MEETING MINUTES OF
THE PAN-RHODIAN SOCIETY OF AMERICA "APOLLON" INC.
86th ANNUAL CONVENTION / ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA
OCTOBER 4, 5 and 6, 2013

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013

The 86th Convention meeting of the Pan-Rhodian Society of America "Apollon" Inc. took place on Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6, 2013 hosted by the Aliquippa Chapter No. 5 and Ladies Auxiliary No. 1 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

The Convention's proceedings began at 9:10 AM led in prayer by Convention Chairman, Brother Philip Yamalis. Brother Manuel Kaffenes, President of Chapter No. 5, welcomed the delegates and guests.

The Roll Call of Delegates produced a quorum as follows:

NAME	CHAPTER/AUXILIARY	DELEGATE
1. Dr. Nicholas Loutsion	Supreme Lodge	President
2. Michael Aivazis	Supreme Lodge	Vice President
3. Christina Kapolis	Supreme Lodge	Secretary
4. Panagiotis Fotinis	Supreme Lodge	Treasurer
5. Stanley Simantiras	Aliquippa, Men's Chapter No. 5	Delegate
6. Manuel Kaffenes	Aliquippa, Men's Chapter No. 5	Alt. Delegate
7. Lynne Kakiou	Aliquippa, Ladies Aux. No. 1	Delegate
8. Violet Rubino	Aliquippa, Ladies Aux. No. 1	Delegate
9. Ely Vardavas	Warren, Chapter No. 9	Delegate
10. Kitsa Aivazis	Warren, Chapter No. 9	Delegate
11. Luke Konstantinou	Canonsburg-Pittsburgh, Chapter No. 24	Delegate
12. Becky Pihiou	Canonsburg-Pittsburgh, Chapter No. 24	Delegate
13. Alex Soulakis	Canonsburg-Pittsburgh, Chapter No. 24	Delegate
14. Patricia Soulakis	Canonsburg-Pittsburgh, Chapter No. 24	Delegate
15. John Lirystis	New Jersey, Chapter No. 25	Delegate
16. Phillip Anastasiadis	Past Supreme President	Delegate
17. William Angelis	Past Supreme President	Delegate
18. Christos Kotiadis	Past Supreme President	Delegate
19. Polyvios Pavlidis	Past Supreme President	Delegate
20. Steve Pelardis	Past Supreme President	Delegate
21. Ilias Toumazos	Past Supreme President	Delegate
22. Philip Yamalis	Past Supreme President	Delegate

Hartford Chapter No. 1 and New York Chapter No. 3 were not represented.

Election of Convention Officers

To oversee the proceedings of the convention, the following were elected: Philip Yamalis, Chairman; Ely Vardavas, Vice-Chairman; Christina Kapolis, Secretary.

Chairman Philip Yamalis began the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of all our members who have fallen asleep.

CHAPTERS – continued

New Jersey Chapter No. 25

* Happy to be here at the same table
* Held a Christmas Party at our church hall
* Most members are from Ag. Sidoris
* Assist needy Rhodian families here and in Rhodes
* Two members moved to Florida
* Chapter 25 members discussed pulling out of Pan-Rhodian Society
* Best meeting

Supreme Lodge Officers' Reports

President Dr. Nicholas Loutsion:
Thanked the chapters for their cooperation. Thanked the co-chairs for hosting the convention. Made a visitation to Aliquippa, Canonsburg and Warren Chapters. A lot to be proud of as Rhodians. Sent $5 of the per capita to the Scholarship Fund. A Christmas Greeting and Easter Greeting was put in the National Herald. The Webmaster did not offer to continue. Have a mission statement: 1. Promote Rhodian; 2. Scholarships, 3. Economic hardships in Rhodes. The Chicago chapter did not respond. Developed a budget for the year. Chapter follow up regarding the Scholarship fundraising events. Chapters did not hold fundraisers for University of Rhode Island. Baltimore gave $11,000.00. Suggestions: Committees be established for membership and new chapters; hold a destination convention every two years; Investment committee …safe for scholarship and family endowment. We have a beautiful history….we need ambassadors to take it public-think national. Thank you for your trust.

Supreme Vice-President, Michael Aivazis:
Great to see everyone. Productive Supreme Lodge. Worked closely with officers and Supreme President. Attended Windsor, Canada event and Aliquippa picnic in July.

Supreme Secretary, Christina Kapolis:
Sent out eight (8) correspondences to Chapters, delegates and past supreme presidents. Twelve (12) letters to individual members. Sent emails to Chapters and individuals, including the 2013 Aliquippa convention information. The chapters were requested to send out the convention information to all their members, NOT ONE chapter followed through. Attended Supreme Lodge meeting. Presented secretarial expenses of $540.70. Thank you notes from the scholarship recipients were read.

Supreme Treasurer, Panagiotis Fotinis:
See Audit Report on page four.

MOTION to accept the Officers' Reports was entertained, seconded and passed unanimously.

Scholarships

Scholarship Committee
The committee chairman, Phillip Anastasiadis, reported that seven applications were received. Four applicants were college students and three were high school students. The following students were given scholarships: Leeza Tselepis, Pittsburgh-Canonsburg Chapter 24; Georgia Yamalis, Pittsburgh-Canonsburg Chapter 24; Alexa Zeremenko, Pittsburgh-Canonsburg Chapter 24; Alexis Vardavas, Warrren Chapter 9; Leetsa Lambis, Warren Chapter 9; Elene Kaffenes, Aliquippa Chapter 5; and Manuel Magiassos, Warren Chapter 9.