need to get support from. We're going to be reaching out to them. There was a recent article in the "Wall Street Journal" about Ted Leonsis and all the charitable organizations that

he supports. There weren't any Greek American in there, I can tell you that, and I'm hoping that we will be the ones.

The meeting was held with the new Daughters of Penelope president and their athletic director to discuss working jointly to support both men's and women's teams to the athletic events at the convention. The meeting was quite positive. A detailed breakdown of what will be needed for Miami will be produced by myself in advance of the September Governor's Meeting in Washington, D.C. I will provide a detailed breakdown of what we're going to be needing for that.

I can tell you, we had a very good meeting yesterday, a very productive meeting. We'd like to have men's and women's teams participating at the convention. What better than to have young people, both men and women, at these conventions. That's what it's all about.

The committee also discussed the athletic director position and unanimously agreed that it should continue to be a one-year term, elected and part of the Supreme Lodge, as it has been. The position should have no term limits to allow someone to run again if the committee feels that the person is meeting the expectations of the job.

We did discuss soSial media. We did discuss that that came up quite frequently. We will be looking at Facebook, Twitter, expanding the website and building on the athletic contacts database. There's a lot of tournaments happening across the country, both AHEPA and non-AHEPA. We need to build out database of contacts, email contacts, so that way when we have events, we can really reach out to the wider audience. A Hall of Fame meeting was held earlier this morning, and I think that's going to continue.

Overall, just to summarize, overall the sessions were very well attended, very productive, and now we look to take the actions from these meetings forward in the coming months. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brothers, the chair of the Athletic Committee gave his report. Can I have a motion to accept his report? State your name please.

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: May I have a second please? Thank you, Brother. Any comments, questions? Hearing none, can we have a vote to accept the Athletic Committee report please? All in favor?

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: All opposed? Pass. Thank you, Brother.

MR. PAPADIMITRIOU: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brothers, we're coming close to finishing up all of the reports. In a few minutes, the lady from the National Hellenic Museum is going to come and give a presentation. We have the Cyprus Hellenic Affairs Committee that's going to report this afternoon, hopefully right after lunch. We're asking our leaders, our political party leaders to move up the nominations to as early as possible today so that we can get things done, because essentially, aside from the Cyprus Hellenic Affairs Committee, and anything for the good of the Order, we're done.

I want to congratulate all the brothers who have worked on all the committees for coming. We've been chasing down people. We've been chasing down different committee members. They've come forward and they've issued their reports. Brother Matt over here has done a great job recording everything for the minutes.

So since we have a few minutes, if anybody wants to speak for the good of the Order until we get ready for the museum, feel free. Otherwise, we have a few minutes just to relax. Brother?

MR. JOHN MAGRAMES: Thank you, Brothers, under good of the Order--John Magrames, Chapter 100, District 12, South Bend, Indiana. At this time, I rise to acknowledge our young men and women in the military. At this time I'd like to see some of the brothers here that may have sons or daughters or grandchildren serving in the military at this time. I have a son who just returned on his second tour of duty from Somalia, Ghana and something else. He just came in at Newport--I mean Norfolk, on July 3rd. I know we acknowledge our past veterans. I think we need to acknowledge the boys and girls and young ladies that are serving in the military at this time. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother, we're proud to do that. I would suggest that any brother here who has a son or a daughter serving for the military to kindly please rise so we can give you guys a round of applause for all the service to our country. Anybody who has anybody serving in the military? I'm sorry? Or serve themselves.

MR. MAGRAMES: They may be serving now. We may have some people here that are in the military serving.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I'm sure I can speak on behalf of all of the brothers, who anybody who has served or has children who have served, we want to congratulate you for the service that you have done for our country. Sometimes politics get in the way, but we always have to remember that our daughters, our sons, husbands, wives, they go out there and we have the right to speak freely in this country for the service that they do. I think they deserve a round of applause.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Anybody else for the good of the Order as they prepare for the presentation? Anybody else? Is there anybody here from the Canadian Affairs Committee? Is there anybody here who served on the committee: John Soudas, Paul Michael, Paul Augustus, Jim Gaus [phonetic], George Abinas [phonetic] and Nick Meso something? I can't read his handwriting. Is anybody here from the Canadian Affairs Committee? If we don't receive their report, the chairman and I discussed it. We're just going to--if we get their report, we're just going to submit it to the secretary to be included in the convention report. Anybody else for the good of the order? Anybody else want to say anything? Does anybody on the Growth and Expansion Committee have any final comments to say anything? Cyprus/Hellenic Affairs I believe is going to report. My understanding is right after lunch, or if they're here, if they're done, they can report. Essentially, that's really it, brothers.

[Pause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brothers, you'll notice on most of the tables, you'll see a brochure on the National Hellenic Museum which is going to be the presentation in a minute or two. Please take a look at it. Obviously, a lot of work has gone into getting this set up. There's been a lot of

discussion today and yesterday on the national projects and the implication. So please take the time to look at it. I went through it this morning. We should be very proud of what's going on over here, so please take a look at it.

[Pause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: If we move the screen over here, would that help you?

[Pause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brothers, if we could resume. Sorry, we're experiencing a few technical glitches here. We were hoping to use an overhead projector for the presentation by the National Museum and it doesn't look like it's going to happen. But we do have some printed literature we'd like to pass out table by table during the presentation as well. With that, I would like to call these fine ladies who are part of the National Hellenic Museum to give us their presentation. Any questions you may have about this program, which has now been formally adopted as a national project, feel free to ask. Now is your opportunity. Thank you.

MS. STEPHANIE VLAHAKIS: Good morning, welcome. My name is Stephanie Vlahakis. I'm the executive director with the National Hellenic Museum. I want to thank you for the warm welcome and the resolution. I think that's fabulous. I'm thrilled. I thought that would all happen later, but it's a great feeling to walk in and now that you're already supporting this program.

What I have is a Power Point presentation. What we're going to do is pass out the presentation and hopefully there will be at least one copy per table so that you can follow along. Because basically I want to convey to you what this new museum will look like. We have renderings of us in this Power Point presentation.

But just to start with, it's important to understand that the National Hellenic Museum has been around for over 20 years. We first incorporated in 1983. We opened our doors in 1994. Right now, we're currently in a temporary location of 10,000 square feet in the heart of Chicago's historic Greektown. About three or four blocks down the road from where the new museum is currently under

construction.

The new museum, what we call the newest thing in ancient history, is a 40,000 square foot building, state of the art, will be LEED certified building with three stories. The first floor will be basically the Grand Hall which will be where rotating exhibitions come from Greece, the Benaki, the Acropolis Museum or the Metropolitan Museum in New York or the Chicago Art Institute where rotating exhibitions will come. There's about 6,000 square feet on the first floor. There's a museum gift store. There's a special events hall where we'll have the opportunity to do plays and performances and music presentations and also a banquet facility as well.

On the second floor is where we will do the business of telling the Greek story. Right now, our museum has over 7,000 artifacts in our collection. Some of them date back to ancient times. We have ceramic antiquities from the 1400 B.C. and coins from Constantine I the Great 400 B.C.

But the bulk of our collections is the more recent Greek history from the 1800s to the 1900s, telling the Greek immigrant story. But the basic idea of storytelling, as all museums do with exhibitions and interactive displays, they tell stories and they are centers for learning and experiencing some type of experience.

In our museum you, the visitor, will experience a journey that started thousands of years ago. The whole concept of storytelling is basically rooted in our ancient past. Homer's great poems, the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* that are still studied today and will be studied tomorrow. The basic themes about those epic poems of struggle, conflict, journey and the search for new opportunity and new home, these are concepts that are consistent in our history, consistent throughout all of history. We feel that this is a story that needs to be told now as one continuous story from our ancient past to the story of immigration, the universal story of immigration.

What we will do in our new museum is convey through video footage, through pictures, through artifacts the Greek immigrant story in a way that conveys that our immigrant story is every immigrant story. We will also have a part of the museum dedicated to contemporary contributions to

our culture and art today.

On the third floor of the new museum, and if you get a chance to look through this presentation, you'll see that it's a very contemporary building that we're building. If you have a chance to listen to listen to the architect Demetrios Stavrianos, who designed the building, he's a young man, he's in his early 40s and has a very clear notion of the concept of Greeks as pioneers, as always leading and looking into the future. He wanted to create a timeless building, a building that will still be relevant and not dated 10 or 20 years from now.

It's a very contemporary building, but yet it embraces the past and the present and basically seeks out a new future. Those are his flowery, architectural, visionary words. But it truly is embracing the past. When I talk about the basic elements of a story, storytelling, as something that's rooted in our past, it's about time that we built a museum that tells our story from our perspective.

The design elements that you can see in this presentation actually date back to Aristotle. The way the design was conceived by the architect was he used the elements that Aristotle defined, the basic elements of science: earth, wind, fire and water. We used materials in the building, marble and stone and wood. These are indigenous materials from Greece.

Those materials convey different things. The marble is the cold and wet marble. The wood is the earth basic science element. Then there's a lot of glass. If you see any of the renderings, a lot of glass, a lot of open airy feeling that represents air. The only fire element in the new museum is in our lobby under the major donor wall will be a flame. It's not a flame that emits heat because you can't do that in museums, but it's basically representational of the fire element, the sort of--what is it--the eternal flame, basically, that keeps on recognizing these contributions of these individuals that helped build this new museum.

I don't know if there--it's hard to speak without the presentation in front of me, but I guess one of the important elements, and if you do have it, there is a picture that has some of the artifacts that actually

represent the institution of AHEPA. AHEPA is an organization that will be represented in the Greek history part of the permanent exhibition because it's an institution that's been around for very much, so much a part of our history here in this country. It's important to our story and our culture. We have numerous artifacts already in our collection that help tell that story and we hope to have more as time goes on. We continue to collect and accession new artifacts every day.

We also have a very expansive library with over 10,000 books and periodicals documenting our history. This will be part of actually the third floor of the new museum. That's where we have our oral history section. This is another major cornerstone in the museum is capturing and preserving these stories, these amazing stories, the stories of my parents and grandparents and your stories.

We want all of these stories captured in a central repository. We have a video library right now that has over 250 stories that we've recorded on our own. We take other people's stories if they've been recorded. Sometimes people do this on their own. We bring them into our video library, which will also be available on the National Museum website. Our website, by the way, if you are hooked into the internet, is www.NationalHellenicMuseum.org.

There you will see pictures of what the current construction project is looking like now. We have a foundation in and we have the steel ready to go up this week or next week. Our targeted opening for the new museum is late fall 2011. We're actually planning to move from our current location to the new museum probably in spring. But it takes time to build these exhibitions, so our grand opening won't be until fall 2011.

I don't know, I think that sort of gives you the essence of what this new museum will be, what it's been all of these years, the many exhibitions that have taken place already over the last 20 years. Right now, at the current museum, we have three exhibitions going on. One is the story of Greek independence. We typically put that one up every year around the time we celebrate the war of independence. It's still up right now. We also have a story profiling the political cartoonist Bill Papas and some of his political cartoons from a very prolific period in his time.

Very interesting and it's observing history through the art of graphic design and art.

And then the third exhibition we have right now is actually a very fun children's exhibition that tells the story of Greek mythology. We were able to do that in a very fun way because there is a current book series out called "Percy Jackson and the Olympians." I don't know if you have any school age children, but it's a book series, sort of like the Harry Potter book series. Basically Percy Jackson is the son of a mortal mom and a god father Poseidon. A movie, 20th Century Fox made a movie out of the first book. There's a series of books.

In fact, Jim Gianopulos, who is the head of 20th Century Fox, was very nice enough to loan us the props, the actual movie props. We were able to build an exhibition in a very fun way with these movie props to convey the story of Greek mythology. It has been one of the most successful children's exhibitions we've ever had. It's going on through the end of the summer right now. We just had a big DVD release party and it was a huge, huge success.

But it's a wonderful thing to bring these stories to life as part of our history in one sort of continuous way. That's what we feel strongly about. It's taking the past and connecting it to our recent history and talking about the continuing contributions into the future. It's making this one continuous story and telling the story from our perspective. I think that it's about time, since we basically invented the storytelling, that we had a museum dedicated to our story.

If there are any questions I can answer, I'd be happy to. I just want to, again, reiterate my special appreciation for the support that your institution is providing us.

MR. JOHN WILLIS: Good morning, my name is John Willis [phonetic]. I have a question. How will the museum generate any funding, any monies? Will there be any monies generated by the museum?

MS. VLAHAKIS: Oh, absolutely. As with all museums, the sources of revenue come from your admissions, from your membership, but also from fundraising activities. We have an endowment that's been started by one of our major benefactors to the museum. But that's something we hope to continue to build

on, because obviously those endowments are also an important part of how you sustain yourself in the future. There's also grants and public funding that we apply for and we've gotten. The Arca Foundation [phonetic], in fact, has been very supportive. The Driehaus Foundation has been very supportive of us already in the past. But those are the revenue streams that help make museums.

It's particularly interesting in a time when economically the country is challenged, the world is challenged. I think it's actually sort of to our benefit because we are creating an institution in a very conservative way with very conservative estimations and projections. This isn't pie in the sky. But this is also something we've been working at for a long time. This capital campaign has been going on for a long time.

We've already raised over two-thirds of the money that we need. It's a \$15 million total capital campaign and we're already at over \$10 million. We've been very, very fortunate in the money we've raised so far to build the building. But sustaining the operation, that's a very good question, and it's certainly something we keep mindful of. But it's basically the same revenue streams that all museums have.

MR. WILLIS: I have another question. Will the current problems of Greece such as Macedonia, Cyprus be highlighted at all?

MS. VLAHAKIS: Well, absolutely. I mean, they are part of the history. Clearly, we actually have the--some of the antiquities that we do have in our collection are actually Cypriot antiquities.

MR. WILLIS: Thank you.

MS. VLAHAKIS: Clearly, that's all part of the history and all part of the story. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I'm a member of the museum, by the way. Will the museum have history in the AHEPA section of some of our history and what we've done, as well as the Daughters of Penelope?

MS. VLAHAKIS: Absolutely. Let me try to explain. We have the designer actually working on the actual design of that second floor permanent exhibition that tells the whole story right now, but clearly, as part of--we have about

6,000 square feet dedicated to telling this whole story. It starts with the ancient Greek history, Hellenistic, the classical Hellenistic period, Greece through the empires, the Rome and Byzantine and Ottoman Empires and then the more modern Greek history and the Greek immigrant history.

And in that part of the exhibition is where we will have organizations like AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope conveyed. Now, it won't be hugely deep in terms of that presentation because we have a wide expanse. But then we have space dedicated on that second floor for rotating, changing exhibitions.

What we plan to use with that space is to convey those parts of that history at any one particular time. So there'll be a period of time where we have an exhibition about AHEPA or the Daughters of Penelope together and in more detail and depth. That will basically complement what's already in the permanent exhibition.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you.

MS. VLAHAKIS: But also, keep in mind, that there's a massive collections department and a library department. Things like artifacts and books and documents and things like that, we keep in our central repository for use at any time and for researchers to have access to.

MR. GEORGE ANAS: Good morning, my name is George Anas [phonetic] from Newport News, Virginia. I'd like to say it's very exciting for us to be a part of the museum. My question is can you share with us, basically, the attendance that you've been having, say, for the last four or five years, as far as the people that come through.

MS. VLAHAKIS: Absolutely. What a good question, and I should have addressed that. Without the PowerPoint, I don't have the little memory jogs. Our average attendance to the museum with everything, with all the programs that we do, and with the children's programs is about 10,000 people a year. But specifically, carve out from that the children's program, the education outreach reaches over 4,000 students every year. Either they come to the museum and experience the programs that we offer--and there's a brochure in there that has all of our education programs in there. We have things like Greek Mythology, Life in Ancient Greece, the Immigrant Story, Olympics Past and Present. These programs

are going to be greatly expanded in this new museum. But we see over 4,000 students. Either they come to the museum or we bring the curriculum to the classroom.

So our conservative estimations and the location that we have in Chicago is right as you enter into the city. It's a fabulous location, right at the corner of Van Buren and Halsted. It's Greektown. It's a destination place already for all of the wonderful restaurants we have there. This is where the original, the immigrants settled on Halsted Street. It's sort of a ceremonial block. Actually, all immigrants in the Chicago area came through.

It's sort of the gateway to the city because of something called the Jane Adams Hull House which was located down the block. She had this massive complex for immigrants to actually work at and just have a place to live. She had dormitories, major dormitories, so all immigrants came through this part of the city. So our conservative hope for attendance is going to be somewhere in the 20-25,000 range a year. And it may, hopefully, exceed that.

MALE VOICE: Thank you. Congratulations on your effort. Maybe you mentioned earlier, but I just didn't get it. When are you going to break ground, if you haven't done that already and when do you think the museum will be open. What's the targeted date for the opening? Thank you.

MS. VLAHAKIS: Thank you. We actually broke ground last year. We have a foundation that's fully in place. Our expectation is the steel, the raw materials have all been purchased and that the steel will start to rise up in the next weeks and months. Our anticipating grand opening is fall next year, 2011. But we're hoping that we actually are able to start to move our existing operation in spring of 2011 and just art to get things set up. But the permanent exhibition won't be fully fabricated and constructed until fall of 2011. Good questions.

MR. GEORGE KARETAS: George Karetas [phonetic], Chapter 517, District 5. I'd like to applaud you. I think it's a wonderful thing that you're doing. I'm hoping a few months from now that you come to the next convention with a slide presentation and hopefully some of the wonderful artifacts that you're gathering. I think it's a wonderful thing that perhaps it could inspire us in other cities that we can

also take your lead. I think today with what's happening with Hellenism, we're losing the language, the history and it's nice that you're in the group that are willing to take those things to preserve them.

MS. VLAHAKIS: I appreciate hearing that. In fact, we work very hard to partner with all of the organizations, the grassroots organizations that are around the country. There's a new museum actually in the Detroit area, Hellenic museum, that's opened in Wayne State University. They have some property or it's a building. We've been working very closely with them. We're much further along in terms of we've been around for a long time and we've helped them create a lot of the basic operational procedures and things like that.

It's a long and winding road. As much as we can help create these efforts in other places. But I will tell you, it's a Herculean effort. It's a big struggle to get it done, to raise the money to do it. But we certainly love the fact that there are organizations around the country that do exist preserving the stories in those areas. This is where we want to be the central repository to bring them all to share in this one place. But if there are ten National Hellenic Museums in this country, I'm all for it.

The resident curator on my staff is actually an individual who just came off the project of building the Illinois Holocaust Museum. There was an argument, she said, at one point; well they've got a National Holocaust Museum in Washington, why do you need one in Illinois. It's in fact not in the city; it's out in the suburbs. It's an amazing museum. I've been to it. It's an amazing, amazing story that they tell. They do it with a lot of interactive displays and stories and pictures and artifacts.

But the idea is that not everybody, probably most people, will never get to Washington to see the National Holocaust Museum. So you need these efforts in as many places as you can have. The real concern, the urgency from my perspective is that we're losing that connection to the immediate past, to that immigrant past as children and their children. You know those great waves have long past. As time passes on, we may not have the wherewithal to build this, to do something like this. So I feel, in a way, that it's sort of now or never to get the job done. Anyway,

thank you. Is that it? Thank you so, so very much for being here today.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, again. Sorry about the technical glitches. It's slowly coming up. All these fine brilliant minds have been surrounding this machine trying to get it to work. We're getting it little by little.

FEMALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Yeah, if we could. Why don't you take the microphone right off of there and you can stand in front of the screen.

[Pause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I'm going to call forward two additional ladies from the local host committee. I think we could all agree so far that our Canadian bothers and sisters have done a phenomenal job in keeping us organized and in the events that they've hosted for us. They'd like to make a quick announcement while we're getting ready to do the Power Point presentation.

FEMALE VOICE: Good morning, everyone. It feels funny addressing AHEPA. We have two big baskets. If you saw one of our vendors in the corridor, they've got these beautiful, beautiful baskets that we would like to raffle off in support of the local chapters and support of all we've done this week for the convention. It's really, really not expensive. I know you've probably been bled to death to now, but we're down to going for your pocket change.

So one ticket is \$2 and three tickets is \$5 for these beautiful products of a nice Greek, you know, that's part of our culture, like what we're used to. So I hope we can count on your support. Canadian is fine. So if we have a show of hands, we'll go quickly around and sell some. Thank you. The draw will be this afternoon. We'll post the numbers right next to the exhibit. One ticket is \$2, three tickets are \$5.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brothers, again, one ticket is \$2. It's three tickets for \$5. How could you go wrong with that? Thank you, ladies. They did say either Canadian or U.S.

dollars.

MS. VLAHAKIS: Can you hear me? Does this work? Helen, you're going to have to advance it. It doesn't advance without somebody pressing the button. Maybe I should have it here.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: We're back again on this. We finally got the Power Point presentation up, so if I could have everybody's attention. Go ahead.

MS. VLAHAKIS: This is the building. It's a very contemporary design, as you can see. It's basically a city block long, lots of glass on the first floor, 40,000 square feet. There's also a roof terrace on the top. I don't know if you can see that. We really are excited about that. That's going to be a real destination I think for parties during the summer. Why don't we move ahead?

Basically, I gave you--you've already heard this. This is a museum that will basically explore how ancient Greece laid the very foundation for western civilization and tell the universal story of immigration.

This is actually a rendering of the entryway. When I talked earlier about those sort of four elements of science that Aristotle once defined: earth, wind, fire and water; you can see that the back wall is the wood element, the earth element. The reception desk is the marble, wet water element. Then you have a lot of glass, glass doors, glass walls that basically convey the air element. Maybe continue to go on.

Next to the entryway is the gift store. By the way, the entryway is an open naming opportunity and one of those possibilities we talked about as perhaps something that maybe the AHEPA organization, the institution, or the Daughters of Penelope can proudly put their name on as the first thing that people see as they walk into the museum. That's a place where we'd love to see your organization represented.

As I had talked before, the first floor has about 5,400 square feet dedicated to rotating exhibitions, high profile rotating exhibitions. There's a special events hall, about 1,700 square feet where we have plays, performances, lectures, and it can also be converted to a banquet hall for another one of those revenue streams that we're hoping

to get. Then the gift store, that's the special events hall. Continue.

That's actually our lobby, the design for the lobby. When I talked about that fire element, there it is, that sort of eternal burning flame, under the major donor wall. It's donated by Lilly and John Matthews, basically is what it is. This is a rendering of the Calamos Great Hall. John Calamos is the benefactor who has donated the money for this Great Hall. This is where the rotating exhibitions will go.

It's also where when we don't have major exhibitions going on, where we'll have our annual gala fundraising events and can be rented out for that kind of us. It's on the first floor. It's got glass all around so that you can see into the city, the city can see into the museum. That's just a floor plan. The material for the floor on the first floor is porcelain stone, very durable and easy to clean and maintain.

We'll keep going. I think I've already talked about this, permanent exhibition. Don't skip over that one. Can you back? This is just a sampling of some of the artifacts that we have in our collection that talk about the institution of AHEPA.

Then this is a floor plan of the second floor. The sort of shaded area is the whole second floor permanent exhibition area. Then off to the left is where the education center is. That's where the school groups will come and have a lesson and then go through the exhibition.

This permanent exhibition is going to be designed in a way that's interactive and user friendly and good for all ages, for adults and children alike. That's the intention is that you can enjoy this exhibition and story of Greek history as a family. But that's why the education center is located on the second floor, to have easy access into this exhibition. The education center is also going to be used for lectures as well, and also can be converted into an artist studio for art classes, for mosaic making.

This is the third floor. The Gus and Mary Stathis Library and Archive Center, the stacks, this is going to be a sort of--this is the reception area that leads into the library in the background. You know, you have to check in and give

your identification. You're not going to be able to access that area unless you've been sort of screened through.

On the opposite side is our oral history center. Again, this is one of the cornerstones of the museum. It was the reason I first got involved. I actually served on the board of directors for a number of years before coming on full time as the executive director. It's very personal to me, Mr. Frank Kamberos is a personal friend who has donated the money for this part of the museum. This is where we collect the stories of the immigrants, of our Greek American history. We have a digital recording and playback center. It's going to be very state of the art.

There'll be a soundproof recording booth to continue taking these stories from people that you can just drop in. I mean, hopefully, you have to make an appointment. Typically the stories go for an hour, an hour and a half and we edit them and then you get a copy of it. We also preserve it in the library and they'll be available on the website. So that's the third floor.

That's actually what it looks like right now. This is in our current museum. It's a digital recording playback center. It was designed to--actually there are panels that pull out with a picture of the individual of the recording. Once you pull the panel out, on either side there's flat screens that play. You put on the earphones and you listen to the story. On the back side is where we do the recording. It was designed very artistically. It's almost a piece of artwork in and of itself with plywood. The designer felt that plywood is a representation of life with the stratification, the layers of plywood is the stratification of layers of a life story. So it's done in a very artistic way.

This is just the floor plan for the third floor. I think that's it. Here's a little picture of the roof terrace that's going to be on top and hopefully a place to gather to have a meal and relax. So, thank you, again, for giving me an opportunity to do this.

[Applause]

MS. VLAHAKIS: Any other questions?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

MS. VLAHAKIS: Total cost for the building, the capital campaign is \$15 million. We've raised over \$10 million right now. We're looking also to have at the time we open the museum, a year from now, hopefully a \$10 endowment to help sustain the museum as well. We have about half a million right now that's been collected in that regard.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, again.

MS. VLAHAKIS: Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thanks for taking time out of your busy schedules to come out here to consult with us. I apologize for the technical glitches but at least we finally got it on. With that, I want everybody to understand that we are down to basically our last committee to report. If I wanted to be a real stinker as chairman, I could call for nominations right afterwards, or we could do something else.

So I want everybody to be prepared and ready to conduct the order of business of AHEPA. With that, I do need your cooperation. I know there's a lot of side conversations that are occurring. Take them outside. A lot of brothers are here and we're trying to conduct business as we're going along. The next committee we are going to call upon is the International Affairs Committee, past supreme president Gus James.

[Applause]

MR. GUS JAMES: Good morning everybody. I'm pleased to give you the report of the International Committee. Just to give you a little bit of a recap, who are we and what do we do. The International Committee was established a few years ago, primarily, really to coordinate the inner workings between the Order of AHEPA and the Order Australasia, of AHEPA in Australasia.

As you know, we are two separate independent organizations even though we have the same logo, though we have the same mission and the same aim. Nevertheless, the legal structure of the Australasia AHEPA was established differently, and for those of you that may not know, both males and females are members of the Order AHEPA in

Australasia. Obviously we have the various units in the United States and Greece and so forth.

So the International Committee was first to try to coordinate the various interests of the two groups to make sure we all understand our mission, we all try to coordinate our projects. That's been very successful. This is the first year in the last ten that I can remember that the Australasians are not here. I'm really sorry not to see them here because they're very interactive at our convention and they're very interactive with our mission and our projects. But nevertheless, it doesn't mean anything that they're not here. I'm just making that as a point.

The committee, however, though, has expanded in scope a bit, because we have concluded that we should really incorporate the other chapters in other countries even though they're part of the main AHEPA, if you will, if I can call us that. There are slight differences in the interests of the chapters in Greece, the chapters in Cyprus, the chapters in Canada.

So the International Committee has broadened its scope to try to incorporate to the extent they thought that we should be undertaking and focusing on certain other aspects of the mission of AHEPA. Then the International Committee would be the coordination with you, the body of the Order of AHEPA and with other specific committees of the Order of AHEPA. As such, I'm going to give you two projects to sort of illustrate that.

The first project that the committee has undertaken is the endorsement of the international efforts to return the Parthenon Marbles to Greece. We all know that that's been an ongoing position for the Order of AHEPA. It's an ongoing effort for a lot of organizations throughout. We have sort of developed a plan that we'd like for the Order of AHEPA to follow in order for us to make our position with regard to that.

The first thing that we want to do is get a congressional resolution passed by the U.S. Congress, get similar resolutions passed by Parliament of Canada and Australia, basically as strong as we can make them. You know, to some degree there's no way to do a condemnation type when it

comes to Great Britain, but we can certainly do resolutions that encourages Great Britain to consider returning the marbles to Greece. We can also, in those resolutions, attempt to acknowledge the rightful ownership of the marbles being Greece. So we're going to go as far as we can. We're in the process now of using our public relations director to design that resolution and see how far we can go in the Congress of the United States and similar.

The second thing we're going to do is we're going to create a website for the committee and its projects. We're going to try to encourage our membership, our districts, our chapters and really all visitors to the AHEPA website to get onboard, if you will. We want people to join in this effort, because ultimately this is going to be a political resolution, which I'll get to in a second. And ultimately, people and voters influence political decisions whatever country you're in. So we're hoping to get people to sign on, on this effort.

The third thing we're going to try to get to do, and I don't know whether it's our role, or whether we're encouraging our leaders to do, is we have taken the--we have done the seed work to start chapters in London.

Currently we are undergoing discussions with three communities through the churches in London, three communities and priests in London who are very interested in having AHEPA and its mission and its mission and its goals to preserve the Hellenic heritage and the ideals and so forth as part of London, as part of England.

So we, hopefully, will be able to get three chapters by the fall of this year established in London. Now, obviously, we want to expand AHEPA generally, but we also want to help this project that we're undertaking by using those Ahepans to hopefully urge or create more pressure on the Parliament of Great Britain to return the marbles.

And as part of that, obviously once we get that done, we want to try to create or set up an international conference of educators, political leaders and so forth in London, preferably, to try to, again, get public opinion and public pressure toward the return of the marbles.

I don't want to bore you and I don't know that we--but I'll

take a couple of minutes to tell you a little bit about the case for the return of the Parthenon Marbles. Most of you know, they date back to Lord Elgin taking the marbles, selling them as antiquities of London. He got money for them. They were put in--these are part of a frieze. These are part of the actual Parthenon that were taken while Greece was under Ottoman rule. While Greece was being occupied then in the late 1790 to 1798, that was the period we're talking about, when Greece was really not self-governing at the time, but the Turks were really controlling Greece.

Supposedly, and there's no proof to this, and this is really the weakness in the British case on the legal front, not the political front, is that they're alleging that a fermoni [phonetic], which is sort of a legal document or an authorization was given by the then ruler, controlling governing person in Turkey over Athens, to go ahead and take portions of the Parthenon. No one can produce this authorization.

We don't believe the authorization exists because it can't be produced. But they are alleging their right through that and then that's the basis on which the marbles were taken. They ultimately ended up in the museum in London because Great Britain brought them from Lord Elgin who took them, we think, incorrectly, stole them basically from the Parthenon.

But no one is going to proceed on a legal basis, because neither Greece wants to go on a legal basis to say you don't have a legal right to them and so forth, because Great Britain in 1816, in fact Parliament passed an act that said, oh yeah, these are part of the antiquities of Great Britain. So they've claimed legal ownership by virtue of an act of parliament in Great Britain. So you're talking about two EU countries that don't want to get into a legal battle over property rights.

So really then the better argument and the question--the way we're going about it is really the preservation of national heritage and national rights and culture. If you really do it on the basis of human rights, of national heritage, I think no one would question the fact that these items belong to Greece. I think there's no clearer identity to Greece than the Parthenon.

There's no clearer identity to our heritage, our history, our culture and our art than the Parthenon and every single component of it belongs back to Greece where it originated. So I think that's probably the better approach. It's not going to be a legal approach. Therefore, I come back to the fact that I think these chapters and this public pressure is probably the right way to get there.

The second major project, and I'll end this, it's very short, the second major project that we're discussing--and this is probably the wrong way to put it--but we want to try to internationalize the Greek language. Not international as such, and as I said, that's probably the incorrect phraseology. The point is, we want to make the Greek language--we want to preserve it perpetually and we want to make it readily available. You only preserve it if you continually introduce it and you make it available to everyone. Then there's an easy to--it's a difficult language to learn, as we know, if you can learn it in the formal sense.

But it's not all that difficult of language to learn if you just learning the speaking aspects of it, or the interactive speaking parts of it. There are various ways to do that. The way that we're looking at it most favorably is through the internet. There are programs and there's one here in Canada that's being used and you can get to it through the AHEPA Canada site. It's a very interactive program. So if you go to the Canadian AHEPA site, there is a Greek language program that's free. You can sign up for it.

Well we want to try to make it a little bit different. There it's linked and you can get to it. But we want to entice you to go to it. So what we're trying to develop is through the International Committee an enticement mechanism that anyone that comes to the AHEPA site, anyone that's interested in Hellenism, Hellenic ideals, the Greek language, we're going to try to entice you to go through and scan through this program and take a look.

And hopefully, more and more people will be interested, since it's free, to try to learn a little Greek, to try to pick up as much as they can. Plus, it's available at all levels. Now, you know, that's the introductory level. If you want level four, five, six or eight, you can go and go

as deep as you want with it.

So those are the two major projects of the International Committee. I am happy to answer any questions. We're excited about what we're doing and what the committee's efforts are. I hope AHEPA endorses what we're trying to do. I'm happy to give you in this written form.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother Gus?

MR. JAMES: Yes, Brother?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Many years ago, I think when Johnny Economy was the supreme president they tried to establish a chapter in South Africa. Has anything happened with the African Hellenic Educational Progressive Association?

MR. JAMES: Not to my knowledge. But it came up at the meeting today--I didn't report it--that there is interest in South Africa continuing for the establishment of chapters there. My understanding was there's more than one chapter that maybe there's an interest to establish. We need to have a springboard that we can use, and that's what we think the London chapters will allow us to springboard throughout Europe.

We also are very much interested in the Balkans. Just to let you know, there's interest in the Balkans. We have specific identity. We have identified individuals that are doing seed work to start chapters in the Balkans. But they're really not as far progressed as the ones in London. We're hoping the London chapters will be really initiated as early as September. But there are efforts through Europe, Africa and the Balkans specifically.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you.

MR. JOHN POLEDOURIS: John Poledouris [phonetic], Albany Chapter 140, District 6. Going along these lines, how about South Africa--South America, Buenos Aires and Argentina have Greek communities and so does Venezuela and Brazil, of course. They used to say the Greeks of America feed America and the Greeks of Brazil clothe Brazil. I know there's a lot of Greeks in San Paulo and Rio de Janeiro and also in Chile too. Any prospects down there?

MR. JAMES: The best prospect there, when I was president there were individuals in Panama that sent us some

correspondence. There was a particular physisian, in fact, that was interested. We contacted the physisian. We sent him the information. There was constant communication by me, first of all, and then I turned it over to the office. They continued to communicate but we never could pull the trigger, if I can be crude about it. We never could get it done. So I believe there is an opportunity at least in Panama that I'm aware of--I don't know anywhere else--of creating a chapter. But we haven't been able to get them ready for us to go down and initiate.

MR. POLEDOURIS: Does the Puerto Rico chapter still exist? I remember we went to the Puerto Rico convention and we established a chapter down there.

MR. JAMES: I don't know. Does the Puerto Rico chapter exist, Basil Mossaidis?

BASIL MOSSAIDIS: [off mic] - - .

MR. JAMES: Does the Puerto Rico chapter exist?

BASIL MOSSAIDIS: [off mic] - - .

MR. JAMES: Formulated and final paperwork coming. Any other questions of me?

MR. POLEDOURIS. Thank you, Brother James.

MR. JAMES: Thank you all very much.

[Applause]

MALE VOICE 1: Well with the Vice Chair and the Chair now off the floor, I guess I'm now the third chair.

[Applause]

MALE VOICE 1: I will entertain a motion to accept the International Committee's report.

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

MALE VOICE 1: All right, is there a second?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] I'll second it. Brother - - .

MALE VOICE 1: Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

MALE VOICE 1: All those opposed? The ayes have it. The report is adopted. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Well, I'm going to make one last call for three committees. We're going to start with the Growth and Expansion Committee. Seeing no activity, I will simply refer whatever report they submit for the record. Canadian Affairs Committee? Same deal, I will simply refer whatever report they submit for the record of this convention. Finally, Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee?

MALE VOICE: [off mic]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Well, they had a presentation yesterday but they've never given us a report. With that, I will simply refer whatever report they give to us to the secretary of the convention and we'll include it in the minutes of the convention. Brother?

MALE VOICE: Mr. Chairman? Thank you, Brother. I know they were working on the committee report this morning and I thought they finalized it. If I can find someone, could I bring them--

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: [interposing] If you can track them down because we are basically done.

MALE VOICE: Wow. Okay.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I have told the powers that be outside the door that I am ready for nominations of officers anytime they are.

MALE VOICE: Okay. May the chair grant me five minutes?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: We're ahead of schedule. If you could track them down--

MALE VOICE: [interposing] Give me five minutes and I'll track--

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: [interposing] Get somebody in. That would be deeply appreciated. While we're doing that, we will open up the floor briefly to some comments for the good of the Order. A couple of things that have come up over the span of this convention, we have one past supreme president in particular who would like to rise and address us briefly on a topic that concerned him. Feel free to speak your minds

right now. This is your opportunity. Respectfully speak your minds, yes.

MR. JOHN ECONOMOU: Mr. Chairman, John Economou, past supreme president, Chapter 63, Akron, Ohio, District 11. My remarks right now are very much a constructive criticism, an observation, something that I kind of felt sorry for yesterday that we forgot to do at the sports luncheon and I hope we don't forget to do it at the Grand Banquet tonight.

I know that at all AHEPA banquets, national banquets, regional banquets, district banquets and being in Canada, we should have had the Canadian national anthem first sung yesterday, then United States and possibly in Greece. I kind of felt hurt that we didn't, out of respect, recognize these national anthems.

I also understand there's 11 churches here in Montreal that possibly we should have had one priest here to give us the invocation yesterday. So this is not a complaint, but an observation that we should be very careful at these banquets in the future. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother. It's actually a point well taken. Thank you very much. Anything else for the good of the Order? Come on, we're all Greeks. We all have plenty of things on our minds.

MR. HARRY CAVALARIS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother?

MR. CAVALARIS: Harry Cavalaris, past supreme governor, Charlotte, North Carolina. I'd like this time for our past supreme president Nick Smyrnis to go to the podium and relay the historical fact that happened 50 years ago at the Montreal convention in 1960 for the edification and benefit of the brothers who didn't benefit from it and didn't enjoy part of it. Please welcome, Brothers, our past supreme president.

[Applause]

MR. NICK SMYRNIS: Well this is Nick Smyrnis, Chapter 232, Indianapolis, Indiana. All week I've been looking for somebody who survived the last convention here in Montreal. Anybody here that was here the last time we were here?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

MR. SMYRNIS: Some of you aren't there, but okay. Well let me tell you the story. The second night of the convention-- Montreal wasn't as big as it is now, and some of our conventioners thought they'd do the town. So they took their lady friends and they went to the co-called Park Avenue, which is the Greek area. There was an after-hours club there, but it was an unlicensed after-hours club. So it was on the second floor. There was 28 of them. It could have been 29 if I had been a little quicker.

Anyway, so, on the first floor, why there was a club, and on the second floor there was a club but the steps going to the second floor led out to the street. So this club evidently was unlicensed. There was a problem that the fellow on the first floor had a bad situation with the mayor. So the next thing you know, well here come the vans, the police vans, and they backed up to the second floor. You couldn't go anyplace else, but you had to go into the police vans.

Well they took our women and they took the delegates and they took them to jail, 28 of them. The only ones that survived not going to jail was myself, Nick Rokas [phonetic], who is now passed away--let's see who else it was--where's Chris Rokas, is he here? The judge back there, he was one of the judges at that time. Somebody else, there was four of us.

Anyway, we spent all night trying to get them out of jail and we didn't do too good a job because some of them stood trial the next day. The cases were dismissed. The most embarrassing thing, though, and Chris will tell you, they took the women we had and they put them in the cell with the whores that they had downstairs, the prostitutes. That was embarrassing. Those women still, a couple of them still talk about it today.

Now, if you want details, get Chris Rokas to tell you about it.

[Applause]

MR. SMYRNIS: So I think all I can do is tell you I walked the streets all night long trying to get them out of jail and I couldn't do it. He might have done a better job than I

did. I thank you for the opportunity to tell it.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: All right, Brother Rokas, let's hear your version of what happened there.

MR. CHRIS ROKAS: Chris Rokas, Chapter 151, Fresno, California. What happened that night was I got a call from Peter Kourides I believe it was. He was the attorney for the archdiocese. He says, I understand you speak French. I says, no, I took three years of high school French and one year of college. I said I don't know if my French is that good. He says, they won't talk to us in English. So he says, you and I are going to go down and bail these people out.

So we went down there and there was a controversy between the mayor and the chief of police. The chief of police used this excuse to embarrass the mayor. As a result, when we went there they wouldn't speak to us in English. It was all French. Fortunately, Peter was very fluent and I sort of backed him up. We finally got our daughters, our lady friends out of jail.

Then the mayor spent the rest of the week apologizing to the Order of AHEPA. As a matter of fact, he threw a big party for us, free of charge, on Mount Royal. I mean it was a part that would end all parties. He made amends. He did the right thing, let's put it like that. I didn't know where Nick was. I didn't know what cell he was in. But I'll tell you, it was a great convention.

[Applause]

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

MR. ROKAS: No, I don't think I was that sober. I really don't remember what the hell I said.

MR. SMYRNIS: - - .

MR. ROKAS: You tell us, Nick. Nick, what did he say? What did they say?

MR. SMYRNIS: The delegation was arrested - - .

MR. ROKAS: I don't remember that. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I thought we were pretty wild as Sons, but when I hear this story, it's like, man. With that, our last committee, the Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee is prepared to give a report.

[Applause]

MR. CARL HOLLISTER: Good morning, Brothers. My name is Carl Hollister. I'm a past district governor, Buckeye District 11. I'm on the standing committee with the Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee. We have finished our two days of deliberations and we have a report that we are going to submit to this body to accept. In a matter of time, because I've been urged by the dais to be a little quick, I'm going to speak fast. So please hold your questions to the end, if we have time for questions.

The Order of AHEPA will continue to work to strengthen the grassroots network which we have developed to make sure that we can get our ideas out and have access to the congressional delegations. This last year we grew the Hellenic caucus to 158 members. That was an increase of over 20. Our goal for 2010-2011 is to increase the caucus by 60 members.

AHEPA wants to commend the United States for granting the Greece visa waiver program. The AHEPA supports House Resolution 236, which urges Turkey to respect the rights and religious freedoms of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul. Presently there are 36 co-sponsors.

The AHEPA continues to support House Resolution 122, which calls for the return of the Parthenon Marbles to Greece. The AHEPA will support legislation calling for the removal of Turkish occupation troops from Cyprus, the human rights of all Cypriots and the preservation of religious and cultural monuments in the occupied territories.

The AHEPA will support the full restoration of federal funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the Voice of America for Greeks Desk Service. The AHEPA will seek to strengthen relations with other appropriate Greek American organizations in order to more effectively fulfill our mission as it relates to Greece, Cyprus, the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to issue involving the FYROM, the Greek

minority in Albania and the Aegean Sea.

The AHEPA will seek to explore ways in which it can create awareness of the Pontian Genocide. The committee salutes the recent decisions of the Swedish parliament to recognize the genocides of the Armenians, the Pontian Greeks, and other Christian populations of Asia Minor.

Furthermore, the committee is extremely pleased to recognize the commemoration of the same day of the Virgin Mary of Soumela by the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew this August 15th. This will be the first such divine liturgy since 1922. The committee will pursue closer cooperation with Armenian national organizations to foster greater recognition of the genocide carried out by the Ottomans of the Christian population of Asia Minor. The AHEPA furthermore supports the Pontian Greek American community's efforts to secure full recognition and proper commemoration of the Greek Pontian Genocide.

The AHEPA expresses concern about the infiltration of Turkish and FYROM revisionist propoganda that has made its way into our public school systems, specifically in textbooks, and we will explore how to deal with this going forward. The AHEPA will explore the introduction of a federal proclamation designating the month of March as Hellenic History Month.

The AHEPA will provide annual funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee, in order to strengthen its communication capabilities, permit holding educational symposiums, and to permit printing of education materials.

In addition, the committee unanimously adopted the resolution presented on behalf of the Pan Macedonian AssoSiation of the USA by Bill and Nina Gatzoulis, regarding the name of the FYROM, we have an attached Appendix B that is available for your review. We were briefed by Panos Ioannides, PhD, on behalf of the Movement for Freedom and Justice in Cyprus. He has a very good piece that he's written that is going to be added as Appendix B.

We reviewed statements made by the leadership of the government of FYROM and other individuals regarding FYROM's ethnicity and language. This was presented by George

Papageorgiou from Michigan. That also is going to be Appendix C.

Furthermore, the committee recommended AHEPA examine the following: holding an academic-based conference on the topic of Israeli-Greek relations as they pertain to security, trade and other issues of mutual interest; presenting the position of the Greek American community to the Greek government as they relate to Hellenic national issues; posting the grassroots contact sheet on the AHEPA.org website; and taking the initiative to organize visits of congressional staffers to Greece and reviewing congressional ethics guidelines as they relate to organizing such visits.

Moreover, the committee affirms the board of trustees' decision to formulate a PAC and we request that it initially be seeded with \$50,000. Also, the committee will request time to make a presentation at the district governors conference in September 10-11, 2010 regarding our effort to revitalize our grassroots effort and grow the Hellenic caucus.

We will be receiving the general counsel of the Republic of Cyprus, Stavros Avgoustides, for a briefing today. I believe that's at 12:30. Moreover, the committee retains \$300 collection through donations at the adjournment of our committee meeting. This report couldn't have been completed without the assistance and guidance of Andrew Kaffes.

Respectfully submitted by the standing members, the chairman, Spiro Macris, Colonel Nick Vamvakias, Savas Tsivkos, Kip Kyprianou, myself, Alex Christy, Alex Rigopoulos, Gilbert Kyrprianou. I apologize if I screwed up your names.

We had almost 45 convention committee guests and assoSiates. Do I have time to read their names? We can go through, and for the record: Chris Achilleos, George Anagnostos, Ioannis Bougas, John Christou, Vassos Chrysanthou, James Cocolis, John Galanis, Bill Gatzoulis, Nina Gatzoulis, Michael Georgis, Dr. Andre Gerolymatos, Isidoros Goryalakis, Luke Hajiantoni, Nick Hatjistilianos, Panos Ioannides, Gus James Past Supreme President, Tasos Kalantzis, George Kalyvas, George Katatzia, Constantine

Katsarakis, Arthur Kiratsous, Odysseas Kolasis, John Kopatsis, Paul Kostas, George Loxas, Dr. Ken Matziorinis, Anthony Mavromaras Past Canadian President, Dr. Peter Nickolas, Nicholas Nikas, George Papageorgiou, Michael Paul, Nina Peropoulos, Peter Peropoulos, George Pitsicoulis, John Polydouris, John Soudas, Nikolaos Taneris, Elias Tsekerides, Stefanos Vertopoulos, Demetrios Yantsulis, Sam Zanaria, and John P. Zois.

On behalf of the committee, we ask that the body accept this report as written.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: There's a motion to accept the report of the committee. Is there a second?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Questions or comments on the report, or on the presentation by anyone from the floor? Hearing or seeing none--okay, go ahead.

MR. GEORGE ANAS: Point of information. Brother George Anas [phonetic], District 3, Chapter 241, Newport News, Virginia. My question is were all the members that signed up for the committee able to vote? You mentioned something about the standing committee. Could you clarify that for me because I'm not quite sure what happens as far as voting.

MR. HOLLISTER: Those that vote on this committee are the standing members that are appointed by the president. We serve at the leisure of the president of the Order of AHEPA. Our guests, our assoSiates that come and join us in the committee, we take in all of their ideas, their thoughts, their comments, suggestions, criticisms, and there was plenty. There is a good dialogue.

MR. PETE NICKOLAS: Pete Nickolas, Worthington Chapter 30, past district governor, District 3. I was on the committee and that kind of confused me. Because Luke and I from Worthington 30 signed up for the committee and I thought that when you sign up for the committee that you're a committee member. When you have a sign-up sheet, are you a committee member? And then when we got in there, of course, you know we expressed everything that we had to say but then I found out we were guests and we could not vote. That's all. I just don't know. I thought that when you

sign up for a committee, you're on the committee and you have a vote. Mr. Chairman, can you clarify that or whatever?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: The difference is it's a standing committee.

MR. NICKOLAS: And completely for everything, what I want to say is this committee was extremely organized, complete with black book binders and all the materials in it. I really want to commend Spiro on the committee. It's just a fantastic job. I want to get that straight, first of all.

[Applause]

MR. NICKOLAS: No criticism about that at all, none whatsoever. But I just wanted to clarify that because I thought that when you sign up for a committee, you're on a committee and you could vote.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Well, to answer your question, when you do sign up for a committee, you are supposed to vote. Now, unfortunately, we have a couple of committees in the Order of AHEPA that are standing committees or convention committees, and the line of demarcation between the two committees is somehow blurred because we have not been keeping up with our constitution in defining on who are voting members of committees and who aren't.

It would be my opinion since I established the convention committees in accordance with the AHEPA constitution that you should have been a voting member for this weekend, for this entire week that you were in session. Then the standing committee resumes its duties and activities after the convention. Unfortunately, not all the committees saw it that way and it's something we're going to have to clarify in future legislation down the road. I hope that answers your question. Brother?

MR. POLEDOURIS: John Poledouris, Albany Chapter 140, Albany, New York, past district governor, District 6, Empire District. I want to commend the committee for suggesting that March be Hellenic History Month. I do want to say that I work for the New York State Comptroller's Office. We declared March the New York Hellenic History Month.

The New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli declared it Hellenic History Month. We had two archeologists present. They gave lectures. We had dancers from St. Sophia's. We

had Greek food. We had an hour and a half long presentation. It was wonderful. We're going to do this every year in Albany, New York, in downtown Albany at the Comptroller's Office. It was broadcast to all our offices in all the major cities in New York.

I think it's something which should be, you know, because Black History Month is February and Women's History Month is also March. It's good that we who created civilization, let's not forget that, that people know that they're Greek. That's what I said when I spoke that many of you are not Greek in blood but you are Greek because nothing moves, one philosopher said, which is not Greek in this world. So I commend the committee.

For many years, I used to attend the committee but I've never been part of the permanent committee. That's the important differentiation which we just talked about. But I want to thank the committee for their work. I hope that Cyprus, that that comes to Cyprus. It's been so many years but I think there's some hope anyway. I don't want to say anymore, but thank you very much.

[Applause]

MR. POLEDOURIS: We picked March, by the way, because it has 31 days.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Are there any other questions for the committee on the report. Seeing or hearing none, we would call for the question on adoption of the report of the Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? The ayes have it and the report will be adopted and made part of our convention minutes.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: We've been busy; we've been working on some room arrangements for elections. Since we are ahead of schedule and since we have basically completed our work of the convention but for the nomination and election of our future officers, I'm going to make two quick announcements so you know.

There will be early voting tonight. Early voting will start at midnight and run until 1:30 in the morning, after the banquet. We will have a room set up. Don't forget, we have a voting machine and everything else.

Those of you who have plane tickets where you need to get out of town at the crack of dawn or first thing in the morning, you have the right to early vote. The rest of us can wait until tomorrow.

Voting tomorrow, we have moved up the time to 9:00 in the morning and voting will end at 11:00. So as opposed to starting it at 11:00 and going until 1:00, we've moved everything up two hours. If you're going to be on a flight out of town during that timeframe, you have the right to early vote. If you're not, we'll see you Saturday for the elections. I hope that clarifies everything for everybody. With that, Brother.

MR. CAVALARIS: Point of clarification, Mr. Chairman. Harry Cavalaris. We just passed a report that states in it that AHEPA will provide \$20,000 for the Hellenic and Cyprus Committee. Does this not have to be referred to the Budget Committee to be included?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I show that as a recommendation in this report. So obviously it's going to get referred, yeah. But we have not voted to fund a Pac fund, if that's what you're asking. Brother?

MR. GERRY GARBIS: Gerry Garbis, Shoreline 380, District 13. Since you're moving up all these timeframes for elections and so forth, how about for the inauguration? Is that the same or is that going to move up several hours as well?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: We're going to keep those times the same. The reason why we're doing that is because, let's be honest, the convention committee and the Order of AHEPA, we've booked these rooms and even if we decided not to use them, we still have to pay for them. There are some events that occur Saturday and Saturday night that the Sons are sponsoring, for example. You'll see them on your schedule. So it's nice to finish early and go home early, but let's remember when the convention was scheduled and we're trying to keep to the schedule although we are concluding early.

With that, I see two ladies at the door. I want to remind

you, ladies are not allowed in the room. Please close the door and step out. I'm sorry to be that way, but in District 13, they like to pull the men out and go to lunch and do whatever they like to do on their schedule. We're on our own schedule here today.

With that--

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

MALE VOICE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Okay, but this number stays the same?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] That stays the same. - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: All right, for the record, the Grievance Committee and the Credentials Committee, they've been auditing their numbers just to play it safe. Again, no ladies allowed, close the door. I know it's around lunchtime but...

The Grievance Committee gave their report and they indicated that 29 individuals had gone through grievance, of which 24 were approved. The actual number is 30 have gone through grievance, 25 of which were approved because that counts the one individual we seated today. The official voting figure remains at 219. So the voting strength of this convention is 219. But just to clarify the record for the Grievance Commission, 30 went through the grievance process, 25 were seated, 5 were disallowed. We'll make that correction for the record.

MR. ANAS: Mr. Chairman, George Anas, District 3, Chapter 241. Could you please give us information as far as the nominations process and what time that will be?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I'm looking at nominations to start at 1:00 in the afternoon. There is a salute to a Daughter's event which starts at 2:00. We should be finished with nominations by 2:00. Again, we're at an accelerated schedule with some interruptions. We're going to do it. We're going to get it done. So I would suspect 1:00 sharp, those wishing to be nominated for office be present, be ready. We're going to do the brief instructions for the nominations and go right into them.

With that, I'll open the floor again for the good of the

Order, of any comments or hopes, wishes or desires that any AHEPANS have that are in this room right now. Feel free to step up the microphone. Brother?

MALE VOICE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to remind the brothers we will be having the Consul General of the Republic of Cyprus speaking to us at 12:30 in the auditorium in the Mezzanine level. You're all welcome to attend for his briefing. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother?

MALE VOICE: Mr. Chairman, when is new business going to be entertained?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Right now.

MALE VOICE: Right now? I have an order of new business here. I move that all past supreme presidents who have not held the office of district governor be permitted a sovereign vote in their district convention, at their district convention. Would you call for a second on that?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I will not call for a second for that because we've already considered it and it's not new business.

MALE VOICE: Mr. Chairman, this is new business.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: It's out of order. Again, your resolution has stayed alive because it's been referred to the standing Legislative Committee. But it's really not new business. Brother?

MR. PHILIP YAMALIS: Brother Chairman, Philip Yamalis [phonetic], past district governor, District 4, Beaver Valley Chapter 400. For the good of the Order, I'd like to take this opportunity to commend the grassroots effort of the Order of AHEPA on their recent grassroots effort in cancelling a concert that was to be held in northern Cyprus. Through the grassroots effort of Facebook--call for order, Brother Chairman?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Can we have everybody's attention here? I think you're all going to like to hear this? Go ahead.

MR. YAMALIS: On behalf of a grassroots effort, on behalf of Facebook and the soSocial media being used by Supreme Headquarters, on behalf of the grassroots effort in commending Miss Jennifer Lopez on the cancellation of her

concert in northern Cyprus that was to be held for political reasons. Big money was paid by the Turkish media and the western media to have this concert go on, on the 35th anniversary of the occupation of Cyprus.

Through our grassroots efforts, she heard the message and she heard the message very clearly and promoted that message through the young media, per se. So I commend the grassroots efforts of our Supreme Lodge and our headquarters office for undertaking that wonderful effort.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I agree. I read yesterday that the Turkish government was now threatening to sue J Lo for cancelling her concert. So we'll see. We may not be out of the woods yet. Anything else for the good of the order? Brother Matt?

MATT: Members, I just want to explain something about the minutes. On my laptop, I'm keeping preliminary minutes. It's not everything. I can't type that fast and type word for word. That's why we have a recorder. That will be transcribed in the coming weeks and, I believe, put on the website per the rules of the constitution. I have, again, preliminary ones that have all the motions and what the voting was, which, by the way, has been voice votes.

If you would like a copy of my minutes I have on Word, please find me and give me your email address and I can email them to you. I've had a number of members come up to me and ask for them. I'd be more than happy to oblige. All the materials I have will be submitted to headquarters, which they'll put them together and minutes will be provided, again, in the coming weeks. So, just for your information, if you would like a copy of my minutes that I have, please let me know.

MR. KERAMIDAS: Jim Keramidas, Monroe Chapter 75, New Brunswick, New Jersey, District 5. For those of us who do not have access to computers or internet or the website on the computers, could you provide us with hard copy?

MATT: Of course. Make sure you give me your address and I'll send them to you in the coming weeks.

MR. KERAMIDAS: I shall. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Okay, we've had another lady enter the room. She needs to leave immediately or strip naked, pursuant to our rules. Brother?

MR. POLEDOURIS: John Poledouris, Albany Chapter 140. For a couple of days, I was mostly looking at the museums in Montreal. But I'm here today, so I feel like talking. I would plead with all the delegates to make their congressman a member of the AHEPA. I sponsored our congressman. He joined three weeks ago, Albany Chapter 140, Paul Tonko. My father sponsored our previous congressman, Michael McNulty.

When we initiated him, we initiated him in the short form and he announced that he's a member of the Greek Caucus. It's important that we get those numbers up in the Greek Caucus. I plan to make our neighboring congressman, Congressman Murphy, also a member of AHEPA and the Greek Caucus.

Everyone here should make their congressman an AHEPAN and a member of the Greek Caucus. Please, please do that. It's not that hard, really. They attend events all around their district and they go to your festivals. Get them into AHEPA. That's the way we have power on Capitol Hill. That's how we protect our patriarchate, how we protect Northern Heperus [phonetic], Cyprus and the FYROM situation and of course, things that are important to Greek Americans. So that's all I have to say [foreign language] brothers, thank you.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother.

[Applause]

MALE VOICE: Brother, I have a congresswoman and the AHEPA rules will not let her be a member.

MALE VOICE: Mr. Chairman, I have a congressman. Tim Ryan, he just became initiated into our chapter, Zeus 88 in Warren, Ohio. You all don't know who Tim Ryan is, but I will give you some background. He just got appointed to the Appropriations Committee to fill the spot of the deceased John Murtha. Now, those of you that know a little bit about the political scene know how much John Murtha generated for his district back in Pennsylvania, Altoona. He passed away. But our congressman, who just got

initiated into Zeus 88, took his place by appointment. So we have quite a guy there.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother?

MALE VOICE: I'm sorry; again, however this is very important. We have within the constitution of the AHEPA and also on the applications for membership into the AHEPA, a statement saying the believability of the divinity of Jesus Christ. So do we include everybody, Brother John? We include everybody?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother, I think our constitution is crystal clear on the subject. You need to be a Christian to be a member of the Order of AHEPA. There's no debate about that.

MALE VOICE: Well, he said everybody. That's why I'm bringing this up. I hate to bring it up, but it has to be brought up.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Perhaps everybody who is a Christian.

MALE VOICE: Everybody who is a Christian.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Right, and amen.

MALE VOICE: And amen.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Anything else? Brother?

MR. GEORGE HORIATES: Mr. Chair, George Horiates, Camden Chapter 69, District Governor 5. What you just stated, although accurate black letter law, is inaccurate. There have been occasions in the Order of AHEPA where--and it happened again this past year in that Hellenic Standing Committee where they allowed an honorary membership to an individual who was of the Jewish faith. The constitution does not call for honorary membership in that regard.

However, there have been occasions in the Order of AHEPA where that rule has been bent and non-Christians who are congressmen have been allowed, and I understand the brother's point, have been allowed in to bend the rules. I think we should get from the convention to be crystal clear that a supreme counselor or a supreme president should not be able to sit there and say, you know, if you can't take the oath, you shouldn't be a member. That did happen, even this past year.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: That's a point well taken. It brings to mind a couple of recent events. Our Cooley's Anemia Foundation was chaired by a female for a couple of years. The supreme president of Australia was female. I think she has just been reelected. I don't know where we're going with all of this, but those are legislative proposals and changes down the road. But right now, we have to follow the rules as best we can. You're right, if the rules get bent once in a while, that doesn't mean it's right, but--Brother?

MR. ANDY STEPHANOPOULOS: Yes, Andy Stephanopoulos, President Liberty Chapter 127, District 11, Cincinnati, Ohio. This issue was brought up in the Legislation Committee and for the regular membership of AHEPA you have to believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ. However, the national membership application form, which can be gotten on the website and you can only be an observer. You can be a member of AHEPA but you have no voting rights, you can only be an observer at conventions. And you may not attend AHEPA chapter meetings unless you're invited to join.

But anyhow, there is no provision on that short form for the divinity of Jesus Christ, nor man or woman. So we discussed it in the Legislation Committee and it's kind of a problem I think.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Anything further?

MR. POLEDOURIS: John Poledouris, Albany Chapter 140. Brothers, I seem to remember Brother Hussein. He was Muslim. He was married to a Greek Orthodox woman and he was a member. He also used to come to our--

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: [interposing] My understand was he was a Greek Orthodox.

MR. POLEDOURIS: He was Greek Orthodox?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Yeah, he converted somewhere along the way. But whatever, again, if something was bent along the way, we can't go back and fix it. But my understanding was that he was a Christian. Anything further? With that, let's stand in recess until 1:00 sharp. Don't forget, we only have an hour to do it and we're going to do it. So 1:00 sharp, we will be back for nominations. Thank you, Brothers. We will stand in recess until that time.

[Break]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: All right, if I could have all the brothers who are standing outside come into the convention hall at this time, so we can start up. Get everybody from the outside to come inside so we don't have to duplicate our process.

[Background noise]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brothers, the convention is now resumed. I just discovered I had a volume control button here. It took me four days. Sometimes the obvious escapes me. The last item for the business sessions are the nominations of officers for the forthcoming year. Briefly, I did some homework, according to Article 14 of our constitution, all elections for Supreme Lodge officers, when contested, shall be made by secret ballot.

Those nominated and elected must be citizens of the United States or Canada and must have served in some elective officer in either a chapter or district for at least one full year. Candidates shall be nominated from the floor of this convention and shall be voted upon by the certified delegates of this convention. Candidates receiving a major of the votes cast shall be elected. In the event of a tie--this is my favorite provision--in the event of a tie, the convention chairman shall cast a second vote, following a recount. The election shall be the last order of business of this convention.

The term of offices is for one year for the Supreme Lodge. No member of the Supreme Lodge shall serve for more than two years in succession. In the case of the Supreme President, the term limit is two one-year terms, period, either consecutively or otherwise.

At this time, the chair will begin by opening the floor for nominations for the office of Supreme President of the Order of AHEPA. Do you want to do--

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: All right, let's take them one at a time. Let's play it safe. With that, the chair would open the floor for nomination for Supreme President.

MR. JAMES SCOFIELD: Mr. Chairman, my name is James S. Scofield. I'm chairman of the AHEPA First Party. I would like to place--

MALE VOICE: [off mic] We can't hear you - - .

MR. SCOFIELD: Is the mike on? I'd like to place in nomination the name of Brother Nicholas Karacostas.

MALE VOICE: [off mic] Why don't you come up to this one?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Come on up here.

MALE VOICE: [off mic] I'm sorry - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Now that I've got this thing all hot.

MR. SCOFIELD: Mr. Chairman, my name is James S. Scofield, chairman of the AHEPA First Party. I'd like to place in nomination for reelection, our good Brother Nicholas Karacostas for Supreme President. At this time I would like Brother Dean Highland to come up here and give the formal nomination.

MR. DEAN HIGHLAND: Good afternoon, Brothers. My name is Dean Highland. I represent District 6. I'm also a sitting member on the Board of Trustees. I'm sure all of you will agree with me that the AHEPA is a complex organization. We have complex ongoing problems and we also have complex everyday problems. A lot of us here in this room have our own opinions on how a fraternal organization of our size should be run, but throughout the course of the years that I've been with the organization, only few have stood up to take the reigns and take the lead this organization into the ongoing years and oncoming centuries.

I've always firmly believed that the success of an administration and the success of the presidency should not be so much judged on whether or not we agree with a platform, whether or not we agree with the ideas, but whether or not, at the end of the day, whatever our elected leader has decided to do has taken the steps to do and accomplished them.

I had the opportunity last year in San Francisco, right after the election, to sit down with our Supreme President Nick Karacostas and ask him, "What is your plan for this year?" Since I'm on the board I'd like to have the opportunity to help in any way I can. He gave me a brief overview of what he was looking to do. I'm happy to report that a year later, he's accomplished a lot of what he has wanted to do, but he's also laid the groundwork to continue

finishing up the things that he wants to do. As far as I'm concerned, that is a successful administration that is a successful presidency.

We don't get the opportunity to watch people do that on a daily basis. This is an international organization. We are spread around the globe pretty much. But I did get the opportunity to work with this man all throughout the year, in meetings, banquets, the regional banquets, the visa waiver programs, special fundraisers. You name it, he's been there and I've been lucky to be along for the ride. It was my strong belief that we made the right move in San Francisco. We selected the right person for the job. So it's an honor, it's a privilege to place formally into nomination the name of my good friend, Brother Nick Karacostas.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother Dean. Although it is not necessary, the chair would entertain a second to the motion. Brother?

MR. JIM KOKOTAS: Good afternoon, Brothers. My name is Jimmy Kokotas, New York District Governor, District 6. I've had the pleasure of having worked with Brother Karacostas, having him as my mentor through the ranks of Coney Island Chapter 200 officer positions and president and as district treasurer, lieutenant governor and governor. It is without a doubt that this man has taken this organization even higher than it's been in the past. He will continue to do so in his second term without a doubt. Let's keep the ball rolling. It is with great pleasure that I make the second motion for Brother Nick Karacostas. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother. Are there any other nominations for the office of Supreme President? Yes, Brother.

MR. STEVE TRIPODES: I will come up there for that subject. Hello, Brothers, I am Steve Tripodes. I am vice chairman of the New Horizons Party. We have no candidate for the office of Supreme President. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother. For the record, are there any other nominations for the office of Supreme President? Are there any other nominations for the office of Supreme President? One last time, are there any other nominations for the office of Supreme President? Hearing none, the chair would entertain a motion to close nominations and place on the ballot the name of Brother Nicholas Karacostas for Supreme President. Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother. Is there a second?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: It's been moved and seconded that nominations be closed. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? Ayes have it, motion carried. Congratulations, Brother.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: At this time the chair would entertain nominations for the position of Supreme Vice President.

MR. SCOFIELD: As chairman of the AHEPA First Party, I wish to nominate for Supreme Vice President Dr. John Grossomanides, Jr. Brother Nick Karacostas, our Supreme President, will make the nomination.

MR. NICK KARACOSTAS: Brothers, first let me say I'm humbled by what just happened and thank you for the confidence in me. I'll speak a little later. At this point I rise to nominate the current Supreme Vice President, Dr. John Grossomanides from Connecticut. Lives in Rhode Island but is in a Connecticut chapter. John and I have worked very closely together this past year. As I said during my report, he has worked very, very hard on our membership program.

It's because of his committee and the great work that they did that we realized some record numbers, as I explained to you, that we have not seen since 1999. He was right there with me in all the decisions. It's truly a team effort. We have a history together that goes back for close to 30

years in this great organization. It was an honor to have him serve as the vice president.

And as I said during my report, he certainly made a better supreme vice president than I did. I'm sure someday he's going to make a better supreme president than I am. I can think of no better team to continue to do the great work that we've laid this year than John and I. So I would like to enter into nomination the name of Brother Dr. John Grossomanides from Connecticut. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Are there any other nominations for the position of Supreme Vice President. Brother?

MR. TRIPODES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Brothers, the New Horizons Party has no candidate for the office of Supreme Vice President.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother. Are there any other nominations for the position of Supreme Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the position of Supreme Vice President? Last time, are there any other nominations for the position of Supreme Vice President? Brother, you wanted to make a motion? The chair would entertain a motion to close nominations and place on the ballot the name of Brother John Grossomanides as our Supreme Vice President. Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Seconded by, Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: It's been moved and seconded to close nominations and place the name of Brother Grossomanides as our vice president.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Congratulations, Brother. Let's make it official. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? The eyes have it.
Congratulations.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: At this time the chair would open up the floor for nominations for the position of the Canadian President.

MR. TRIPODES: The New Horizons Party is honored to nominate for the position of Supreme President of Canada, Brother Nick Aroutzidis.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother, do you wish to make a nomination?

MR. NICHOLAS: My name is Young Nicholas [phonetic]. It is my pleasure, and good afternoon Brothers and chairman of the board, and everyone here today, our friends. It is my pleasure to present to you our nominee, a true leader, for the president of AHEPA Canada. Our nominee has given exemplary leadership to the Canadian brothers and chapters through his persistent and exhausting efforts in promoting the ideals of the AHEPA. He has also carried forward the initiatives of the past presidents in exemplary way.

He has a unique style, which we all appreciate. Canada is a big country, beset by geographical distances which you would not believe. Yet, our nominee has attempted to shorten those distances between our chapters. It gives me great pleasure to place before you our nominee and candidate for the presidency of AHEPA Canada Nick Aroutzidis.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: The chair would then recognize Brother Scofield for the purposes of a second.

MR. SCOFIELD: Brothers, the AHEPA first party seconds the nomination of Brother Aroutzidis.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Are there any other nominations for the position of Canadian Supreme President? Are there any other nominations? Last call, are there any other nominations? Hearing no further nominations, the chair

would entertain a motion to close nominations and to place the name of Brother Nick Aroutzidis on the ballot for the position of Canadian President. Brother, your name?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Is there a second? Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: It's been moved and seconded to close nominations and to place on the ballot the name of Brother Nick Aroutzidis. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? Ayes have it. Thank you very much and congratulations.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: At this time, the chair would open the floor for nominations for the position of Supreme Secretary.

MR. SCOFIELD: Brothers, the AHEPA First Party nominates for reelection to the office of Supreme Secretary Brother Anthony Kouzounis. Is a nominator in the room?

MALE VOICE: Brothers, over the last year I've had the honor of working with our Supreme Secretary in the marathon training program. He has been dedicated. He has always put his time available to the AHEPA. He has used his knowledge and experience that he's put forward throughout his years of service in the AHEPA. I am honored and humbled to have this opportunity to put the name of Anthony Kouzounis in as Supreme Secretary, not only because he's demonstrated dedication throughout this last year, but that he obviously intends to continue that dedication throughout the next. So with that, I enter the nomination of Anthony Kouzounis as Supreme Secretary. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Is there a second to the nomination? Brother Nick?

NICK: Brothers, obviously you can't hear me from here.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: You're on.

NICK: Can you hear me Brothers? Brothers, I want to second the nomination for Supreme Secretary of Brother Anthony Kouzounis, who is one of the most qualified individuals throughout the entire AHEPA domain to be the next, as he is now the current Supreme Secretary of the Order of AHEPA. I respectfully ask all of you to support this nomination. Mr. Chairman, I support and nominate Anthony Kouzounis for Supreme Secretary. Thank you, Brothers.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother. Are there any other nominations for the position of Supreme Secretary? Brother?

MR. TRIPODES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The New Horizons Party is honored to nominate as your next Supreme Secretary Brother George Kartzia [phonetic].

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Is there a second to that nomination? Brother?

MR. GEORGE HORIATES: Mr. Chair, Brothers, my name is George Horiates, District Governor, District 5, Camden, New Jersey. I rise today to talk about George Kartzia, past district governor of District 5. George is a wonderful person, considers merit for the position. He brings honor into AHEPA, a war vet, a wonderful person. New Horizons chair in the Garden State and a wonderful person in terms of humanity, Hellenic virtues, values, programs, a great supporter of Greek parades in New York and Philadelphia and in all places in between. Gentlemen, George Kartzia bleeds AHEPA. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother. Are there any other nominations for the position of Supreme Secretary? Brother?

MR. FOTES: Good afternoon, Brothers. My name is Frank Fotes from Athens Chapter 24, Boston. It's my pleasure and honor to nominate Brother Pete Kaldis [phonetic], a past supreme governor and a very active and dedicated AHEPAN to serve as our Supreme Secretary for the next term. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you. Although it's not required, the chair would entertain a second to that nomination. Are there any other nominations? Brother?

MR. THOMAS DEGREGAS: Thomas Degrecas [phonetic] from AHEPA chapter 406, Watertown, Massachusetts. I second the nomination for Brother Peter Kaldis.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you, Brother. Are there any other nominations for the position of Supreme Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the position of Supreme Secretary? Last call, are there any other nominations for the position of Supreme Secretary? Hearing no further nominations, the chair would entertain a motion to place into nomination the three names of the three brothers for the position of Supreme Secretary on the ballot. Nobody wants to move. Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Is there a second? Brother?

MR. YAMALIS: [off mic] Brother Philip Yamalis, past district governor for Beaver Valley Chapter.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: It's been moved and seconded to close nominations for the position of Supreme Secretary and to place the three names into nomination on the ballot. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? The ayes have it. The next position is that of the Supreme Treasurer. The chair would, at this time, entertain a motion to nominate candidates for the position of Supreme Treasurer. The chair would also entertain nominations for the remaining offices of the Supreme Lodge at this time. Are there any nominations for the positions of Treasurer, Supreme Counselor, Supreme Governors and I guess kind of Athletic Director?

MR. SCOFIELD: Mr. Chairman and Brothers, by mutual agreement we have decided to name the rest of the candidates. So the AHEPA First Party nominates for the office of Supreme Treasurer for a second term Colonel Nick Vamvakias; for the office of Supreme Counselor, Philip Frangos; for Regional Supreme Governor of Region One, Peter Sergis; Region Two

Dr. Peter Nickolas; Region Four Kip Kyprianou; Region Five Christ Kontos; Region Six Louis Atsavas, your chairman; Region Seven Brother Nick Dixie; for Supreme Athletic Director Spiro Siaggas, for the AHEPA Board of Trustees Constantine Highland.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: It's been moved to place into nomination the names of the individuals for the individual offices just cited. Are there any further nominations? Brother?

MR. TRIPODES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Brothers, the New Horizons Party is proud to nominate as our next Supreme Treasurer Brother Tom Pappas; as our Supreme Counselor Brother Philip Frangos; as our Supreme Governors from Region Three Andrew Zachariades; from Region Eight Peter Triantafyllos; as Supreme Athletic Director Brother Ted Vitas [phonetic]; as Board of Trustees Vassos Chrysanthou and as Board of Auditors Craig Clawson. Thank you very much, Brothers.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Are there any other nominations for these particular positions? Are there any other nominations for these positions? Last call, are there any other nominations for these positions? Hearing none, the chair would entertain a motion to close nominations for these positions and place the names of these brothers on the ballot for the respective offices for which they have been nominated. Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] I so move - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brother?

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

[Crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Don't be rude. Don't be rude.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Come on.

[Crosstalk]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: All right. Brothers, please.

MALE VOICE: [off mic] - - .

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Make your second, Brother.

MALE VOICE: Let's not be rude.

MR. KERAMIDAS: Thank you, Brother and Supreme President. That having been said, I second the motion to close the nominations for the rest of the Supreme Lodge and also the Board of Directors.

MALE VOICE: What is your name?

MR. KERAMIDAS: Jim Keramidas, Monroe Chapter 75, District 5.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: All right. It took a while but it's been moved and seconded to close nominations for the remaining positions and to place the names of those candidate on the ballot for election. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Those opposed? The ayes have it. The nominations are closed. I would ask all the candidates that have been nominated for office, if you could please come forward so that the rest of the delegates could see who you are. I will follow that by asking Brother Nick Karacostas to say a few words. So if you could all please come forward at this time, all the individuals who have been nominated for office. Line up any way you want. Don't worry; you're not going to be shot.

MALE VOICE: How about ascending order?

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Let's start with the Supreme Vice President here and let's go down the line then.

[Background noise]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: If all the brothers can basically face forward and look forward, we're going to try to take a photograph.

[Background noise]

MALE VOICE: It looks like a lineup for prison.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Yeah.

[Laughter]

MALE VOICE: We should all be holding numbers.

MALE VOICE: You guys ought to be holding number cards.
Everybody got their number.

MALE VOICE: Everybody face forward and then turn to the side.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I think if we make all the brothers hold up signs, they'll be able to mimic what happened in Montreal, what, 50 years ago.

[Crosstalk]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Brothers, thank you very much. If everyone could take their seats, it is my great honor to call to the podium for some final remarks, Brother Nick Karacostas, our current Supreme President. Brother Nicholas?

MR. KARACOSTAS: Good afternoon again, Brothers. If we could, just take a minute to have a round of applause for Lou Atsaves, Andrew Zachariades and Matthew.

[Applause]

MR. KARACOSTAS: I'm proud to say that they have concluded our AHEPA business by ten to 2 on a Friday, which I think is a new record for us. It's because of their hard work, efficiency and team effort that they were able to get all the committees to meet and report in a timely fashion. So congratulations and thank you.

[Applause]

MR. KARACOSTAS: It's a very humbling and touching experience for me and with great pride and humility, I might add, that I have this opportunity to serve as Supreme President for the second year. This past year I served at the pleasure of the delegates of San Francisco convention. For those that are here that were there, I thank each and every one of you for your trust, support and confidence. This next year I will owe it to these delegates that are here today assembled at the 88th convention in Montreal. I thank each and every one of you for your support and confidence.

I think the record speaks for itself, as I gave my report the day before yesterday. We had a truly historic and phenomenal year. We can still do much more work and better things ahead. I pledge to you today that we'll continue on the track that we're on and continue to take the AHEPA to

new heights and really, really expand the visibility while rejuvenating and revitalizing our grassroots.

The greatest gift that we have is the grassroots membership and the brothers in the various districts and chapters in the United States, Canada and abroad. As I often say, and I know you've heard it a bunch of times this year, I'm just lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time and be elected to Supreme President.

The AHEPA is really made up of the grassroots members which is you. You're the ones that go back to your districts, your chapters, your communities and represent the AHEPA so admirably. You're the ones that really are the ones that make the difference because you do the work that is so needed and gives us the strength and leverage that we need to promote AHEPA internationally. So I would like each and every one of you to go home, continue that work, continue the great ideas that our Founding Fathers gave us and continue to represent the AHEPA as the great ambassadors that you are.

I'd like to thank my family. They're not here today. They're out but--

MALE VOICE: [interposing] Spending your money.

MR. KARACOSTAS: Yeah.

[Laughter]

MR. KARACOSTAS: But I'm a great person today because of my parents and my wife and my kids. So I thank them.

[Applause]

MR. KARACOSTAS: I'd like to thank my Supreme Lodge, both the outgoing and the incoming. I'd like to thank the past Supreme Presidents for their guidance. I'd like to thank the Board of Trustees because it's a team effort and we have to balance. We have to have the checks and balances that we do, and we work so well together. Lastly, I'd like to thank AHEPA Headquarters staff and Basil Mossaidis and all of you. Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Well, Brothers, this will basically conclude the business session of the convention. A couple of

announcements for those of you who may need to be leaving early, we will have early voting at midnight. So at the conclusion of the banquet, it will be held in one of these rooms just where the elevator banks are at, downstairs on this floor.

We will have that as well and we have moved up voting tomorrow morning. We originally had it scheduled for 11 in the morning until 1. It will now be from 9:00 in the morning until 11. So for those of you who are staying over on Saturday, you can cast your votes then. Of course, there are other events of the convention which will follow on Saturday, including the formal inauguration of your next officers and some other matters as well.

Thank you for the privilege and honor of allowing me to serve you as your convention chairman this year. In keeping with many traditions I've seen in AHEPA, I believe it would be most appropriate before we adjourn for the banquet tonight if we could have a moment of silence for all of our brothers who have passed away, not only this year but in the last few years, in their memory.

Thank you, Brothers.

MALE VOICE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to tell the entire group that thank you for having been a terrific Chairman, Louis. I think we should give him a hand.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: I will say this. It's been a team effort with Brother Andy and Brother Matt here. We were able to keep things clipping along because as one person was speaking, one of us was able to leave the room and track down somebody else and haul them in and get them ready. So that's one of the reasons why things clipped along. I want to thank both Andy and Matt for the outstanding job they did in making all three of us look good because this was a team effort.

MALE VOICE: Good job you guys.

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: Thank you.

[Applause]

CHAIRMAN ATSAVES: There is one additional announcement. It's

something I pushed real hard in my district this year. As you know, the Internal Revenue Service would like to see tax filings for all our chapters these days. I think they're called 990 forms.

There's a seminar tomorrow morning between 9 and 10 on how you do this for your chapters. The long arm of the law can possibly cause some complications for a few chapters that are not currently complying with these provisions. So it will be held in one of the rooms in the Mezzanine level. I believe it's going to be in the auditorium. Check your schedule just to be sure. It will be a most important event.

Again, thank you and for the record, we are now adjourned until tomorrow.

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MALE VOICE: - - that have not - - recognize - - .

MALE VOICE: About what?

MALE VOICE: Recognizing them, congratulations, welcome, come help us, be part of the-

MALE VOICE: [Interposing] - - .

MALE VOICE: They did. They did. - - all I'm saying is we could have - - .

MALE VOICE: Well it's - - . They don't have - - .

MALE VOICE: I've got to tell you, when I was president of my chapter, I - - involved at different events, involved - - . So - - they helped each other.

MALE VOICE: Are you recessed? Or you - - ?

MALE VOICE: - - .

MALE VOICE: Yeah.

MALE VOICE: Give my report and I can leave. All right.

MALE VOICE: Huh?

MALE VOICE: Have you lost?

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: You want to get that?

MALE VOICE: Oh, you guys.

[Phone ringing]

MALE VOICE: Hello?

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Everybody - - . - - become - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Okay?

MALE VOICE: All right. All right.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Chairman comes back - - .

MALE VOICE: Yeah.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: This is - - .

MALE VOICE: - - .

MALE VOICE: No, no.

MALE VOICE: - - ?

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: I don't know about that.

MALE VOICE: No, no. You didn't - - . - - ?

MALE VOICE: Yeah.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Do you agree with that - - ?

MALE VOICE: Yeah. I'm not sure. I - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: This isn't - - .

MALE VOICE: - - 194.

MALE VOICE: 194 what?

MALE VOICE: - - .

MALE VOICE: No.

MALE VOICE: - - ?

MALE VOICE: 194 - - .

MALE VOICE: Yeah. It's-this - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: There's only like 41 - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: He didn't vote period.

MALE VOICE: Oh, he didn't vote at all?

MALE VOICE: Then why did we vote for you? I didn't vote. I didn't vote for - - region.

MALE VOICE: Nick-

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: It was close - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Yeah, - - .

MALE VOICE: How many votes? How many - - ?

MALE VOICE: Do we know?

MALE VOICE: Yeah. - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Wow, this is-

MALE VOICE: We're crowded.

MALE VOICE: Is there room for us?

MALE VOICE: Any seats-insurance available?

MALE VOICE: Yeah.

MALE VOICE: Who do I have to protect to get a seat?

MALE VOICE: I'll take it, Jim.

MALE VOICE: I'd like to make a motion on the floor that-I would like, I would like a recount.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Does everybody know we're here?

MALE VOICE: - - better than you being in front of the microphone.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: The - - sound.

MALE VOICE: Why don't you give us a speech?

MALE VOICE: There you go. Tony's going to give us a speech.

MALE VOICE: Tony doesn't know how to talk.

MALE VOICE: Reece [phonetic] said that?

MALE VOICE: I didn't say that.

MALE VOICE: Good man.

MALE VOICE: Friends like-

MALE VOICE: - - you have to-we have to pay - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: From now on, you need to pay.

MALE VOICE: Hey, there you go.

MALE VOICE: Events-

MALE VOICE: I'm serious.

MALE VOICE: - - . That sounds too - - .

MALE VOICE: I get money from the Horizons. I get money from first - - .

MALE VOICE: There you go.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Are you giving your report? Is this it?

MALE VOICE: No. He's not-the chairman's not here.

MALE VOICE: Vice chairman is.

MALE VOICE: Yeah, let's do it.

MALE VOICE: Let's do it.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: You're the vice chairman.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Yeah, let's do it.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Give a report and leave.

MALE VOICE: That's why he's the vice chairman.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Yeah, take balls. Take the balls in your hand and speech.

MALE VOICE: Here's a little guts.

MALE VOICE: Where are you going?

MALE VOICE: 'Cause I'm going to-

[Background noise]

MALE VOICE: [Singing] Start spreading the news. I'm coming your way. I want to be a part of it, New York, New York.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Everybody gets a - - they're waving it now?

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: - - you got a blues number?

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Did you get one of those-it was on the-under the table?

MALE VOICE: What?

MALE VOICE: I told you to get one of those - - .

MALE VOICE: I did. I got - - .

MALE VOICE: Oh, okay.

MALE VOICE: I'm just too lazy to - - .

MALE VOICE: Well hear ye, hear ye.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: We're waiting for - - ?

MALE VOICE: Tony should - - his speech - - .

MALE VOICE: Brothers, why don't you - - year's results? Then

when more people come-

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: What's that?

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: - - this year's results.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Right. Come on.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Should I go now? Or should - - ?

MALE VOICE: 'Cause we've got to leave.

MALE VOICE: Can I go now? - - check out - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Hey, you've got to have a little-

MALE VOICE: Oh, would you stop it? Shut up.

MALE VOICE: Start the meeting.

MALE VOICE: Where are you going? The microphone's up here.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: That's why he was elected vice chairman to take control. But he's worried about the other guy - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: We've had it.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: I can come over there, some mumbo jumbo, and I'll do it.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: The rest of the people don't care about-

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Should we come in?

MALE VOICE: Absolutely.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Brothers, let's convene. As you're waiting for the Chair, let's convene. The purpose of convening this morning is to get the official results from the Credentials Committee on the voting.

Chair of the Credentials Committee, you want to give the final report?

MALE VOICE: Identify yourself, sir. Identify yourself.

MR. DRAKAS: My name is Jose Jimenez [phonetic].

MALE VOICE: You know, that's - - .

MR. TONY DRAKAS: I know. I know. I take that back. I'm Tony Drakas [phonetic]. I'm the Chairman of the Credentials Committee. We got the final results on the voting.

MALE VOICE: Aren't you going to introduce the rest of your committee?

MALE VOICE: Yeah.

MR. DRAKAS: I don't know everybody.

MALE VOICE: Huh?

MR. DRAKAS: I don't know everybody.

MALE VOICE: Well you know me.

MR. DRAKAS: Okay. For the Supreme President, Cuta Costas [phonetic] had 174.

MALE VOICE: What?

MALE VOICE: I can read the-

MR. DRAKAS: I'm not-I didn't write that down. I just gave-John Grossomanides for Vice President, 181. Nick Aracivies [phonetic], 164. Now these-this ballots that I'm giving you is-it was 194 ballots that was cast.

So the Supreme Secretary, Anthony Gazunes [phonetic], had 123.

MALE VOICE: - - for the ballots, right?

MR. DRAKAS: Six, correct. It was 188 votes counted. Correct. Anthony Gazunes had 123. Pete Callus [phonetic] had 60. Colonel Vinal Vandykes [phonetic], 170. Phil Frankus [phonetic], for the Supreme Counselor, 161.

Supreme Athletic Director, Spiro had 160. Okay. Now is the Board of Trustees. Highland at 97, and Vasos [phonetic] at 90—I mean 73. Craig Carlson [phonetic] ran unopposed at 160 as Board of Auditors.

All the Supreme Governors won where they ran unopposed. Region One had 12. Region Two had 22.

MALE VOICE: Give the names. Give the names.

MR. DRAKAS: Oh, okay. Region One, Surges, had 12. Region Two Nicholas, had 22. My friend Zack, Region Three, had 40. Region Four, Kipp [phonetic], had 24. Region Five, Comptos [phonetic], had 16.

Region Six, Asados [phonetic], had 21 Region Seven, Dixie [phonetic], had nine. And Region Eight, - - how do you say it?

MALE VOICE: Triandafilos [phonetic].

MR. DRAKAS: Triandafilos had 18. Okay. Legislation issues, issue number one, yes, 170; no, 10. Issue two, 168 to 11. Region Three, 167 to 10. Region—legion four, issue four, 177 to 4.

Issue five, 163 to 12. Issue six, 164 to 14. Issue seven, 160 to 19. Issue eight, 159 to 21. Issue nine, 159 to 17. And issue ten, 166 to nine.

MALE VOICE: They all passed?

MR. DRAKAS: Everything passed. Okay. I'd like to thank my committee for the hard work they'd done tolerating me. And next year, if I do this, I want pay by both parties.

[crosstalk]

MR. DRAKAS: And I, in conclusion, I close.

[Applause]

MALE VOICE: Yeah.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Are you concluding?

MR. DRAKAS: Thank you.

MALE VOICE: - - conclusion?

MR. DRAKAS: Let's finish up. Brothers, thank you. I want it, for the record, noted that the Credentials Committee did an outstanding job. They sat by their--from the various hours from 12:30 to 1:30 in the morning.

They performed their job without exception. And I think they deserve a lot of credit. Any questions for the Chair of the Credentials Committee before we close?

[crosstalk]

MR. DRAKAS: Okay.

MALE VOICE: Move to adjourn?

MR. DRAKAS: Can we just finish up with the credentials? Are there any questions for the Credentials Committee?

MALE VOICE: - - in a hurry.

[crosstalk]

MR. DRAKAS: Hearing none--

MALE VOICE: Conclusion.

MR. DRAKAS: --we're done. Everybody--

[crosstalk]

MR. DRAKAS: Okay. Can I have a motion to accept the report?

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: I second.

MR. JOHN MAGRAMA: John Magrama [phonetic], South Bend Chapter, Number 100, District 12, I move that we accept the report.

MR. DRAKAS: Okay. Second?

MR. NICK BENBACUS: I second the motion, Nick Benbacus [phonetic] Chapter 438.

MR. DRAKAS: Any questions, discussion on the motion in front of us?

[crosstalk]

MR. DRAKAS: Hearing none, all those in favor?

MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

MR. DRAKAS: Any opposed? Passed unanimously. Okay, brothers, I, as co-Chair, I want to thank everybody for their cooperation this week. Let the record show that all the brothers participated in harmony without any discord.

And I want to thank everybody. I want to thank the political party chairs for their cooperation. Everybody worked in unison without any incident. And I really do, I really do appreciate that. Colonel?

MALE VOICE: I would just like to make a statement that I would like in behalf of the convention and those of us here to thank the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman of the Convention, and the Secretary for the - - work. Thank you very much all of you.

MR. DRAKAS: We appreciate that from the bottom of our heart. Thank you very much. At this time, I'll entertain a motion to close the convention.

MALE VOICE: So moved.

MR. DRAKAS: I said I'll entertain a motion. Brother?

MALE VOICE: - - .

MALE VOICE: You've got to say who you are.

MR. DENNIS KEIRSEY: Dennis Keirsey [phonetic], AHEPA 67, Rochester, NY, motion to close the convention.

MR. DRAKAS: May I have a second, please?

MR. MAGRAMA: I second it. South Bend, John Magrama, South Bend Chapter, Number 100, Home of the Fighting Irish.

[crosstalk]

MR. DRAKAS: They can't resist, can they?

[crosstalk]

MR. DRAKAS: We have a motion on the floor to close the convention, the 88th convention. Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor?

MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

MR. DRAKAS: Any opposed? Brothers, the convention is closed.
Thank you very much.

MALE VOICE: See you in Miami.

MR. DRAKAS: See you in Miami.

[crosstalk]

MR. DRAKAS: We'll get it from Basil Mossaidis [phonetic], I
guess. Let Basil Mossaidis get you-

[crosstalk]

MR. DRAKAS: You have any questions?

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: - - brother, congratulations.

MALE VOICE: I'm sorry I had to - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: You notice the national anthem we didn't sing.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: That's why I picked up - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: - - they didn't want to have anything to do with it.

MALE VOICE: - - and just copy the numbers - - keep up.

MALE VOICE: We copied magazines - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: I figured, sure. - - .

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: - - be in Miami?

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Pretty soon.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: What?

MALE VOICE: Unless you were in an - - . That's what - - .

MALE VOICE: What? What - - ?

MALE VOICE: I mean it doesn't matter to me. I just thought that I would give them some - - .

MALE VOICE: Mm-hmm. - - . Yeah, you can get in 18. You do realize that the-

MALE VOICE: 18 or 19 - - . I printed that - - .

MALE VOICE: By the way, Basil Mossaidis, I thought you meant like this room. The-

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: - - the new members. That's also in the room.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: Oh they're meeting now at 2:00 is the - - ?

MALE VOICE: Pretty much.

MALE VOICE: Where are they meeting?

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: What have you got? Terrible.

FEMALE VOICE 1: Terrible.

MALE VOICE: Just terrible, I tell you. Terrible. Okay. Maybe at the - - you can help me - - .

FEMALE VOICE 1: Yeah, we'll help you. What do you need - - ?

MALE VOICE: I need to get those - - stands.

FEMALE VOICE 1: I got those.

MALE VOICE: They're a little bit heavy. If they're too heavy, tell me.

FEMALE VOICE 1: - - on the floor - - ?

MALE VOICE: I think there was two, yeah.

FEMALE VOICE 1: These two over here, too?

MALE VOICE: Yeah, they're all mine.

FEMALE VOICE 1: - - here?

MALE VOICE: Yeah, well I'm going to take them over there.

FEMALE VOICE 1: Okay.

MALE VOICE: - - a lot of bending involved. I'm not very good at that.

[crosstalk]

MALE VOICE: I can't have my president not have his flags.

FEMALE VOICE 1: And all the other ones too, right?

MALE VOICE: Did you see me sitting down at this table last night?

FEMALE VOICE 1: No.

MALE VOICE: Yeah. During the banquet, I was watching - - from here texting back and forth.

FEMALE VOICE 1: - - .

MALE VOICE: I keep saying, okay, shoot me.

FEMALE VOICE 1: I know. He - - . Wipe him out, whatever.

FEMALE VOICE 2: No, there's only that one.

MALE VOICE: I don't know if that's mine. I didn't have a - - . I didn't have to.

FEMALE VOICE 2: Where do I put this? - - ?

FEMALE VOICE 1: You going to need all these on there too?

MALE VOICE: Yeah. - - few moments.

FEMALE VOICE 2: - - ?

MALE VOICE: Yeah, you can. It's going to fold.

FEMALE VOICE 1: - - .

FEMALE VOICE 2: It won't fit.

FEMALE VOICE 1: - - ?

FEMALE VOICE 2: I got the flag from over there.

[crosstalk]

FEMALE VOICE 2: Okay.

FEMALE VOICE 1: You don't have to carry all of them like that. -
- two hands.

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