

AFCFC General Meeting
Nov. 14, 2008
Toronto, ON

The general meeting of the AFCFC was called to order by Nick Aroutzidis at 10:00.

Roll Call was taken. The following were in attendance. Alexandra Vasilakopoulos, Chapter 168; George Albanis, CJ1; Christos Katopodis, DG #24 AHEPA; Jim Fabrikis, AHEPA Toronto; Nina Antonakes, Daughters, Toronto; Pat Groumpos, Daughters, London; Roula Charal, Daughters, Calgary; Costas Fabrikis, CJ2, London; Nikos Hatzitheodosiou, CJ5 Ottawa; Nicholas Spillios, PCP AHEPA; Betty Drakontaidis, PCP Daughters; Sharon Metz, Daughters, Hamilton; Andre Michaels, Montreal, AHEPA; Michael Vrionis, AHEPA Windsor. Eleni Inglis, PCP Daughters; Terri Efston, PCP Daughters; Alice Sophianopoulos, PCP Daughters, Jim Giannoulis, Treasurer; Frank Antoniou, PCP AHEPA, Lazarus Kalipolidis, PCP AHEPA, Tony Mavromaras, PCP AHEPA; Danielle Efraim, Nick Aroutzidis, CP AHEPA; Diane Polesello Lygouriatis, CP Daughters; Vasilia Kachmarski, Secretary; Mary Nikolakakos, DG#23 Daughters of Penelope; Andy Tzemis, DG#23 AHEPA

Proxies: Regina AHEPA (Chris Katopodis)
Edmonton AHEPA (Nicholas Spillios)
Ottawa Daughters (Alice Sophianopoulos)
DG #24 Daughters (Diane Polesello Lygouriatis)

Voting Strength was 31.

Election of meeting officers

Chairman

Nikos Hatzitheodosiou nominated Frank Antoniou. Declined

Frank Antoniou nominated Nick Aroutzidis.

Diane Polesello Lygouriatis moved nominations cease. Vasilia Kachmarski seconded. Motion carried.

Nick Aroutzidis elected by acclamation.

Secretary

Frank Antoniou nominated Vasilia Kachmarski

Diane Polesello Lygouriatis moved nomination cease. Eleni Inglis seconded.

Motion carried.

Vasilia Kachmarski was elected by acclamation.

George Albanis moved and Christos Katopodis seconded the motion to accept the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Eleni Inglis and Diane Polesello Lygouriatis seconded a motion to approve the minute of the last general meeting with the following correction: The Montreal Chapter's Valentine's Ball raises money for the Education Centre at the Shriner's Hospital. **Motion carried.**

Regarding placing the AFCFC Financial statement on the website Nikos Hatzitheodosiou moved and Lazarus Kalipolidis seconded a motion NOT to publish the financial statement on the website unless password protected. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Giannoulis circulated copies of the report and answered questions that arose. See attached

Nikos Hatzitheodosiou moved and Pat Groumpos seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion carried.**

It was noted that the AFCFC Financial Statement was circulated to all chapter presidents in September and available at this meeting.

Nick Aroutzidis gave a brief synopsis of the Supreme Convention in Athens. One of the highlights was the signing of the agreement for olive trees. He thanked the Calgary Chapter for their very generous \$25,000 donation to the project, the Toronto Daughters chapter for the donation through the komboli project and the individual donors who gave so generously to the project.

As Canadian President Nick plans to send out a monthly newsletter via email to be shared with the membership.

For the coming year his goals are:

1. to bring the Supreme Convention to Montreal (2010)
He acknowledged the assistance of PCP Frank Antoniou and Zenophon Scoufaras with the negotiations with hotels etc.
2. the re-establish the Parliamentary Banquet
3. to establish a liaison of brothers across Canada to visit MLA and MP to heighten awareness of our organization and get support for our issues.

4. to strengthen our foundation by supporting our foundation- investigate why chapters are not fully supporting AFCFC through paying dues.
5. to recognize the potential of the Greek government's support in sending sports teams to Greece for tournaments.

Logothetis Estate

The AFCFC is in the possession of a house and 2 lots in Florida. We have attempted, unsuccessfully, to sell or rent. It is vacant at the present time. Nick Aroutzidis will evaluate the situation in Jan as to what renovations are needed.

Dimitriadis Estate

We have been named as a beneficiary in the estate of George Dimitriadis. We have been given \$100,000.00 to create an endowment fund to assist any and all students in financial need and are engaged in the study of medicine. (copied from the letter received)

5% fee

Christos Katopodis brought the concern from the Winnipeg Chapter regarding donations that are basically in/out donations. Is 5% too much? The treasurer clarified that it is 5% up to a maximum of 750.00.

Elections

Frank Antoniou nominated Vasilia Kachmarski as Secretary and Jim Giannoulis as Treasurer. **Elected by acclamation.**

Members at Large

Mary Nikolakakos nominated Jim Fabrikis
George Papadopoulos nominated Nikos Hatzitheodosiou
Frank Antoniou nominated Danielle Efraim
Roula Charal nominated Pat Groumpos
Diane Polesello Lygouriatis nominated George Vassilas

31 ballots cast, 1 spoiled ballot

Jim Fabrikis and Danielle Efraim elected as Members at Large
Frank Antoniou moved and Vasilia Kachmarski seconded a motion to destroy the ballots. **Motion carried.**

Good of the Order

Nick Aroutzidis thanked Deb Chrisohou for the wonderful job she did on the Working for You brochure. The secretary will ask if it can be updated and what the cost would be to print brochures as a PR tool to promote the AFCFC.

The Calgary Chapters were thanked for their strong representation at this meeting and a special thank you for their support of the plant an olive tree project.

Jim Giannoulis congratulated Nick Aroutzidis and Diane Polesello Lygouriatis on being elected to the office of Canadian Presidents and hope they can continue to work towards enhancing the image of the AHEPA Family across Canada.

Nick Aroutzidis thanked the Toronto Chapter for organizing the conference weekend and being such wonderful hosts to all the visitors.

Nicholas Spillios invited everyone to come to Edmonton on May 22-24 for the District #24 Convention.

Nicholas Spillios moved and Vasilia Kachmarski seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:30 am.

Nick Aroutzidis, Chairman

Vasilia Kachmarski, Secretary