



**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
CITRUS DISTRICT 2 CONVENTION
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
MINUTES
JUNE 6-7, 2025**

I. Opening Ceremonies:

AHEPA District 2 Governor Bill Paul and DOP District 2 Governor Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 opened the annual AHEPA and DOP District 2 convention. Supreme Governor Steve Nickolson was introduced.

Call to Order on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 1:14 pm.

PDG/GG/Grand Treasurer Patty Didik 356 was announced and escorted into the meeting by District Marshall Anna Babiolakis 59.

District Governor Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 welcomed the delegates to the Daughters of Penelope 92nd Annual District 2 Convention.

Prayer was offered by District Marshall Anna Babiolakis 59. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction of District Lodge Members:

District Governor (DG) Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372, District Lieutenant Governor (DLtG) Stella Stringer 289, District Secretary (DS) Diana Psetas 356, District Treasurer (DT) Maria Balasis Zahn 59, District Marshall (DM) Anna Babiolakis 59, District Advisor to the Maids of Athena (DMOAA) Rano Bellas 59, D2 Lodge Advisor PDG Ann Pirrello 356.

District Marshall escorted Worthy Sister:

DM Anna Babiolakis 59 escorted Grand Treasurer/PGG/PDG Patty Didik 356 into the meeting.

In Memoriam presented by Citrus District 2 Lodge Officers:

The District Lodge read the poem, prayer, and list of sisters lost in the last year.

Introduction of Past Grand Officers and Past District Governors:

Past Grand Officers and Past District Governors were acknowledged: PDG Alice Aspras 289, PDG Marie Kyriacou 372, PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372, PGG/PDG Joanne Sackedis 186, PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189, PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210, PDG Isa Velez 466.

Roll Call of Delegates and Voting Strength by District Secretary:

Roll Call of Delegates was performed.



Total voting strength at 1:27 pm was 36.

Appointment of Tellers and Sentinels by District Governor:

Nikolitsa Mareska 59- Teller

Stella Androutsopoulos 289 - Teller

PDG/DA Ann Pirrello 356- Sentinel

Election of Convention Officers:

Convention Chairman: Christine Zervas 356, nominated by Ann Marie Ryan 356, was elected.

Convention Vice-Chairman : Ana Patsalides 356, nominated by Tina Wilson 356, was elected.

Convention Secretary: Maria Gregory 210, nominated by PDG IsaValez 466, was elected.

Convention officers took their oath and commenced their duties.

Parliamentarian PGG/PDG Joanne Sackedis 186 was seated.

Acceptance of the Convention Agenda and 2024 Minutes:

Erin Ryan 289 moved to accept the Convention Agenda, seconded by Stephanie Giallourakis 186.

The motion passed by the Delegates.

The 2024 D2 Convention minutes were sent out by email. A copy was available in the back if anyone needed to read it. There were no corrections to the minutes.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 moved to accept the minutes of the 2024 District Convention with no corrections, seconded by Martha Angelides 466.

The motion passed by the Delegates.

II. Discussion and Committee Reports:

a) Growth and Expansion

Ann Marie Ryan 356 recommended we try to include more young people by having dances or sports events that will draw families in.

PDG Isa Valez 466 from our newest chapter in Sarasota takes the personal approach by talking to people and carrying applications around with her.

Tina Wilson 356 suggests that we ask people in our other social groups to join the Daughters.

b) Ways and Means

PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 said that they have loukoumades and frappes after church, raising about \$1000 per event, despite the lack of support from the priest there.

PDG Isa Valez 466 will be hosting a tea party in the fall and a garage sale in the spring.

Mary Jane Huber 59 said Leda has an annual fashion show; this year they sold \$100 keys to a birdcage, which held a trip to Greece, which raised \$6,000, on top of \$5,000 from the fashion show.



PDG/DA Ann Pirrello 356 suggested a “Person of the Year” event with an honouree from outside the Daughters.

PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 suggested Music BINGO and a wine tasting.

Christina Zervas 356 suggested a First Responders golf tournament.

Tina Wilson 356 suggested bus trips and cruising for fundraising and experiences together.

DLtG Stella Stringer 289 promoted selling raffle tickets for DOP D2 scholarships this year.

PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 expressed her concern about another entity selling raffle tickets at the same time for the same purpose--scholarships.

Allyson Sarantidis 59 said Leda sold Christmas cards with a salon day prize for the most sales.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that the funds raised by D2 go towards district operations, travel, and scholarships. Fundraising should be allowed in any way.

DLtG Stella Stringer 289 wants to involve small businesses, for example, selling jewellery with a percentage to Daughters. Utilize social media, AI.

c) Maids of Athena

DMOAA Rano Bellas 59 said that 13 Maids were inducted into the Sunshine 200 chapter of MOA in West Palm Beach. Tallahassee chapter Adelphi 279 is thriving; her daughter joined while at college.

Total voting strength at 2:03 pm was 41.

d) Budget and Audit

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 presented the budget for 2025-2026. Please see the attached budget. We have over 500 members in District 2, so our pro rata share is over \$1000.

Recommendations: remove line items 14 (DG One Time Only International Expenses), 23 (District Trophies), and 26 (Certificates/Constitutions), as they have not been used.

Thanks to committee members PDG Marie Kyriacou 372, Eleni Kerasoglou 356, Mary Lou Samabatakos 186, Mindy Speck-Wierzbicki 289, Kalliope Valentine 59, and DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372.

Please keep bank charges in mind, paperless costs less. CD is making a few percent interest.

Ann Marie Ryan 356 suggested that we have a formal bequest giving plan for the Daughters included with applications, including legacy giving, birthday giving, celebration giving, memorial giving.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 stated that their chapter accepts memorial donations regularly.

Esther Kontos 62 stated that Periboea formed memorial scholarships this year, as they lost 4 members.

PDG Isa Velez 466 discussed that part of minimum retirement distribution can be donated, tax deductible if itemized.



Kalliope Valentine 59 moved to add formalized giving suggestions, seconded by DT Maria Balasis Zahn 59.

Motion passed by the Delegates.

e) Scholarships

Committee Chair/DM Anna Babiolakis 59 presented the process of scholarships. Christina Zervas 356 was the co-chair of the committee. The application was streamlined and simplified with computerized fill in forms. 11 applications were received this year. A scoring rubric was formed. 4 Scholarships totalling \$5000 were awarded this year:

Daughters of Penelope Citrus District 2 Scholarship \$1,000 to Stephanie Bellas, West Palm Beach
Past District Governors Julia Mikroutsikos Scholarship \$1,000 to Stephanie Vagelos, Boca Raton
DOP Citrus District 2 Continuing Education Scholarship \$1,000 to Christina Bramblett, Daytona Beach

Elizabeth Tsimekles Scholarship \$2,000 to Ariana Thatcher, Tampa

These will be announced at the Grand Banquet tomorrow night.

Thanks to committee members Kalliope Valentine 59, PDG Isa Velez 466, Ana Patsalides 356, Esther Kontos 62.

DM Anna Babiolakis 59 moved to allow undergraduate students to be awarded 2 times and graduate students to be awarded one scholarship, seconded by PDG Alice Aspras 289.

Discussion: Esther Kontos 62 supported the motion.

DLtG Stella Stringer 289 supported the scholarship but wanted clarification of the motion.

PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 also wanted clarification, as did DMOAA Rano Bellas 59.

The motion was tabled. The committee will discuss and offer clarification later before the vote.

f) Penelope of the Year

PDG Maria Kyriacou 372 presented the Penelope of the Year. We had 7 applicants this year, 2 disqualified (one with no photo, one did not mail as requested).

Thanks to committee members Antigoni Panagoulas 59, Tina Wilson 356, Gayle Romaine 372, PDG Isa Valez 466, Erin Ryan 289.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 moved that we suggest changes to the application for Penelope of the Year to allow email as well as mailing to the ad hoc committee to be presented to National convention, seconded by Esther Kontos 62. Discussion included size of photo. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 amended her motion to not limit the size of the photo, accepted by Esther Kontos 62.

Motion passed by the delegation.



Break at 2:40pm.

Voting strength at 3:00pm was 37.

g) Chapter of the Year

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 discussed the process; all chapters submitted. The large and small chapters of the year will be announced at the Grand Banquet tomorrow night.

Small Chapter of the Year: Sarasota Aetolia 466

Large Chapter of the Year: West Palm Beach Leda 59

Recommendations include continuing to improve the digital forms.

Esther Kontos 62 had problems re-entering the digital form.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 thanked GG Effie Kirkiles 289 for producing the digital fillable forms.

h) Website report

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce again thanked GG Effie Kirkiles 289 for the improvements to the website.

III. District Lodge Officers' Reports:

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 had an amazing year, having her baby and becoming District Governor. She thanked PDG Isa Velez 466 for her many years of service and for starting the Sarasota chapter Aetolia 466. She thanked all of the District Lodge and Advisors for their help. She thanked DM Anna Babiolakis 59, and Leda for hosting this convention. Many thanks to the advisory board, PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis

372, PGG/PDG Joanne Sackedis 186, and PDG Marie Kyriacou 372. Thank you to GG Effie Kirkiles 289, who was not able to be here with us today.

DLtG Stella Stringer 289 had a great year. She enjoyed attending chapter events, initiations, scholarship events, and meetings, and was able to attend most East Coast events. She also attended the Leadership Conferences and Leadership Academy, which she encourages us all to attend. She will also be attending the National Convention in July. Membership is at 508 with 21 reinstatements and 76 new members this year.

DS Diana Psetas 356 was able to visit the West Coast and the East Coast this year. The birth of Aetolia 466 was a very exciting event this year. She enjoyed attending initiations and appreciated the fillable forms.



DT Maria Balasis Zahn 59 encouraged teamwork. She was excited to be a part of the new Sarasota chapter installation.

DM Anna Babiolakis 59 expressed gratitude for the opportunity. She organized the District workshop, which was cancelled due to Hurricane Milton. She served as scholarship co-chair. She recognized the efforts of the Leda chapter in hosting this convention.

DMOAA Rano Bellas 59 welcomed us to West Palm Beach. She thanked us for the honour of hosting convention and meeting so many young ladies.

DA/PDG Ann Pirrello 356 was able to attend the Sarasota birth of the new chapter Aetolia 466 with 30 new members. She was also able to visit Eros 356 in New Port Richey, Periboea 62 in Tarpon Springs, Pelias 186 in Clearwater and Aeneas 210 in St Petersburg on the West coast and attended a zoom meeting with Alcmaeon 167 in Tampa. She encouraged a Daughter of the Month in each chapter.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 moved to accept the District Lodge Officers' reports, seconded by Marilyn Swierk 186.

Motion passed by the Delegates.

IV. Chapter reports:

West Palm Beach Leda 59—asked to delay report to tomorrow.

Tarpon Springs Periboea 62—Esther Kontos 62 stated that they raised money for hurricane relief and scholarships. They collected toys for Cops and Kids toy drive, local schools and clothing, food and blankets for local children and animal shelter. They volunteer at the AHEPA house. They hosted BLINGO, a Membership tea party, Founder's Day luncheon, Epiphany banquet and ball, and made a float for Greek Independence Day parade.

Tampa Alcmaeon 167--no report.

Clearwater Pelias 186—Stephanie Giallourakis 186 said Pelias has 75 paid members and 2 PDGs; they initiated 5, 1 transfer, 5 reinstatements. They celebrated their 76th anniversary; they did a fashion show which allowed them to donate \$5000 to Feeding Tampa Bay and \$3000 to scholarships; they sold poinsettias and Easter flowers. They decorate for their socials after the meetings. They did blood drives, assisted with AHEPA golf tournament, flower arranging,



collected eyeglasses, can tabs, personal hygiene items, used flags. Pelias hosted multiple coffee hours at church, Vasilopita cutting, socials, fish fries, chili cook-off, and picnics.

Orlando Pelion 189—Anastacia Vallas 189 stated that Pelion collected teddy bears and pajamas for Wekiva Foster closet and lipsticks for Fabulosity which helps support victims of domestic violence, had several joint events with AHEPA, loukoumades sales, and collected money for St Sophia in LA. They hosted Tables Extraordinaire that was 50s themed.

St Petersburg Aeneas 210—PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 stated that Aeneas has 43 members, doubled in size in the last year. They visited and donated to a bird sanctuary, donated to St Stefanos' Project Legacy. They hosted music BINGO, artoclasia for Founder's Day, raised \$2000 with AHEPA for gift cards for veterans, sold poinsettias and Easter lilies, had Christmas party karaoke, spaghetti dinner with Philoptochos, cupcake sale, loukoumades sales, donated to D2 scholarship foundation, Holy Tuesday Lenten dessert reception, Kentucky Derby party. Their largest fundraiser was for hurricane relief; it was a dinner with speaker USF professor Dr. Murray, which raised \$6000. We also had a physical therapist and chair yoga for meetings.

Ft Lauderdale Narcissus 289—Mindy Speck-Wierzbicki 289 stated that Narcissus initiated 5 new sisters, had a Greek themed fashion show, made donations to the Hellenic Cultural Society of South Florida, the St Demetrios Kamaria Dancers, Covenant House, hosted GP Margaret Dritsas, hosted a comedy show, wine testing, attended Leda's fashion show. Planning fashion show for November 22.

Daytona Beach Sybils 343—no report.

New Port Richey Eros 356—Christina Zervas 356 stated that Eros has been doing Pack-a-Sack for weekend food for children for years, several fundraisers for scholarships, shoe drive, Thanksgiving dinner at AHEPA apartments, donated to Pasco Kids First and hurricane relief, cleaned and hosted hurricane affected families, sponsored a chapel at Safety Town, hosted a First Responder's Golf Tournament and raffle, and participated in an Angel Tree program providing clothing and gifts for 48 children. They set up a food pantry at the AHEPA house. They attended Clearwater's fashion show and Tarpon's Friday dinners and BLINGO. Eros donated to firefighters, a priest, and cancer survivors, scholarships. Over \$37,000 given out this year.

Boca Raton Cassandra 372—Rose McPherson 372 stated that Cassandra has 3 PDGs and DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce, who support their chapter. They initiated 5 new members, contributed



school supplies to Indian Pines school, knitted blankets for Safe Haven for infants and mothers, and collected Toys for Tots.

They hosted a coffee hour for the 95th anniversary. They gave 2 scholarships this year. They hosted socials and gatherings throughout the year and attended Narcissus' fashion show.

Sarasota Aetolia 466—PDG Isa Velez 466 stated that our newest chapter, Aetolia, has 34 members and 2 PDGs. They have a busy year planned out. They participated in hosting coffee hour and at the festival; they hosted a fashion show. They have a guardian angel program for their youth, Lenten projects to benefit Mothers helping Mothers and Resurrection House. They do nursing home visitations. They had a speaker on facial recognition.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 moved to accept the reports with a report from Leda tomorrow, seconded by Maria Balasis Zahn 59.

Motion accepted by the Delegates.

PGG/PDG Joanne Sackedis 186 said that open forum time is when we can discuss our successful fundraisers, not just in reports. DS Diana Psetas 356 concurred.

Tina Wilson 356 moved that all chapter reports be submitted, written in bullet form, copied (11 copies, one for each chapter), and distributed to all the members of the convention, seconded by Esther Kontos 62. Discussion included writing them in bullet points, copying them.

The motion was passed by the Delegates.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that only District 2 has Godmothers for their new chapters: PGP Sonja Stefanadis for Eros 356, PGP Kalle Xenakis for Cassandra 372, and PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 for the new chapter Aetolia 466.

Business meeting closed at 4:28 pm.

We will reconvene at 10 am on 6/7/25.

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Joint meeting with AHEPA and DOP opened at 10:10 am.

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce thanked the West Palm Chapter for hosting and thank you to Maria Balasis Zahn for providing the delicious koulourakia.



DG Bill Paul recognized SG Steve Nickolson, PSP Costa Sofakitis, PSP Charles Stamoulis 15, PSP Domino Giallourakis 365.

Convention Chair Christina Zervas 356 thanked everyone for coming.

PSP Domino Giallourakis 365 thanked his wife Stephanie Giallourakis 186 and son Dino Giallourakis 365.

D2 AHEPA Family Scholarship Report:

PSP Charles Stamoulis 15 introduced the D2 Scholarship and Selection Committee Members. Raffle funds make up most of the funds for the scholarships; PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 leads the raffle committee.

PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 announced that this year the committee applied for scholarship funds and received \$5,000 from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, which made several more scholarships available. We had 30 applicants this year. PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 and Maria Gregory 210 announced the D2 Scholarship recipients:

High School Graduates:

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$1,000 to George Louh, Jacksonville
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$1,000 to Anastasia Valsamis, Tarpon Springs
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$1,000 to Lexi Spirides, Tarpon Springs
AHEPA District 2 Lodge Scholarship \$1,000 to Arianna Pelekanos, Boca Raton
AHEPA Chapter #489 Charities Inc. #1 \$1000 to Jason Poulos, Clearwater
AHEPA D2 Scholarship Foundation \$750 to Zoe McCooey, Clearwater
Jordan Joanides Memorial \$750 to Melina McKay, Boca Raton
Louis P. Logas Memorial \$750 to Stella Chickles, Orlando

Upper Class/College Students:

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$1,000 to Zachary Athan, Boca Raton
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$1,000 to Vasiliki Skoularakos, St Petersburg
Angelo Langadas Memorial #1 \$1000 to Gianna Mitarotonda, Boca Raton
Angelo Langadas Memorial #2 \$1,000 to Anna Markos, Clearwater
St. Petersburg AHEPA 15 & DOP 210 \$750 to Elizabeth Jordan, St. Petersburg
Tony Callisis Memorial \$750 to Sabrina Kate Tonello, New Port Richey
Steno Augustine Memorial \$750 to Efraim Haraktisis, Clearwater
AHEPA D2 Scholarship Foundation \$750 to Arianna Garifalis, Clearwater



AHEPA Convention Chair Domino Giallourakis 365 discussed the future of convention; next year June 5-6, 2026, will be in Winter Haven, the next year 2027 to be determined. The convention will remain a two-day convention.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 made a proposal that the District Lodges host the convention, with the nearest chapters hosting the Friday night event. It will be presented in written form to be presented to the new Lodges, and they can discuss and consider a change in the bylaws.

Dino Giallourakis 365 stated that the bylaws currently limit what can be done, unless there is a change in the bylaws.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that this will allow the Lodge to have funds, and the host chapter to have some funds from the Friday night event.

The joint meeting was closed at 10:30 am.

DOP convention came to order, opened by Convention Chair Christina Zervas 356 at 10:32 am.

Roll Call was taken by DS Diana Psetas 356.

Voting strength at 10:35 am was 43.

Unfinished Business:

IV. Chapter report, cont.

West Palm Beach Leda 59—Antigoni Panagoulis 59 spoke. Leda has the pleasure of having 3 District Lodge members: DT Maria Balasis Zahn, DM Anna Babioulakis, and DMOAA Rano Bellas. Leda had 1 member reinstated and 7 new members bringing their number up to 56. They had speakers from St. Anne's Outreach Center, AVDA (Aid for Victims of Domestic Abuse), their financial advisor, Hearts of Mom, Quantum House, La Posada retirement home at their meetings. They prepared Thanksgiving meals and manned the loukoumades station at festival. They donated over \$14,000 to the ministries of St Catherine. They helped revive their Maids chapter and paid the dues for the 13 members. They organized the church Christmas card and a NYE dance. Their largest fundraiser was a fashion show.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 moved to accept the chapter reports, seconded by PDG Alice Aspras 289. Motion passed by the Delegates.

V. New Business:

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that it has been difficult finding the initiation dates for our deceased sisters, which we had passed previously. She asked what the delegates would like.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 recommended that each chapter should add the initiation date to the end of the year form.



DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 reminded us that we all need to send deceased forms to the District and National.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 moved that we add the initiation date to the district 2 end-of-year form for all deceased members, seconded by Tina Wilson 356.

Discussion: Stephanie Giallourakis 186 said that there is a section for deceased members with name and date of death; she recommends adding date of initiation.

PGG/PDG Joanne Sackedis 186 stated that there are some sisters with no initiation date.

Tina Wilson 356 made a recommendation to keep a hard copy of old members; currently after 3 years, members are dropped from the rolls.

GT/PGG/PDG Patty Didik 356 stated that the initiation date does not change; however, years of service are only paid active years.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 stated that if reinstated, the initiation date is now the new date. It is difficult to get accurate initiation dates.

PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 recommended that we use years of service rather than the initiation date.

The motion was passed by the delegation.

PDG Isa Velez 466 stated that she has brought some homemade towels and cards.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 asked how we should submit the recommendation that the District Lodge host conventions in the future to National.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 asked who the committee would be.

DM Anna Babioulakis 59 recommended that the District Lodge run the convention, involving the local chapters.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that it would be easier on behalf of the Lodge.

GT/PGG/PDG Patty Didik 356 stated that it is much easier for the Lodge to be in control of the Convention, as it runs more smoothly.

DS Diana Psetas 356 said that sometimes working with AHEPA takes a District Lodge member, eliminating the middle woman, and freeing up the Chapter for other work.

PDG/DA Ann Pirrello 356 stated that the Lodge must set up the agenda and organize the delegates.

Mary Lou Samabatakos 186 asked what the District Lodge would do and what the Chapter would do.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that it eliminates much of the double checking, as the paperwork is the hardest part. The chapter can be responsible for the Friday night event and make some money. The Saturday night event can be done with District and Chapter, District Lodge signs



contracts. We would not be reinventing the wheel, as experienced District Lodge members have all thrown conventions.

DLtG Stella Stringer 289 stated that she feels that the District Lodge is still learning, and a committee will be needed who have experience. Everyone will need to be a part of this. We should not take it lightly, as we all want convention to be successful.

DMOAA Rano Bellas 59 Leda hosted the convention, but there were a lot of things that institutional memory would help with if the Lodge hosted.

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 stated that the Lodge is excellent and can host the convention. Communication is the most important part.

Christina Zervas 356 recommended that we alternate East Coast and West Coast; we understand that the Daughters do most of the work.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that this is only a recommendation to the AHEPA; they must approve this before it will go into effect.

DM Anna Babiolakis 59 stated that there are a lot of details and confirmation of delegates that would be avoided having the Lodge run the convention.

Esther Kontos 62 asked if the District Lodge would select the city.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that if a Chapter wants to host, they will put in a bid and can take over the Friday night event.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 agrees with the proposal. She is concerned about how it will be applied.

DS Diana Psetas 356 stated that the District Lodge will coordinate the convention.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 moved that we submit our recommendation to AHEPA that we would like to move forward to have the 2 District Lodges take over the Convention with details to be determined by the District Lodges, seconded by Kalliope Valentine 59.

Discussion: Mary Lou Samabatakos 186 said that we have a lot of expertise here, but she feels that we need to add details prior to proposal.

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 said that we will need to discuss with AHEPA; an open discussion will need to be had with them. Chapters will be able to bid.

The motion passed by the Delegates.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 asked DM Anna Babiolakis 59 to discuss the scholarship proposals. DM Ana Babiolakis 59 explained that a college student can win any district scholarships twice in their life, not including the Tsimikles scholarship, and a graduate student can win 1 scholarship in their life. The Tsimikles scholarship is not under the same rules; it can be won 2 times by an undergraduate and once by a graduate student.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 asked for clarification.

Christina Zervas 356 stated that the rules will be clarified by the scholarship committee.



DLtG Stella Stringer 289 stated that the student had to fill out the D2 scholarship to apply to the Tsimikles scholarship. She was concerned that some students were being disqualified. PDG Alice Aspras 289 stated that the Tsimikles scholarship is separate from the other scholarships.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that the continuing education scholarship is currently available for men or women. The original intent was for a woman to go back into the workforce with extra education or credentials. She stated that the new change was a mistake: continuing education scholarship should be only for women and can be given 2 times. It has been increased to \$1000.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 moved to return the continuing education scholarship to be available only to a woman, who can receive it 2 times, seconded by Stephanie Giallourakis 186.

Discussion: PDG Isa Velez 466 asked for clarification.

Motion passed by the delegations.

DM Anna Babiolakis 59 moved to allow the DOP Citrus district 2 scholarship can be awarded twice in an undergraduate career and once in a graduate career, seconded by PDG Isa Velez 466.
Motion passed by the Delegates.

DM Anna Babiolakis 59 moved that the DOP Julia Mikroutsikos scholarship can be awarded twice in an undergraduate career and once in a graduate career to a woman only, seconded by Stephanie Giallourakis 186.

Motion passed by the Delegates.

DM Anna Babiolakis 59 moved that the Tsimikles Citrus district scholarship can be awarded twice in an undergraduate career and once in a graduate career only to a woman, seconded by Antigoni Pangoulis 59.

Motion passed by the Delegates.

PDG Isa Velez 466 commended DM Anna Babiolakis 59 for creating a scoring rubric that made it easy to score the scholarships.

Esther Kontos 62 moved that the Tsimikles scholarship be separate on the website; this will be adjusted on the website.

Marylin Swierk 186 suggested that we have a projector to show the motions on the screen.



DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 discussed that instead of vision boards and scrapbooks, we should submit to the D2DOP website. This will promote our online presence. She recommends that we use this for judging next year.

Christina Zervas 356 recommends that each chapter bring in a raffle basket next year.

VI. Nominations and Election of District Lodge Officers

District Governor:

DLtG Stella Stringer 289 nominated DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372, who declined.

PDG Alice Aspras 289 nominated DLtG Stella Stringer 289, who accepted.

Elected: Stella Stringer 289.

District Lt. Governor:

PDG/DA Ann Pirrello 356 nominated DS Diana Psetas 356, who accepted.

Elected: Diana Psetas 356

District Secretary:

PDG Marie Kyriacou 372 nominated DT Maria Balasis Zahn 59, who accepted.

Elected: Maria Balasis Zahn 59

District Treasurer:

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 nominated DM Anna Babiolakis 59, who accepted.

Elected: Anna Babiolakis 59

District Marshal:

Antigoni Panagoulis 59 nominated DMOAA Rano Bellas 59, who accepted.

Elected: Rano Bellas 59

District Advisor to the Maids of Athena

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 nominated Mary Denning 343; she had sent a letter of intent. Please see attached.

Elected: Mary Denning 343

District Advisor to the Lodge

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 accepted.

Elected: Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372



VII. Good of the Order and Announcements

PDG/GG/GT Patty Didik 356 announced that she will be running for GS, and that GG Zone II Effie Kirkiles 289 will be running for GT at National Convention.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 congratulated the Sisters of Leda 59 for the excellent job on this convention.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 congratulated the District Lodge and thanked Leda 59 for their excellent job.

Christina Zervas 356 recommended that we give a Daughter of the Year and a Sister of the Year award as well as Penelope of the Year at the Convention next year.

Esther Kontos 62 asked for clarification.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that there was a Daughter of the Year in the past; however, it was lost. It should be revamped and reinstated.

AHEPA Convention Chair Domino Giallourakis 356 announced the installation of incoming Lodges in this room at 6:00 pm.

Mary Jean Huber 59 asked if there will be different applications for the different scholarships; there will.

VIII. Remarks from Grand Lodge Officers:

Christina Zervas 356 introduced PDG/GG/GT Patty Didik 356 who said that we are all here because we love the Daughters and want to learn and share. She stated that as a non-Greek, she is proud to take a role

in Daughters. As a Christian organization, we all share the same values. We need to grow and need to reach out to non-Greek members to grow our organization. We will be doing the DOP Academy again next year. She encourages us to sign up when it becomes available.

IX. Presentations:

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 presented a gift to PDG/GG/GT Patty Didik 356, who then presented a gift and certificate from her and PDG/GG Effie Kirkiles 289 for DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372.



DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 presented a check for the charity Pack-A-Sack to PDG/GG/GT Patty Didik 356.

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 presented certificates to the host Leda Chapter President, Chapter Presidents, the Tellers and Sentinel, and certificates to the Convention Officers and Committee Chairs.

Break for 5 minutes at 12:30.

Meeting resumed at 12:43.

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 presented the following awards :

- a) Most Chapter Initiates: Aeneas 210 St Petersburg
- b) Best Chapter Communication: Pelias 286 Clearwater
- c) District Governor Special Recognition - "The new little chapter that could" – Aetolia #466 Sarasota

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 presented the following awards at the Banquet :

Large Chapter of the Year: West Palm Beach - Leda #59

Small Chapter of the Year: Sarasota Aetolia #466

Penelope of the Year: Christina Zervas – New Port Richey Eros #356

D2 DOP Scholarships were announced by Scholarship Committee Chairs Christine Zervas 356 and Anna Babiolakis 59.

DOP Citrus District #2	\$1000	Stefanie Bellas	West Palm
Elizabeth Tsimekles	\$2000	Ariana Thatcher	Tampa
PDG/Julia P Microusticos	\$1000	Stephanie Vagelos	Boca Raton
DOP Citrus District #2 Continuing Education	\$1000	Christina Bramblett	Daytona

X. Remarks by Incoming District Governor

DLtG Stella Stringer 289 thanked DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 for her friendship; their paths in the Daughters have been similar and they have grown together. The Lodge is very strong. The beauty of the District Lodge is meeting other Sisters. Conventions are like reunions, and friendships are reunited. There is so much work done behind the scenes. There are so many advisors available. Her goals are to increase membership and participation, to plan for succession



to avoid burnout, to increase attendance in DOP Academy, create zoom meetings for chapter presidents, maintain and grow the Maids of Athena chapters. She would like to grow more Daughters chapters. We can never say thank you enough. Fundraising for scholarships is very important. We need to help each other with fundraising. She looks forward to working together with all of us for a very successful year.

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 acknowledged PDG Sophia Karras who is with us.

PDG/GG Effie Kirkiles 289 sent bracelets/pens for all delegates.

DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 presented gifts for her District Lodge members.

The District Lodge presented DG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 with a gift.

XI: Closing Prayer

DM Anna Babiolakis 59 read the closing prayer.

XII. Motion to Adjourn

PDG Alice Aspras 289 moved to adjourn, seconded by PGG/PDG Joanne Sackedis 186.

Motion passed by the Delegates.

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Convention was adjourned at 1:19 pm June 7, 2025.

Attachments: Budget, letter from Mary Denning.

Minutes respectfully submitted June 7, 2025, at 1:47 pm.