



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Summary of Minutes

2023 Supreme Convention
Horseshoe Meeting and Convention Space, Las Vegas, NV
July 24-27, 2023

Daughters of Penelope

Supreme Convention – Las Vegas, Nevada

Monday, July 24, 2023

DOP Supreme Convention Welcome

Carol Stathopoulos, District 20 Governor, Aegina 340, welcomed all the delegates to Las Vegas and wished them all good deliberations. Sister Carol introduced the 2022-23 Grand Lodge:

- Grand Vice President Marianthi Treppiedi of Spokane, WA
- Grand Secretary Margaret Dritsas of Toronto, Canada
- Grand Treasurer Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades of Brick, NJ
- Grand Governor Zone I Marianne Boutsoulis of Cheshire, CT
- Grand Governor Zone II Patty Didik of Hudson, FL
- Grand Governor Zone III Tina Bullock of Albuquerque, NM
- Grand Governor Zone IV Robbie Jackson of Spokane, WA
- Grand Governor Zone V Nicki Douklias of Winnipeg, Canada
- Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Effie Kirkiles of Oakland Park, FL

Presentation of the Grand President

Grand President Georgette Boulegeris was escorted to the podium by Past Grand Presidents Evellyn Tsiadis and Celia Kachmarski.

Opening Prayer

Grand Governor Zone IV Robbie Jackson read the opening prayer.

Memorial Service for Deceased Sisters

Grand Vice President Marianthi Treppiedi, assisted by the Grand Lodge, conducted the memorial service for deceased sisters. May their memory be eternal.

Introductions

- Grand President Georgette called all Past Grand Presidents to the front of the meeting room to be recognized.
- Past Grand President Club's message was delivered by Demi Thomas, PGP.
- All Past Grand Lodge officers were asked to stand in recognition.
- All National Penelope of the Year Honorees were called to the front of the meeting room to be recognized.
- Parliamentarian Barbara Hensinger was introduced.
- The Credentials Committee was introduced: Electra Kontalonis, District 13, Danae 121; Stella Stringer, District 2, Narcissus 289; Cathy Keyser, District 20, Helenos 432; Helen McClure, District 22, Icaria 175.

Appointment of Sentinels by Georgette Boulegeris, Grand President

- Karen Pascal, District 5, Aulis 195
- Erin Ryan, District 2, Narcissus 289

Appointment of Tellers by Georgette Boulegeris, Grand President

- Tina Sageotis, District 14, Eurydice 21
- Chryse Ellinos, District 11, Methone 183
- Mary Pazeotopoulos, District 22, Troy 32
- Vicky Kallen, District 9, Thisbe 148

Credentials Report at 10:54 a.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 120

Adoption of Standing Rules for the Convention as outlined in the DOP Constitution & By-Laws

- Convention chairman moved to adopt the Standing Rules for the Convention as outlined in the Daughters of Penelope Constitution & By-Laws. The motion was seconded.

MOTION CARRIED

Adoption of 2023 Supreme Convention Agenda

- It was moved and seconded to adopt the 2023 Supreme Convention Agenda with any changes.

MOTION CARRIED

Election of Convention Officers

Alicia Frangos, DG, District 21, Urania 290, nominated Joanne Booras, PGP, District 21, Echo 4, for Convention Chairman. Sister Joanne accepted. There were no other nominations.

- Joanne Booras, PGP, District 21, Echo 4, was declared elected as Convention Chairman by acclamation.

Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, GT, District 5, Aulis 195, nominated Kathy Matrakas, PGG, District 3, Hermione 11, for Convention Vice Chairman. Sister Kathy accepted. There were no other nominations.

- Kathy Matrakas, PGG, District 3, Hermione 11, was declared elected as Convention Vice Chairman by acclamation.

Margaret Dritsas, GS, District 23, Euphrosyne 292, nominated Fotini Caragiannis, District 23, Meandros 168, for Convention Secretary 1. Sister Fotini accepted. There were no other nominations.

- Fotini Caragiannis, District 23, Meandros 168, was declared elected as Convention Secretary 1 by acclamation.

Marianthi Treppiedi, GVP, District 22, Parnassus 115, nominated Lainie Damaskos-Christou, DG, District 6, Alope 158, for Convention Secretary 2. Sister Lainie accepted. There were no other nominations.

- Lainie Damaskos-Christou, DG, District 6, Alope 158, was declared elected as Convention Secretary 2 by acclamation.

Installation of Convention Officers by Georgette Boulegeris, Grand President

Grand President Georgette Boulegeris installed the Convention Officers who then assumed their duties.

Review and Adoption of 2022 Convention Summary Minutes

Convention Chairman Joanne Booras called for the adoption of the 2022 Convention Summary Minutes.

- Carol Stathopoulos, DG, District 20, Aegina 340, moved to adopt the 2022 Convention Summary Minutes as presented.
- Marianne Boutsoulis, GGZ1, District 7, Deucalion 199, seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Credentials Report at 11:55 a.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 120

Grand President's Report – Georgette Boulegeris, GP, addressed the DOP delegation speaking about her 50 visitations in 52 weeks. She shared 5 important points to go by: 1. Have fun. 2. Be with a winning team. 3. Be professional. 4. Do not stress out. 5. Always honor the DOP. She attended the Greece Conference, which was in Crete and while there, boarded a warship. She visited the Patriarchate and Cyprus, and Capitol Hill Day was something special. For the second year in a row the Daughters of Penelope saw an increase of over 1000 members and GP Georgette congratulated GVP Marianthi for her enthusiasm for Growth & Expansion. The National Charity Walk raised more than \$2,000 for the DOP Charitable Foundation. The Spirit of Penelope Award was created and the first was presented at the Zone 1 Conference in March 2023. The Power of WE mail campaign raised \$8,000 net. GP Georgette reached out to people asking for donations and received over \$30,000. Her recommendations were the establishment of a permanent obligation to support the 3 charities bearing the DOP name, and the creation of a committee to investigate the feasibility of a DOP Board of Trustees. She thanked everyone who donated to the Power of WE campaign, and everyone who participated in the National Charity Walk. She congratulated and thanked the Ad Hoc Committee.

- Evellyn Tsiadis, PGP, District 5, Tethys 229, moved to accept the Grand President's report and for the recommendations to go to the proper committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

Growth & Expansion Report – Marianthi Treppiedi, GVP, announced that her motto this year was INVITE, INVOLVE, INVEST. The DOP surpassed last year's 1000-member growth, growing by over 1100 members. Five new Chapters were chartered and two were reactivated. GVP Marianthi thanked Executive Director Elena Saviolakis for all her amazing work, and she announced the Growth & Expansion Award Recipients:

- Chapter under 50 members with most initiates: – 4-way tie:
 - Lyra 241, District 1
 - Leda 59, District 2
 - Ilion 135, District 6
 - Phoebus 146, District 20
- Chapter over 50 members with most initiates:
 - Medusa 345, District 6
- Chapter under 50 members with most reinstatements:
 - Ilios 51, District 9
- Chapter over 50 members with most reinstatements:
 - Alope 158, District 6
- District with most initiates:
 - Empire District 6
- District with most reinstatements:
 - Delta District 16
- District with most members:
 - Garden District 5

- District with greatest Maids of Athena increase:
 - Empire District 6, including a newly established MOA District Lodge

Cassandra 372, Boca Raton, FL, District 2, won the \$100 gift card from the January-May initiations raffle.

The Convention Chairman declared the Growth & Expansion report accepted without objection.

DOP Foundation, Inc. – Anna-Helene Grossomanides, PGP, DOP Foundation, Inc. President, introduced the current Board of Directors and read out a letter from Sonja Stefanadis, PGP, and Foundation President Emeritus. The Foundation investments are over \$1,000,000. This is the first year that scholarships were given to both women and men, in total \$39,000. The Foundation would not be presenting for National Projects. *The Bridges Grant Initiative Program* would increase from \$250 to \$500 as of this convention. At the Foundation table there would be books and other items for sale as well as a used book exchange. This year the Foundation is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Gift bags were given to all in attendance, and the Foundation is sponsoring coffee and cake on Thursday, July 27.

The Convention Chairman declared the DOP Foundation, Inc. report accepted without objection.

DOP Headquarters Report – Elena Saviolakis, Executive Director, summarized her report from the yearbook. She thanked all the DOP, her Headquarters co-workers, the Grand Lodge, AHEPA, and AHEPA Board of Trustees. Sister Elena presented a PowerPoint on the 2022 District Governors Leadership Conference presentation materials which is available on the national website. Headquarters had sent e-packages to all chapters for consolidated convenience. She spoke about the Headquarters social media accounts on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, about the DOP website, as well as articles in the National Herald. She encouraged chapters to have a social media presence and said most already have a Facebook or Instagram account. She mentioned the beautiful flyer created by Penelope's Scroll editor Sister Angeliki Frangos and announced that almost 1000 stories have been collected for the Oral History Project, with Founders Day 2023 as its completion target. Sister Elena also spoke about Grand President Georgette Boulegeris, mentioning her work throughout the year, her travels, and her initiatives.

The Convention Chairman declared the DOP Headquarters report accepted without objection.

Sister Elena informed the delegation that Carl Hollister, PSP, wasn't present and the DOP Investment Report would be given at a later date.

Committee Meetings –

The committees will meet at 3:00 p.m. today and report on Tuesday, July 25.

- DOP Maids of Athena Committee, Margaret Dritsas, GS, District 23, Euphrosyne 292, Chairman
- DOP National Projects Committee, Gretchen Holtsinger, PGG, District 16, Achaia 54, Chairman
- DOP Legislation, Resolutions & Recs., Linda Belba, District 21, Daphne 29, Chairman
- DOP Penelope of the Year, Tessie Bourdamis, District 14, Antigone 35, Chairman
- DOP Budget and Finance, Elaine Koutsoukos, PGG, District 14, Eurydice 21, Chairman

The Convention Chairman reminded all delegates of last year’s motion: Each District will have only 2 votes in each committee, regardless of the number of delegates, except for the Penelope of the Year committee, where each District will have only 1 vote.

12:19 – The Convention Chairman, Joanne Booras, PGP, recessed the Monday Convention session until Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

9:33 a.m. – The Convention Chairman called the Tuesday Convention session to order.

Credentials Report at 9:35 a.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 138

AD HOC COMMITTEE, RITUAL REVISION REPORT

Barbara Stavis Wolf, PGP, District 16, Nestor 55, presented the Ad Hoc committee report.

Barbara Stavis Wolf, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee, recommended the following revisions to the Ritual and moved that they be accepted:

1. Wherefore, in order to streamline, condense, shorten and simplify the procedure for meetings and ceremonies, certain appointed officers will be eliminated, with the President allowed to appoint those needed to properly conduct meetings, and allow meetings to take place in smaller venues with a more contemporary set-up;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The book be called BOOK OF PROCEDURES and the recommended chapter meeting and ceremony procedure shall be set forth below, with Chapters having the option to have members appointed to handle certain tasks during each meeting OR the chapter may determine to have members appointed by the President for those duties for the entire year.

and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The President shall have the option as determined by the chapter to appoint members to read the prayers and conduct escorting at meetings only as needed. The Chapters shall also have the option to follow the new recommended meeting

diagram or Chapters may select alternative seating arrangements for meetings as they deem appropriate. The duties of handling paraphernalia and checking membership at meetings may be assigned to the Vice President or another member who will assist the Vice President with those tasks.

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the wording used for the meetings and ceremonies shall be mandatory, but the chapters shall have flexibility in the setup of the meeting room and the assigned members to handle certain parts of the meetings and ceremonies.

MOTION CARRIED.

(BELOW the CURRENT wording and CURRENT page numbers refer to the current 2011 Ritual.)

2. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the wording in reference to the Symbol on Page 3 be amended to delete the words INTERPRETATION OF and to include the new circular logo that was designed for marketing purposes to include the words DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE which were not included in the Symbol, and the page to read as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

3. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Page 35 INFORMATION in the current 2011 Ritual, be moved to the front of the book to page 5, that the word MEMORIZE is replaced with STAND IN READING, and the reference to not leaving stations vacant and Marshal be deleted, and password clarified as permanent, as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

4. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the section on CHAPTER ROOM ETIQUETTE be moved from Page 36 to page 4 in the front of the book, with changes as noted below: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

5. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LIST OF NECESSARY CHAPTER PARAPHERNALIA be moved from Page 35 to Page 5 in the front of the book, to follow the section on Chapter Room Etiquette, separate reference to Initiation Paraphernalia be deleted, the wording be changed as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

6. BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Section entitled ORDER OF BUSINESS be amended to OUTLINE OF CHAPTER MEETING and move section to the start of the meeting section, as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

7. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the wording of the Chapter Meeting be amended, as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

8. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chapter Diagram be changed to the following recommendation, although the Chapters may select variations as deemed appropriate for their Chapter. (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

9. BE IT RESOLVED THAT a description of appointments be made by the President at the start of the meeting be added, as follows; (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

10. BE IT RESOLVED THAT reference to procedure for meetings be revised as follows: (see report)

- Jan Spanos, PGP, District 21, Artemis 5, moved to amend the section PRAYER (report p. 8) by replacing the wording “*Assembly makes the sign of the cross*” with “*Sign of the cross may be made at this time*”. The Ad Hoc Committee accepted the amendment.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

11. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting procedure be amended to provide detail about the ESCORT PROCEDURE, as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

12. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the INITIATION PROCEDURE be amended, as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

13. BE IT RESOLVED TO change the words in the MEMBERSHIP OATH to eliminate the words “*I owe loyalty to the Mother Lodge*”, as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

14. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the procedure for INSTALLATION of officers be changed as follows: (see report)

- Elizabeth Franklin, District 22, Troy 32, moved to amend the wording of section INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (report p. 16) to read “*If the installation is to be public, sign OF THE ORDER is omitted...*” The AD HOC Committee accepted the amendment.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

15. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CEREMONY FOR A FUNERAL be amended as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

16. BE IT RESOLVED TO amend the DRAPING OF THE CHAPTER CHARTER be revised, as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

Credentials Report at 10:22 a.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 143

17. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CONSTITUTION is AMENDED to change ARTICLE X, CHAPTER OFFICERS, Sections 1 and 2 to strike the words WARDEN, PRIESTESS, MARSHAL and SENTINEL and add a new section b 1) regarding appointment of members to read the prayer and escort at meetings: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

18. BE IT RESOLVED TO amend the CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XI by adding to the duties of the VICE PRESIDENT with a new section b and changing the current section b to section c as follows: (see report)

MOTION CARRIED.

19. BE IT RESOLVED TO amend the CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XI, Duties and Powers of Chapter Officers, by deleting SECTIONS: 7. WARDEN, 8. PRIESTESS, 9. MARSHAL, 10. SENTINEL

MOTION CARRIED.

20. BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Book of Procedures 2023 with any amendments take effect upon passage at the 2023 Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, however, any previously appointed officers for the coming year, whose appointed offices have now been changed, shall be permitted to complete their current term of office.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Ritual and Constitutional sections have been completed. GP Georgette Boulegeris thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for the 2 years they served, meeting every Monday to make the changes to the Constitution and the Ritual.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PENELOPE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE REPORT

Tessie Bourdamis, District 14, Antigone 35, presented the Penelope of the Year Report.

Sister Tessie thanked all the members of her committee and presented 2 recommendations:

1. The formation of an ad hoc committee to revise the form and scoring procedure.
2. The committee meet in September at the District Governors' Conference in 2023, or in 2024, and present their findings at the 2025 Supreme Convention.

On behalf of the Penelope of the Year committee, Sister Tessie moved the report be approved.

- After discussion, Barbara Stavis Wolf, PGP, District 16, Nestor 55, moved to divide the question.
- Kalliope Fousekis, District 21, Urania 290, seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Recommendation #1: **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recommendation #2: **MOTION WAS DEFEATED.**

- Alexandra Davis, District 6, Alope 158, moved that the ad hoc committee meet on Zoom.
- Motion was seconded.

After discussion, the **MOTION WAS DEFEATED.**

10:58 a.m. – The Convention Chairman recessed the session until 2:00 p.m.

AHEPA Family Awards Brunch

1:35 p.m. – The Convention Chairman reconvened the session.

Credentials Report at 1:38 p.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 122

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elaine Koutsoukos, PGG, District 14, Eurydice 21, presented the Budget and Finance report.

Sister Elaine presented the DOP Revenue and Expenses as well as the approved Maids of Athena budget. On behalf of the Budget and Finance committee, she moved the report be approved. A vote was taken, and the **MOTION CARRIED, with 1 abstention.**

LEGISLATION, RESOLUTIONS & RECS COMMITTEE

Linda Belba, District 21, Daphne 29, presented the Legislation report.

Sister Linda reported that the following Proposed Legislative Changes were adopted by the committee and moved that they be accepted:

ARTICLE XXXII (NEW ARTICLE)

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE TRADEMARK POLICIES

- Barbara Stavis Wolf, PGP, District 16, Nestor 55, moved to amend Article XXXII, Section 2, to read:

Emblem of the Daughters of Penelope. The TRADEMARK emblem of the organization shall be the design as set forth below. The organization, including its Districts, Chapters, and members, SHALL USE THIS AS AN official emblem of the organization and shall not alter the emblem in any way.

- Mary Pruitt, District 20, Minos 159, seconded the motion.
- Robbie Jackson, GGZ4, District 22, Parnassus 115, called for the Division of the House.

Credentials Report at 2:40 p.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 131

A vote was taken, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

A vote to accept Article XXXII as amended was taken by the tellers, and the **MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED by majority vote of 88 in favor and 30 against.**

ARTICLE XXII, Section 2, Page 38

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED TO change to read:

All Grand Lodge Officers shall be members in good standing in a Chapter of the Order and must have been elected and served at least one full term in the office of Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, and been elected and served at least one full term as the District Governor prior to their election.

A vote was taken by the tellers, and the **MOTION CARRIED by majority vote of 100 in favor and 28 against.**

ARTICLE XXX, Section 4, Page 57

Add subsection 'a' as follows:

Members who had dual membership in the Maids of Athena as of July 2022, shall be able to retain their dual membership until they reach the age of 28 years or upon their marriage.

A vote was taken and the

MOTION CARRIED.

Legislative Resolution pertaining to moratorium on changes:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT there be a moratorium on amendments to the Constitution and Ritual until the 2025 Supreme Convention.

- Effie Kirkiles, GA to MOA, District 2, Narcissus 289, moved to amend by adding: *“This would not include any Maids of Athena legislation, which would go to the Grand Lodge for review in lieu of a committee for 2024.”*
- Nancy Geourntas, District 8, Orion 130, seconded the motion.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED by majority vote of 88 in favor and 26 against.

ARTICLE XXIX, Section 12, Page 54

Add subsection 'd' as follows:

d. All approved business documents of the Supreme Convention be archived and available on the Daughters of Penelope HQ website.

- Sister Celia Kachmarski, PGP, District 24, Erato 295, moved to amend by adding “*and written reports, past and present,*” after “*documents*”.
- Motion was seconded. **MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.**
- Subsection 'd' will read as follows: All approved business documents and written reports, past and present, of the Supreme Convention be archived and available on the Daughters of Penelope HQ website. **MOTION CARRIED**

4:20 p.m. – The Convention Chairman recessed the session for a 10-minute break.

4:38 p.m. – The Convention Chairman reconvened the session.

Credentials Report at 4:40 p.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 103

Changes to Maids of Athena Constitution

ARTICLE IV, Membership, New Section 9, Page 10, Section 9. Members at Large

A vote was taken and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

ARTICLE XX, Local Advisory Board, Section 3, Page 27, Section 3. Duties of the Local Advisory Board 'B'

A vote was taken and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recommendations for Consideration from Grand President Georgette Boulegeris.

BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT the Daughters of Penelope establish a \$30 chapter obligation to permanently support the charities that bear our name, specifically Penelope House, Penelope Place, and the Penelopean Day Care Center. Be if further recommended that those entities mentioned above be removed from the possible Projects list. This will enable the Sisterhood to consider other charities and subsequently expand their visibility through their charitable donations.

- Demetra Versocki, District 6, Pasithea 141, moved to amend by adding “*minimum*” before “*\$30*”.
- Cathy Paraschos, District 16, Achaia 54, seconded the motion.
- Michele Lotakis, District 20, Aegina 340, called the question.

A vote was taken, and the **MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.**

- Marina Patelos, District 6, Alope 158, moved to amend by making the amount *\$30 for each charity.*
- Demetra Versocki, District 6, Pasithea 141, seconded the motion.

A vote was taken, and the **MOTION WAS DEFEATED.**

The recommendation now being considered with the amendment will read as:

BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT the Daughters of Penelope establish a minimum \$30 chapter obligation to permanently support the charities that bear our name, specifically Penelope House, Penelope Place, and the Penelopean Day Care Center. Be if further recommended that those entities mentioned above be removed from the possible Projects list. This will enable the Sisterhood to consider other charities and subsequently expand their visibility through their charitable donations.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT the Daughters of Penelope create a committee to research the feasibility of establishing a Daughters of Penelope Board of Trustees for the purposes of fundraising. The committee will report their findings to the delegation at the 2025 Supreme Convention.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

5:15 p.m. – The Convention Chairman recessed the Tuesday Convention session until Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Announcement: AHEPA Family Greek Night Reception & Dance, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

9:40 a.m. – Convention Chairman, Joanne Booras, PGP, called the Wednesday Convention session to order.

- Electra Kontalonis, Credentials Chairman, District 13, Danae 121, reported to the delegation that Maria Sofianou, District 25 Liaison, Niriides 423, and Linda Kotsakis, District 20, Aegina 340, missed the registration deadline due to flight delays which were beyond their control. She moved that the delegation allow them to be seated as delegates of the convention.
- Robbie Jackson, GGZIV, District 22, Parnassus 115, and Mary Pruitt, District 20, Minos 159, seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

Credentials Report at 9:45 a.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 151

Georgette Boulegeris, GP, welcomed Sister Anna Kallenos as a guest from Cyprus.

Georgette Boulegeris, GP, thanked Jan Spanos, PGP, District 21, Artemis 5, for sponsoring the morning's coffee.

The delegation sang Happy Birthday to Celia Kachmarski, PGP, District 24, Erato 295, and Nancy Angelos, District 20, Minos 159.

The Convention Chairman read the qualifications from the Constitution for positions on the Grand Lodge.

GRAND PRESIDENT

The Convention Chairman opened the floor for Nominations for the office of Grand President.

- Marianthi Treppiedi, GVP, District 22, Parnassus 115, nominated Georgette Boulegeris, GP, District 5, Tethys 229, for Grand President. Sister Georgette respectfully declined.
- Georgette Boulegeris, GP, District 5, Tethys 229, nominated Marianthi Treppiedi, GVP, District 22, Parnassus 115, for Grand President. Sister Marianthi accepted the nomination.

The Convention Chairman called for other nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed.

- Helen McClure, DG, District 22, Icaria 175, endorsed Sister Marianthi, and along with Sisters from District 22, sang an endorsement jingle.

The Convention Chairman reminded the delegation that there would be no endorsements for the other offices.

GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT

The Convention Chairman opened the floor for Nominations for the office of Grand Vice-President.

- Celia Kachmarski, PGP, District 24, Erato 295, nominated Margaret Dritsas, GS, District 23, Euphrosyne 292, for Grand Vice President. Sister Margaret accepted the nomination.

The Convention Chairman called for other nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed.

GRAND SECRETARY

The Convention Chairman opened the floor for Nominations for the office of Grand Secretary.

- Kelly Papacristos, DG, District 5, Nike 230, nominated Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, GT, District 5, Aulis 195, for Grand Secretary. Sister Antoinette accepted the nomination.

The Convention Chairman called for other nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed.

GRAND TREASURER

The Convention Chairman opened the floor for Nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer.

- Barbara Stavis Wolf, PGP, District 16, Nestor 55, nominated Gretchen Holtsinger, PGG, District 16, Achaia 54, for Grand Treasurer. Sister Gretchen accepted the nomination.

The Convention Chairman called for other nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed.

GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE I

The Convention Chairman opened the floor for Nominations for the office of Grand Governor Zone I.

- Elaine Kevgas, PGP, DG, District 8, Pallas 330, and Toula Barber, DG, District 9, Ilios 51, on behalf of North New England Tri-District 7,8,9 nominated Marianne Boutsioulis, District 7, Deucalion 199, for Grand Governor Zone 1. Sister Marianne accepted the nomination.

The Convention Chairman called for other nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed.

GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE II

The Convention Chairman opened the floor for Nominations for the office of Grand Governor Zone II.

- Ourania Stephanides, District 2, Alcmaeon 167, nominated Patty Didik, GGZII, District 2, Eros 356, for Grand Governor Zone II. Sister Patty accepted the nomination.

The Convention Chair called for other nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed.

GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE III

The Convention Chairman opened the floor for Nominations for the office of Grand Governor Zone III.

- Tina Anagnos, District 13, Dione 316, nominated Kathryn Gianaras, District 13, Dione 316, for Grand Governor Zone III. Sister Kathryn accepted the nomination.

- Vasiliki Katsikathas, District 17, Charai 79, nominated Christie Finch, District 17, Athena 10, for Grand Governor Zone III. Sister Christie accepted the nomination.

The Convention Chairman called for other nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed.

GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE IV

The Convention Chairman opened the floor for Nominations for the office of Grand Governor Zone IV.

- Alicia Frangos, DG, District 21, Urania 290, nominated Linda Belba, PDG, District 21, Daphne 29, for Grand Governor Zone IV. Sister Linda accepted the nomination.

The Convention Chairman called for other nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed.

GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE V

The Convention Chairman opened the floor for Nominations for the office of Grand Governor Zone V.

- Margaret Dritsas, GS, District 23, Euphrosyne 292, nominated Xanthe Vafopoulou, PDG, District 23, Mycenae 220, for Grand Governor Zone 5. Sister Xanthe accepted the nomination.

The Convention Chairman called for other nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed.

GRAND ADVISOR to the MAIDS OF ATHENA

The Convention Chairman opened the floor for Nominations for the office of Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena.

- Anne Pirrello, PDG, District 2, Eros 356, nominated Effie Kirkiles, GA to MOA, District 2, Narcissus 298, for Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena. Sister Effie accepted the nomination.

The Convention Chairman called for other nominations and hearing none, declared nominations closed.

The Convention Chairman called on the candidates to present their 3-minute speech:

- Grand President-Elect Marianthi Treppiedi
- Grand Vice President-Elect Margaret Dritsas
- Grand Secretary-Elect Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades
- Grand Treasurer-Elect Gretchen Holtsinger
- Grand Governor Zone 1-Elect Marianne Boutsoulis
- Grand Governor Zone 2-Elect Patty Didik
- Grand Governor Zone 3 Candidate Kathryn Gianaras

- Grand Governor Zone 3 Candidate Christie Finch
- Grand Governor Zone 4-Elect Linda Belba
- Grand Governor Zone 5-Elect Xanthe Vafopoulou
- Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena-Elect Effie Kirkiles

The Convention Chairman announced that all nominee bios were posted on the board and that voting for the Grand Governor Zone 3 position will be between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2022.

Credentials Report at 11:22 a.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 127

- Barbara Stavis Wolf, PGP, District 16, Nestor 55, moved:

Whereas members of the Daughters of Penelope have concerns about the marketing logo (trademark emblem) being used by the Daughters of Penelope

Be it resolved, since the marketing logo currently used was never approved by a Daughters of Penelope Supreme Convention, that the Grand President appoint an ad hoc committee to review and investigate the origin, design and use of the Daughters of Penelope emblem and marketing logo and with input from the membership report at the 2025 Supreme Convention on a resolution for a singular logo for all uses by the Daughters of Penelope which will be submitted for trademark protection by the Order.

- Iphigenia Mavromichali, District 22, Icaria 175, seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED with 1 abstention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

PROJECTS

Gretchen Holtsinger, PGG, District 16, Achaia 54, presented the Projects report.

The Projects committee reviewed the recommendation of a permanent obligation by GP Georgette Boulegeris and approved it for a vote on the convention floor. Presentations by 8 organizations were heard and voted on. The projects were listed by voting rank and as GP Georgette's recommendation was passed, the 3 projects affected were removed from the list and all other projects moved up in accordance with their rank.

- Sister Gretchen was asked to amend the report so it reflects the contingency option.

12:02 p.m. – The Convention Chairman recessed the session for lunch.

AHEPA Family Athletic Awards Luncheon

2:41 p.m. – The Convention Chairman reconvened the session.

Credentials Report at 2:45 p.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 117

PROJECTS COMMITTEE CONTINUED

The amended report was presented, and the 2023-2024 Projects are:

Permanent addition to the Mandatory Obligations:

1. Penelope House, Penelope Place, Penelopean Day Care (minimum \$30)

2023-2024 Mandatory Projects:

1. Limbitless Solutions
2. Community House Damaris (Greece)

2023-2024 Voluntary Projects

1. LAM Foundation
2. Water with Blessings
3. ELIZA (Greece)

On behalf of the committee, Sister Gretchen moved the report be approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

MAIDS OF ATHENA COMMITTEE

Margaret Dritsas, GS, District 23, Euphrosyne 292, presented the MOA Committee report.

The committee reviewed and approved two legislative proposals from the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge. They were sent to the Legislation committee. In addition, five ritual proposals were reviewed and approved.

On behalf of the committee, Sister Margaret moved the report be approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

Georgette Boulegeris, GP, introduced the Maids of Athena and Sons of Pericles delegations and asked the members to be seated with the Daughters of Penelope by District.

Maria Ana Pantelous, Grand President of the Maids of Athena, announced that the Astoria chapters of the MOA and DOP were the winners of the Dynamic Duo award, and they received a gift card.

Georgette Boulegeris, GP, presented gifts to Ryan Marinos, Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles and Maria Ana Pantelous, Grand President of the Maids of Athena.

Ryan Marinos, SP, addressed the DOP delegation.

Maria Ana Pantelous, GP, addressed the DOP delegation.

3:44 p.m. – The Convention Chairman recessed the Wednesday Convention session until Thursday at 9:00 a.m., and reminded the delegation that the DOP Foundation, Inc. would be serving anniversary cake and coffee.

Thursday, July 27, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Voting for the Office of Grand Governor Zone III

10:00 a.m. – Convention Chairman, Joanne Booras, PGP, called the Thursday Convention session to order.

Georgette Boulegeris, GP, introduced Jimmy Kokotas, Supreme President of the Order of AHEPA who addressed the delegation. Sister Georgette presented to him a gift.

Tonie Ann Coumanis Torrans, District 1, Thais 344, thanked Jimmy Kokotas, SP, for visiting Penelope House.

Credentials Report at 10:10 a.m. – Total registered delegates: 151 - Voting Strength: 141

Georgette Boulegeris, GP, announced the amounts raised for Mandatory and Voluntary Projects and for Mandatory Obligations.

Mandatory Projects:	Penelope House \$6,324.00
	Limbitless Solutions \$6,553.50
	LAM Foundation \$11,547.25
Voluntary Projects:	DOP Foundation, Inc. \$3,378.75
	Penelope Place \$5,342.25
	Penelopean Day Care \$4,415.75
Other Projects:	Sjögren’s Foundation \$654.50
Mandatory Obligations:	DOP Foundation Inc. Scholarship \$5,894.75
	MOA Treasury \$6,745.00

Georgette Boulegeris, GP, presented certificates to the National Committee Chairmen and to the Convention Officers.

10:35 a.m. – The Convention Chairman called a break and the DOP Foundation, Inc. served cake and coffee for their 40th anniversary. The Past Presidents of the DOP Foundation, Inc. were honored with special pins.

10:45 a.m. – The Convention Chairman resumed the session with the Election Results.

- Total Votes Cast: 140
- Christie Finch: 85
- Kathryn Gianaras: 55
- Abstained: 1

Convention Chairman, Joanne Booras, PGP, declared the following elected as the Grand Lodge for 2023-2024:

- Grand President Marianthi Treppiedi
- Grand Vice President Margaret Dritsas
- Grand Secretary Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades
- Grand Treasurer Gretchen Holtsinger
- Grand Governor Zone 1 Marianne Boutsoulis
- Grand Governor Zone 2 Patty Didik
- Grand Governor Zone 3 Christie Finch
- Grand Governor Zone 4 Linda Belba
- Grand Governor Zone 5 Xanthe Vafopoulou
- Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Effie Kirkiles

The Convention Chairman requested a motion to destroy the ballots.

- Carol Stathopoulos, DG, District 20, Aegina 340, moved that the ballots be destroyed.
- Jan Spanos, PGP, District 21, Artemis 5, seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Good of the Order and Special Announcements

Sisters Joanne Booras, Georgette Boulegeris, Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Celia Kachmarski, Carol Stathopoulos, Michele Lotakis, Chaleen DeStephano, Foula Vasilogiorgis, Vasi Kastikathas, Maria Sofianou, Chryse Ellinos, Christine Zervas, Eirini Xakousti, Marianthi Treppiedi, Patty Didik, Effie Kirkiles, and Sophia Pascal, all spoke for the Good of the Order.

- Sister Joanne Booras donated \$500 to the DOP Foundation, Inc., for a second *Bridges Grant* in 2024, in memory of her mother.
- Sister Anna-Helene Grossomanides announced that Parnassus 115, Spokane, District 22, was the winner of the 2023 *Bridges Grant*.
- Sister Foula Vasilogiorgis announced Nov. 18, 2023, as the date for the Eos 1 Founders Day Celebration.
- Sister Eirini Xakousti presented Grand President-elect Marianthi with a medal which was made for the 100-year anniversary of AHEPA by the National Bank of Greece.
- Sister Mary Murillo announced the winner of the Basket raffle.

The DOP delegation sang Happy Birthday to Sister Stella Panagakos, District 6, Demetra 33.

Announcements by the Convention Chairman

The DOP Foundation, Inc. Board will meet immediately following the conclusion of the DOP business meeting.

The Daughters of Penelope Salute to Women is at 4:30 p.m.

The doors for the AHEPA Family Grand Banquet will open at 6:30 p.m.

The AHEPA Family Installations will be held Friday, July 28, from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Sister Anna-Helene Grossomanides announced that Sister Mary Katsifanas was the winner of the \$1,500.00 DOP Foundation, Inc. raffle. Sister Mary donated \$750.00 back to the DOP Foundation, Inc.

The Closing Prayer was read by Margaret Dritsas, Grand Secretary.

Convention Chairman, Joanne Booras, PGP, declared all business completed, and adjourned the Daughters of Penelope 2023 Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, NV at 11:15 a.m.

Fotini Caragiannis, Convention Secretary 1

Lainie Damaskos-Christou, Convention Secretary 2