



**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
CITRUS DISTRICT 2 CONVENTION
WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA
MINUTES
JUNE 12-14, 2026**

I. Call to Order:

Convention Organizer Joe Sheidy 464 opened the annual DOP District 2 convention at 12:00pm. The Lord's Prayer was recited.

AHEPA PSP/PDG/Convention Chair Domino Giallourakis 356 introduced DOP DG Stella Stringer 289 and AHEPA DG Bill Paul 16.

Grand Secretary/PGG/PDG Patty Didik 356 and Grand Treasurer/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 were introduced. AHEPA DG Bill Paul 16 thanked Joe Sheidy 464 and the Prometheus chapter of AHEPA for hosting this convention and introduced SG Steve Nicholson. District Governor Stella Stringer 289 welcomed the delegates to the 93th Annual District 2 Convention.

Introduction of District Lodge Members:

District Governor (DG) Stella Stringer 289, District Lieutenant Governor (DLtG) Diana Psetas 356, District Secretary (DS) Maria Balasis Zahn 59, District Treasurer (DT) Anna Babiolakis 59, District Marshall (DM) Rano Bellas 59 (absent), and D2 Lodge Advisor PDG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372.

Call to Order by DG Stella Stringer 289 on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 12:07pm. Prayer was offered by DT Anna Babiolakis 59. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PGPs escorted Worthy Sisters:

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 and PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 escorted Grand Secretary/PGG/PDG Patty Didik 356 and Grand Treasurer/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 into the meeting.

The meeting was officially opened at 12:10 by DG Stella Stringer 289.

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 and current Grand Officers and Past District Governors were acknowledged:

GS/PGG/PDG/Grand Liaison Patty Didik 356, GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289, PDG Marie Kyriacou 372 (absent), PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372, PDG Ann Pirrello 356, PGG/PDG Joanne Sackedis 186, PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189, PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210, PDG Ourania Stephanides 167, and PDG Isa Velez 466.

Roll Call of Delegates and Voting Strength by District Secretary:

Roll Call of Delegates was performed.

Total voting strength at 12:20 pm was 41.

Appointment of Tellers and Sentinels by District Governor:

Cindy Zitis 289 - Teller

Linda Winchester 189 - Teller

Ann Marie Ryan 356 - Sentinel

GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 - Parliamentarian

Election of Convention Officers:

Convention Chairman: Michele Manousos 62, nominated by Esther Kontos 62, was elected.

Convention Vice-Chairman : PDG Isa Velez 466, nominated by Martha Angelides 466, was elected.

Convention Secretary: Maria Gregory 210, nominated by PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372, was elected. Convention officers took their oath and commenced their duties.

Acceptance of the Convention Agenda and 2025 Minutes:

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 moved to accept the Convention Agenda, seconded by Christina Zervas 356.

Motion passed by the Delegates. There were two modifications added to the agenda; a report from PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 and a report from GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289.

The 2025 D2 Convention minutes were sent out by email. There was a simple correction to the minutes.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 moved to accept the corrected minutes of the 2025 District Convention, seconded by PDG Ann Pirrello 356. Motion passed by the Delegates.

PDG report: given by PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372. Please see attached report.

Recommendation 1 to transfer the PDG scholarship fund to the District Lodge scholarship fund.

Recommendation 2 for the District Charity donation to be increased to \$1000, subject to floor vote.



Chairman Michele Manousos 62 passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Isa Velez 466 in order to ask if the charities named were required ones. The gavel was returned, and VC Isa Velez 466 asked who makes the decision for which charity. PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 recommended that we chose charities within District 2, and that the incoming Lodge make that decision. Christina Zervas 356 stated that AHEPA Charities 489 donate to the D2 AHEPA Foundation. PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis clarified where their money was going. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 asked if the President's assessment will be raised. PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 said that there is money available. PDG Ann Pirrello 356 explained that the idea is for the new Lodge to choose a charity up front. Mary Lou Samabatakos 186 suggested that the charity be mandated to be in D2. PDG Isa Velez 466 suggested that the chapters can offer suggestions for the charity, perhaps at convention. DG Stella Stringer 289 mentioned that there are so many charities that we can choose from; each DG will have to make the choice. The amount and mandates will be voted on tomorrow. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 stated that the budget has to be balanced by raising money and spending money. PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 said that we need to pay out some of the money, as we do not need to hold \$15,000 in that account. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 stated that the District Lodge may need the money for a rainy day; she agrees that the DG can choose the charity. Effie Stratis Tefanikis 466 recommended that at convention we choose the amount. *Recommendation 3* for the large/small chapter award was that the chapter presidents submit their paid membership numbers as of the current calendar year. Esther Kontos 62 asked if the number was staying the same. PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 stated that the number (50) will stay the same.

Recommendation 4 for the DG stipend that a stipend sheet be created and distributed to the incoming DG.

Recommendation 5 was for the Grand MOA Advisor to be appointed instead of elected; this would remove their GL voting rights, but the stipend would be retained.

GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 discussed recommendation 5 in greater detail and recommends this strongly. She presented a printed Proposed Legislative Change Form for the Constitution & Bylaws and Ritual. See attached. DG Stella Stringer 289 asked how the Grand President would make that decision. GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 stated that she could be recommended by the Maids of Athena and the Grand Lodge. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 asked for clarification; she recommended that the position can be a stepping stone to the Grand Lodge and that not everyone is qualified. GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 said the MOA President and the Grand Lodge President would make that decision. PDG Isa Velez 466 mentioned that this has been a very political issue at national, as the MOA Advisor may feel that she should move on to the Grand Lodge.

PDG Ourania Stephanides 167 suggested that if the MOA Advisor has to go to all of the GL meetings, she should be able to vote at the GL. GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 suggested that since



the MOA Advisor may become an appointed position; some may feel that the Advisor may vote with the President. There is also an Advisory Board who are appointed as well, from all different regions. PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 commented that we need to keep the MOA going, and that an appointed Advisor will work better for this. PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 thanked the PDGs who attended the meeting and made these recommendations.

Total voting strength at 12:40 pm was 42.

Michele Manousos 62 also welcomed non delegate members to the convention.

Break was called at 1:22 pm.

Session restarted at 1:38 pm. Chairman Michele Manousos 62 made announcements.

Today's session will be finished by 4:00 pm, and BBQ Luau will be at 6 pm at the pool.

Tomorrow's sessions will start at 9 am and be finished by 3:30 pm, with grand banquet at 6 pm.

PDG meeting after today's session in PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis' 372 room. Penelope of the Year meeting will be after session in the hallway. Scholarship committee needs to turn points into Erin Ryan 289 asap and meet after this meeting in the hallway. Budget committee had met by zoom.

Chapter of the Year committee had met.

Total voting strength at 1:50 pm was 42.

II. Discussion and Committee Reports:

a) Growth and Expansion

Kalliope Valentine 59 recommended we encourage the Maids of Athena move up to DOA.

PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 said that we only have 3 MOA chapters, so we need to open new chapters.

DLtG Diana Psetas 356 said that their chapter will be opening a MOA chapter; she recommends relationship building to bring people into the DOP.

Vickey Sboukis 62 suggested we ask the MOA what would motivate them to become a Daughter.

PDG Ann Pirrello 356 said that they had a 30-year-old member become their chapter secretary, as she is very IT savvy.

Esther Kontos 62 said they their chapter used church events to pass out a flyer with bullet points, explaining what DOP does.

Chair Michele Manousos 62 suggested that having a SOP chapter can help.

DG Stella Stringer 289 suggested we tap into YAL in our communities, as they are in same age group, go to the same events. We should not have events on the same day in different communities. MOA and SOP are meeting and getting together.



Marylin Swierk 186 suggested that we ask that they help with our events, as everyone likes being needed. Put information in the local newspaper.

Christine Zervas 356 recommends that we always carry an application, and that we hand them out at all events.

The session was interrupted by a proposal from the AHEPA.

AHEPA proposal: PST/PDG Demetrios Kirkiles stated that the D2 Scholarship Foundation wanted to form a fundraising committee. They are asking that we appoint a representative from each DOP chapter to add to the AHEPA D2 scholarship fundraising committee. PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 said that we are currently selling raffle tickets to raise money. PST/PDG Demetrios Kirkiles suggested that we do not have a “formal” fundraising committee. PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 stated that the more money we raise, the more scholarships we can give. We have been able to receive a \$5000 grant from the Archdiocese the last 2 years. We want to make it a “family” since at least half of the awards are to women sponsored by DOP members. The selection committee currently is 4 Daughters and 1 AHEPAn. GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 suggested that if we have this in writing, we have a say in what is going on with this scholarship foundation. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 said that we know that the Daughters get sh*t done, and we need to consider succession issues. If we can get this in writing, we can participate. Vickey Sboukis 62 asked what the proposal is exactly. PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 read the proposal which was passed by the AHEPA today-- “Direct the formation of a subcommittee to the scholarship foundation which will have the sole duty to raise funds for the Citrus D2 foundation. Members shall be composed of those subcommittee members appointed by the foundation chairman and one representative of each chapter.”

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 said it behooves us to have a voice at the table. The Foundation has about \$250k, which is not directly under the advice of a financial planner. PDG Isa Velez 466 asked if the AHEPA chapters were also required to send a member to the subcommittee. PDG Ann Pirrello 356 asked if the new subcommittee will make decisions about scholarships. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 stated that this is just a fundraising committee. This would allow each chapter to help sell raffle tickets. PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 suggested that we add a recommendation that the money be professionally managed. PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 stated that there is a board and a selection committee. PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 wanted to play devil’s advocate; should we add AHEPA members to our fundraising committee? Ann Marie Ryan 356 suggested that they change the name if we are going to be involved. Christina Zervas 356 suggested that we are not involved, as we will end up doing all the work. Kalliope Valentine 59 recommended they have a professional financial advisor.



Stephanie Giallourakis 186 made a motion to table the voting on this recommendation to tomorrow, seconded by DLtG Diana Psetas 356. Motion passed by the Delegates.

b) Ways and Means

Esther Kontos 62 said that Periboea had a golf tournament and raffled off a golf cart, made \$11K. PDG Ann Pirrello 356 said Eros had a golf tournament, firefighters vs police, which drew a lot of people from the community. Cathey Taylor 356 added that the hole in one prize was a car which was donated (no one won it), raised about \$15K.

Esther Kontos 62 said Periboea had BLINGO again this year, with nice gifts, raised \$2K.

Christina Zervas 356 said Eros hosts a citizen of the year event, with a party in their honour, made \$25K, through tickets and donations.

PDG Isa Velez 466 said that Aetolia are a new chapter and had to raise money quickly. They had a tea party and raised \$6K, Lenten soup fundraiser each Sunday of Lent after church for \$8/quart.

Using your church to raise money gives a core base. Their priest recommended that they sit with someone they did not know after church, so they now have 12 possible new members.

Michele Manousos 62 passed the gavel and said Periboea sold Vasilopites and Easter Lilies.

Linda Winchester 189 said that a small chapter like Pelion can do a loukoumades sale, which raises about \$1K each time.

c) Projects

Diane Trimis 167 said that a project can be for the community, not for fundraising.

DLtG Diane Psetas 356 suggested projects promote teamwork; examples are putting together hygiene bags, or snack bags for first responders.

PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 said they collect lipsticks several times a year for Fabulosity, pajama drives for foster kids.

PDG Isa Velez 466 said that education is part of their mission, the difference between Philoptochos and DOP. Their chapter brought in speakers (fall prevention, cybersecurity) to educate the parish.

Eleni Kerasoglou 356 stated she was hacked by a false DOP site.

Christine Baldino 372 said that they made beds for children, provided items to a school store for children.

Esther Kontos 62 said that Periboea gives gift cards for kids, donate toys for kids, clothing drive for battered women at Haven House.

PDG Ann Pirrello 356 said that Eros feed the AHEPA housing residents, do shoe drives, clothing, supplies, baby shower, pack a sack (feeding financially challenged kids over the weekends) and Christmas gifts/angel tree.

PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 announced that Aeneas will be hosting a quarter auction to help MacDonald Training Center (getting disabled adults into training and work) and Vincent House (getting the mentally ill trained and jobs) 9/12/26 at St Stefanos.



Marylin Swierk186 said please include kids in events.

Mary Lou Samabatakos 186 suggested we discuss upcoming events in chapter reports.

d) Maids of Athena

DLtG Diana Psetas 356 recommended that we try to start new chapters and recruit more members, encourage those who have received scholarships to join DOP as well.

e) Website report

GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 stated that our website is dopd2.com. She asked if anyone would like to help with it or take it over. Please forward all of your chapter information to the website to be included. Social media is hugely important, please post events, like posts, add stories. Put it out there for people to see. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 suggested that we ask the younger members to help with website.

Motion made by Stephanie Giallourakis 186 to recess for the day, seconded by Vickey Shoukis 62. Motion carried.

Session closed at 3:00 pm.

We will meet again tomorrow at 9am.

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Joint meeting with AHEPA:

Chair Michele Manousos 62 introduced herself, as did AHEPA Convention Chair Domino Giallourakis, who thanked Convention Host Joe Sheidy. He asked the PDG/PGPs to stand. We were asked to please buy raffle tickets for the scholarships.

Citrus D2 AHEPA Scholarship Foundation Report:

PSP/PDG Charles Stamoulis 15 apologized for the confusion with the proposal introduced yesterday. He suggested that we disregard it. He introduced the D2 Scholarship Foundation Board and Selection Committee Members. Donations and raffle funds make up the funds for the scholarships; PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 leads the raffle ticket committee. We now have \$160,000 in the fund and give scholarships from the interest and moneys raised during the year. PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 announced that this year and last 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 26 applicants this year and gave 17 scholarships, 16 of which were \$1000. PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210, James Makris and DG Stella Stringer 289 announced the D2 Scholarship recipients:

High School Graduates:

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$1,000 to Dominique Hurst, St Petersburg.

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$1,000 to Mia Schmidgall, Clearwater.



Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$1,000 to Georgeia Mareksa, West Palm Beach.
AHEPA D2 District Lodge Scholarship \$1,000 to Marianthe Garifalis, Clearwater.
AHEPA D2 Scholarship Foundation \$1,000 to Theodora Portelos, Clearwater.
Jordan Joanides Memorial \$1,000 to Anna Manolakos, Clearwater.
Tony Callis Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 to Nicolaos Panagiotopoulos, New Port Richey.
AHEPA D2 Scholarship Foundation \$1,000 to Christina Papastamatis, Fort Lauderdale.
Steno Augustine Memorial \$1,000 to Anastasia Angelis, Clearwater
St. Petersburg AHEPA 15 & DOP 210 \$750 to Gregory Spantidakis, St. Petersburg.

Upper Class/College Students:

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$1,000 to Zachary Mellen, Orlando.
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \$1,000 to Elias Angelis, Clearwater.
Angelo Langadas Memorial #1 \$1000 to John Elias, Jacksonville.
Angelo Langadas Memorial #2 \$1,000 to Sabrina Tonello, New Port Richey.
AHEPA D2 Scholarship Foundation \$1,000 to Stamatia Zaparegos, Boca Raton.
AHEPA D2 Scholarship Foundation \$1,000 to George Louh, Jacksonville.
AHEPA D2 Scholarship Foundation \$1,000 to Alexandra Xilas, Clearwater.

PSP/PDG Charles Stamoulis 15 stated that due to all of the changes suggested in the proposal for the scholarship foundation may cause him to resign from his position today.

DOP convention called to order, opened by Convention Chair Michele Manousos 62 at 9:27am.
Happy Birthday was sung to Ann Marie Ryan 356.
Roll Call was taken by DS Maria Balasis Zahn 59.
Voting strength at 9:34 am was 40.
Prayer was offered. Pledge of Allegiance was done.
Chair Michele Manousos 62 suggested we amend today's agenda to begin with DL officers reports. *Diane Trimis 167 made a motion to suggest we amend today's agenda to begin with the DL officer's reports, seconded by Martha Angelides 466. Motion passed by the Delegates.*
Chair Michele Manousos suggested that we order pizza for lunch and have a working lunch.
Voting strength at 9:38 am was 41.

III. District Lodge Officers' Reports:

DG Stella Stringer 289 stated that we had an amazing year. What a wonderful convention in Lakeland, hosted by the District Lodge and Winter Haven Prometheus chapter. Tarpon Springs MOA chapter was reactivated this year. Tallahassee and West Palm Beach MOA chapters are active. We hosted our Grand President on both coasts this year. DL visited and attended events from every chapter this year. She thanked our webmaster GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289. We had



15 scholarship applications this year. It is a truly an incredible sisterhood, and it takes a village to make this happen.

DLtG Diana Psetas 356 wanted to thank the Tarpon Springs chapter for helping reactivate the MOA. Tallahassee and West Palm Beach also have chapters. Thank you to all of the MOA advisors. Everyone in this room is a Wonder Woman; she plans to take advice from PDGs.

DS Maria Balasis Zahn 59 was privileged to serve alongside the DL. This year has been filled with service, laughter and teamwork. She looks forward to all of the wonderful things to come.

DG Stella Springer 289 read the message from DM Rano Bellas 59. She encouraged us to spread the word on our Facebook; we have gained almost 300 followers.

DT Anna Babioulakis 59 passed out lottery scratch off tickets, after they were all picked off the chairs last night by the workers. We are a part of something that lasts far beyond this room. Thanks for being Sisters.

DA/PDG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to advise the DL this year. She has pride and gratitude to the incredible women in the Daughters. She will be committed to continuing the work of D2 Daughters.

Erin Ryan 289 moved to accept the District Lodge Officers' reports, seconded by Christine Zervas 356.

Motion passed by the Delegates.

IV. Chapter reports:

West Palm Beach Leda 59—Kalliope Valentine 59 said she is proud of their District Secretary Maria Balasis Zahn 59, District Treasurer Anna Babioulakis 59, and District Marshall Rano Bellas 59 from their chapter. Chapter has grown to 55 members. They have had speakers on women's health, Sons of Pericles, and scholarships. Community service is the heart of Leda, including aid to domestic violence, outreach centers, Quantum house, with over 1200 meals served this year. They hosted loukoumades and coffee hours. Over \$15,000 donated to charities this year.

Tarpon Springs Periboea 62—Esther Kontos 62 said Periboea reactivated their local chapter of MOA, hosted Women's health night, raised \$9K from golf cart raffle, 50/50 raffle and BLINGO. They gave 3 \$2000 scholarships and \$500 for continuing education, donated to charities --Meals on Wheels, Cops for Kids, gift cards to elementaries, Greek school, VFW, Haven House, Alkyone



in Greece for disabilities. They partnered with AHEPA for many meals including the regular Friday night dinners.

Tampa Alcmaeon 167---PDG Ourania Stephanides 167 said Alcmaeon is small but mighty. They did an emergency appeal for clothing for children and raised \$1,000 for them. They partner with Philoptochos for multiple projects. They collected money for Sophia, the gunshot victim. They do the annual walk for Alzheimers, raising \$2,500. They host coffee hours and Founder's Day events. Yaya's Tables held on Sundays in December with vintage items in good quality for sale.

Clearwater Pelias 186—Mary Lou Samabatakos 186 stated that Pelias has 100 members, only 3 delinquents. They are planning to reactivate their MOA chapter. They remembered 65-year member PGP/PDG Sonia Stefanidis. They went to the fine arts museum, had an ice cream social, cookie and ornament exchange, and a joint AHEPA/DOP Family picnic. March 6, 2027, will be their fashion show at the Safety Harbor Inn and Spa. They support AHEPA scholarships, decorate the church with flowers.

Orlando Pelion 189—Linda Winchester 189 said Pelion has 17 members. They toured Limbitless Solutions and gave a \$1000 donation, did clothing donations, gave teddy bears for children taken out of dangerous situations, money and lipsticks to Fabulosity, food to Good Shepherd food bank, handmade blankets and hats for 40 day blessings, hosted membership teas, attended Epiphany and Independence day parades, gave a scholarship, and initiated 3 new members. They do loukoumades sales, joint dinners and volunteer for Greek Festival.

St Petersburg Aeneas 210—PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 stated that Aeneas doubled our membership in the last few years with young women. They decorate the church with flowers on holidays. They had multiple speakers on energy healing, sound bowls, yoga, nutrition, and women's health. We celebrated Veteran's Day at our flag plaza, AHEPA providing luncheon and DOP providing coffee hour for Founder's Day, raised \$2,000 for veterans. They had a joint Christmas party and Kentucky Derby party with AHEPA. Save the date for our Quarter Auction September 12, 2026, at St. Stefanos Hall.

Fort Lauderdale Narcissus 289-- Mindy Speck-Wierzbicki 289 said Narcissus hosted fashion show Bags and Bling with GL and DL members attending. They had a visitation from the Grand President Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, went to the Mamma Mia show, celebrated Alice Aspras 100th birthday this year, initiated 7 new members including Dody Tsiantar who is the Salute to Women honoree this year, hosted a Christmas Gala, and bake sale. They had speakers on wills and financial planning. They support PACE Center and Every Mother's Advocate,



Daytona Beach Sybils 343—no report.

New Port Richey Eros 356—PDG Ann Pirrello 356 thanked her chapter for stepping up while she has been caring for her 103-year-old mother. They have had speakers on women's health, Tunnel to Towers, Oasis pregnancy center, Bridging Freedom teen abuse center. They had 2 initiates and 2 deceased. They had a Christmas party, game nights, Epiphany banquet with GP Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, attended Epiphany parade, support other chapters in events. They give 3 \$1,000 scholarships. They donate to Pack a Sack, Angel tree, Christmas gifts for AHEPA housing residents, host a golf tournament.

Boca Raton Cassandra 372—Christine Baldino 372 said Cassandra has 60 paid members, hosts an annual Founder's Day event, gave many thanks to PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372, awarded a \$2,000 scholarship this year, sent articles to Penelope Scroll. A member makes baby blankets for Safe Haven with donated yarn. They had a Mamma Mia dinner dance.

Sarasota Aetolia 466—PDG Isa Velez 466 said their chapter started in 2014; they have doubled their delegates this year. They participated in the Greek Independence Day parade, placed flags at church, donated pajamas, supported MOA, and participated with other chapters. They also partner with Philoptochos, cooking, serving, and donating. They hosted an afternoon tea that was beautiful, raised over \$6,000.

Esther Kontos 62 moved to accept the chapter reports, seconded by Mary Lou Samabatakos 186. Motion accepted by the Delegates.

Break was taken at 10:37 am.

Session was reconvened at 10:48am.

Voting Strength at 10:56 am was 39.

II. Discussion and Committee Reports (continued):

f) Budget and Audit

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 presented the budget for 2026-2027. Please see attached budget. As costs are going up, we need to increase income,

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 made a motion to increase the chapter district assessment fee to \$150 from \$125; Mary Lou Samabatakos 186 seconded the motion. PDG Ourania Stephanides 167 suggested that this is a small increase but may cause concern for small chapters. Esther Kontos 62 asked where the money was going; scholarships or general fund? Stephanie Giallourakis 186 answered- to general fund. Ann Marie Ryan 356 suggested that \$25 is not enough to make a big difference. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 suggested that \$200 per chapter would be better. Effie



Stratis Tefanikis 466 suggested that \$5 increase at national was a big deal, so a stepwise increase might be better. *Motion passed by the Delegates.*

We have 510 members in D2.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 made a motion to combine District Visitation and Conference expenses and increase the DG Visitation/conference to \$2510, and Erin Ryan 289 seconded.

GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 suggested that we add lines 11,13 and 14 as one line. As this is just a reorganization, it does not require an amendment. *Motion passed by the Delegates.*

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 made a motion to remove line 8, 9, and 31, emergency relief funds and bank interest, seconded by Mary Lou Samabatakos 186. GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 said that people do give money for emergencies, agreed by PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 rescinded the motion.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 made a motion to delete line 9 - bank interest, seconded by PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189. PDG Isa Velez 466 asked if we have any CDs; we do not. *Motion passed by the Delegates.*

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 made a motion to combine line 26 and line 15 and change the name to printing and supplies, seconded by Vickey Sboukis 62. GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 asked if that included postage: it does. *Motion passed by the Delegates.*

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 explained the scholarships. The PDGs would like to add their funds (in a CD of approximately \$7,700 due to roll over in March 2027) to the D2 District Lodge scholarships, with the stipulation that the PDG Julie Mikroutsicos scholarship be continued and they also recommend continuing the continuing education scholarship. *DLtG Diana Psetas 356 made a motion to accept the above motion, seconded by Marilyn Swierk 186.* Esther Kontos 62 asked if the amounts of scholarships will be changed; not necessarily. *Motion passed by the Delegates.*

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 made a recommendation to have the actual expenses for travel of the DG submitted to the committee prior to the formulation of the budget.

She also discussed that the charity donation change from \$200 to \$1000 which will change line 22 and require an increase in the fundraising. *PDG Ourania Stephanides 167 made a motion to increase the charity donation from \$200 to \$1000 and subsequently increase the fundraising to allow a balanced budget, seconded by Eleni Kerasoglou 356.* *Motion passed.*

GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 suggested that the Salute to Women is every other year, so should be removed from this year's budget.



The budget will be amended with the above changes.

g) Scholarships

Committee Chair Erin Ryan 289 presented the scholarship report. We had 15 applicants, 3 ineligible, 1 due to no photo, 2 had a disqualified sponsor. She recommended that the essay topic be changed to “How does the mission of the DOP relate to your life?” She also recommended that there be more specificity in extracurricular activities, honors, GPA, work experience, civic and community service, including years of each. She also suggested that one scholarship be given to a high schooler and one to a college student.

4 Scholarships totalling \$5000 were awarded this year:

Daughters of Penelope Citrus District 2 Scholarship \$1,000 to Michalia Makryllos, Tarpon Springs.

Past District Governors Julia Mikroutsicos Scholarship \$1,000 to Dominique Hurst, St Petersburg.
DOP Citrus District 2 Continuing Education/Tech School Scholarship \$1,000 to Anastasia Chambers, Gainesville.

Elizabeth Tsimekles Scholarship \$2,000 to Georgia Mareksa, West Palm Beach.

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 asked how the changes can be made for the scholarship applications; *she made a motion to designate one scholarship for high school student and one for college students, seconded by DT Anna Babiolakis 59.* GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 agreed with change, but some years we do not have applicants for certain groups. *Stephanie Giallourakis 186 amended her motion for Citrus D2 scholarship to be given to a High School student, and PDG Mikroutsicos scholarship to be for college students, unless there are not applicants in each group in which case both can be given to either.* PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 asked if the applications would be different; answer no. DLtG Diana Psetas 356 suggested the application might be more fluid. Tsimikles scholarship would be open to both groups. GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 said that Mikroutsicos scholarship is only for women, so men would not be eligible. *Stephanie Giallourakis 186 then rescinded her motion.* PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 said that tech schools should be specified. Marilyn Swierk 186 mentioned that weighted vs unweighted GPA should be considered. Eleni Kerasoglou 356 asked if we can make any changes to GPA now. Erin Ryan 289 suggested that we research it and make recommendations. Cathey Taylor 356 said it should be up to the committee, as IB and AP and dual enrollment do make a difference. Eleni Kerasoglou 356 stated that all committee members may not take that into consideration, recommended more instruction to the committee. Erin Ryan 289 said that this might exclude children with disabilities or IEPs. The GPA is a small part of the application. Financial need is not included in the application. Stephanie Giallourakis 186 suggested we leave it to the scholarship committee to make recommendations next year. Ann Marie Ryan 356 said that the committee did a remarkable job.



Break for lunch 11:51 am for 45 minutes.

Session resumed at 12:48.

Voting strength at 12:52 pm was 41.

h) Penelope of the Year

Christine Zervas 356 chaired the Penelope of the Year committee; there were 4 candidates. The Penelope of the Year will be announced tonight at the banquet. She thanked her committee.

i) Grievance, Resolutions and Legislature

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 read a recommendation from the PDGs: Our recommendation is for the District Lodge to come to a joint decision to select a charitable initiative at the beginning of their term. The goal is simply to ensure that Citrus District 2 gives back to our community in a meaningful and unified way each year. *Esther Kontos 62 made a motion to above, seconded by Ann Marie Ryan 356. Motion passed by the Delegates.*

Vickey Sboukis 62 made a motion that the Chapter Presidents provide the Convention with their membership numbers on May 15, seconded by Martha Angelides 466. Motion passed.

Large and small chapter recommendations. *When multiple Lodge members belong to the same chapter, only one member may evaluate or score on behalf of their perspective chapter. One Lodge member per chapter, modelled on POY voting procedure. Motion to above made by DT Anna Babioulakis 59, seconded Erin Ryan 289. Motion passed by the Delegates.*

GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 offered the Proposed Legislative Change form concerning the Grand Maids of Athena Advisor which we discussed in detail yesterday.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 made a motion to accept the Proposed Legislative Change Form concerning the MOAA, seconded by PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189. Motion passed by the Delegates. See attached.

PGG/PDG Stella Sirks 189 stated that the proposal made yesterday by the AHEPA has been made null and void.

j) Chapter of the Year

DG Stella Stringer 289 discussed the process; all chapters submitted. The large and small chapters of the year will be announced at the Grand Banquet tonight. The change in the judging was already passed. She stated that our chapters all do excellent and varied work. Everyone should be applauded for all the hard work that we do.

Small Chapter of the Year: Aetolia 466 Sarasota

Large Chapter of the Year: Leda 59 West Palm Beach



V. New Business:

Christine Zervas 356 stated that AHEPA Charities 489 would like to add \$1000/yr to the District DOP scholarship.

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 discussed that AHEPA is considering recommendations that the District Lodge will host District Convention, make sure that the hotel has dining facilities. See attached.

VI. Nominations and Election of District Lodge Officers

District Governor:

PDG Ann Pirello 356 nominated DLtG Diana Psetas 356, who accepted.

Elected: Diana Psetas 356

District Lt. Governor:

PGP/PDG Connie Pilallis 372 nominated DS Maria Balasis Zahn 59, who accepted.

Elected: Maria Balasis Zahn 59

District Secretary:

PDG Iliyana Simeonova Boyce 372 nominated DT Anna Babiolakis 59, who accepted.

Elected: DT Anna Babiolakis 59

District Treasurer:

Kalliope Valentine 59 nominated DM Rano Bellas 59, who accepted by letter.

Elected: DM Rano Bellas 59

District Marshal:

Kalliope Valentine 59 nominated Ann Marie Ryan 356, who accepted.

Elected: Ann Marie Ryan 356

District Advisor to the Maids of Athena

Mary Lou Samabatakos 186 nominated Theodora Bousdoukos 186, who accepted by letter.

Elected: Theodora Bousdoukos 186

District Advisor to the Lodge

DG Stella Stringer 289 accepted.

Elected: Stella Stringer 289



VII. Good of the Order and Announcements

GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 passed around the convention book for all of us to write a note to PDG Alice Aspras 289 who is 100 years old and was unable to attend convention today.

PGP/PDG Nicky Stamoulis 210 described the Aeneas Quarter Auction event scheduled for September 12, 2026. \$50 tickets for dinner and a paddle, cash bar, extra paddles \$20.

PDG Isa Velez 466 stated that they brought several items made by the members for sale.

Christina Zervas 356 encouraged everyone attend the Independence Day parade March 28, 2027. She is selling cruise raffle tickets for the Yassou cruise March 1-7, 2027. Fall fashion show coming up. She also recommends that each chapter give a Daughter of the Year award. She wanted to acknowledge Ann Marie Ryan 356 as their Daughter of the Year!

Stephanie Giallourakis 186 wanted to commend their Chapter's Vice President for the excellent membership work, reminded us of their fashion show March 6, 2027, and thanked the District Lodge for all of their work.

DLtG Diana Psetas 356 is selling raffle tickets for the DOP D2 Scholarship.

PDG Isa Velez 466 congratulated the new District Lodge.

GT/PDG Eftyhia Kirkiles 289 announced that she will be running for Grand Secretary at National Convention.

GS/PGG/PDG Patty Didik 356 announced that she will be running for Grand Vice President at National Convention.

VIII. Remarks from Grand Lodge Officers:

Grand Secretary/PGG/PDG Patty Didik 356 said that they travel and meet many Sisters around the world, but no one compares to D2. She challenged us to start new chapters and induct new Sisters; we only need 50 more members to beat D5. This has been a wonderful weekend. We have passed some important legislation which will move forward. It is an honor to represent D2.



IX. Presentations:

DG Stella Stringer 289 presented a gift to GT/PGG/PDG Patty Didik 356, a donation to the Salute for Women.

DG Stella Stringer 289 presented certificates to the Chapter Presidents, the Convention Officers, the Parliamentarian, Tellers and Sentinel, and Committee Chairs.

DG Stella Stringer 289 presented the following awards:

- a) Most Chapter Initiates: Narcissus 289 Ft Lauderdale
- b) Best Chapter Communication: Aeneas 210 St Petersburg
Announced at Grand Banquet:
- c) Chapter of the Year: Small: Aetolia 466 Sarasota
Large: Leda 59 West Palm Beach
- d) Penelope of the Year: DT Anna Babiolakis 59

DG Stella Stringer 289 presented gifts for her District Lodge members.

X. Remarks by Incoming District Governor:

DLtG Diana Psetas 356 thanked the Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries. Congratulations to all of the PDGs and all delegates. Online tools will be continuing, and text threads. DLtG Diana Psetas' 356 number is 727-514-9051.

The District Lodge presented DG Stella Stringer 289 with a gift.

Closing Prayer:

Chair Michele Manousos 62 read the closing prayer. She thanked the Convention for the privilege of being the chair.

XI. Motion to Adjourn :

Erin Ryan 289 moved to adjourn, seconded by Vickey Sboukis 62.

Motion passed by the Delegates.

Convention was adjourned at 2:08 pm, June 13, 2026.

Attachments: Budget, PDG recommendations, letter concerning recommendations for convention changes, Proposed Legislative Change Form Constitution & Bylaws and Ritual, Letter of Intent by Rano Bellas, Letter of Intent from Theodora Bousdoukos.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maria Maragos Gregory on June 14, 2026, at 6:40 pm.