Daughters of Penelope

Summary Minutes

Supreme Convention

Hilton Palmer House

Chicago, IL

July 1-6, 2019
DOP Supreme Convention Welcome  Past Grand President Kathy Ferguson opened the Supreme Convention with a welcome from the Daughters of Penelope of Blue Ribbon District #13.

Presentation of Grand President  Past Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont escorted Grand President Demi Thomas to the podium.

Opening Prayer was offered by Grand Governor Zone I - Kathy Matrakas.

Memorial Service for Deceased Sisters was conducted by Grand Vice President Celia Kachmarski assisted by the Grand Lodge. May their memories be eternal.

Introductions
1) Grand President Thomas introduced the Past Grand Presidents in attendance at the Convention and called on Past Grand President Christine Constantine Malagrinos to share the Past Grand Presidents’ Message.

2) Past Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were asked to rise and be recognized.

3) Past National Penelope of the Year Honorees were asked to come forward and be recognized.

4) Craig Clawson was introduced as this year’s Parliamentarian.

Appointments by Grand President Thomas

Sentinels to be appointed at a later time.

Tellers appointed:
- Foula Vasilogiorgis, District 21, Eos #1;
- Nicole Wu, District 9, Ilios #51;
- Mary Murrillo, District 13, Zoe #311;
- Katina Tassopoulous, District 16, Terpsichore #105

Credentials Report:  Total Registered Delegates – 150; Voting Strength – 125; Time – 10:53 a.m.

Adoption of Standing Rules  M/s Carol Stathopoulos, District 20, Aegina 340/Christina Andrews, District 24, Boreas #268 to adopt the Standing Rules for Convention as outlined in the DOP Constitution & By-Laws. Motion carried.

Adoption of Convention Agenda  M/s Kathy Vlahos Miller, District 13, Homer #98/DeeDee Lewis, District 20, Philia #380 to adopt the 2019 Supreme Convention Agenda as printed and with changes as necessary. Motion carried.

Election and Installation of Convention Officers
Grand President Thomas asked the Convention to nominate and elect two convention secretaries. She cited ease of accumulating accurate information for the Convention Minutes.

Chairman – Robbie Jackson, District 22, Parnassus #115
Nominated by Mary Pazeotopoulos, District 22, Troy #32

M/s – moved and seconded
2019 DOP Supreme Convention Summary Minutes
Election and Installation of Convention Officers (continued)

Vice Chairman – Eleanor Lynn Frances, District 3, Helle #283
Nominated by Katherine Matrakas, Grand Governor, Zone I

Secretary – Carol Stathopoulos, District 20, Aegina #340
Nominated by Georgia Souris, District 20, Aegina #340

Secretary – Joyce Anagnos, District 11, Dodona #24
Nominated by Nicole Bacas, District 11, Polydama #111

There being no other nominees, Grand President Thomas declared the Convention Officers elected. Grand President Thomas proceeded with the Installation of the Convention Officers.

Credentials Report: Total Registered Delegates – 150; Voting Strength – 127; Time – 11:05 a.m.

Grand President’s Report Highlighting her continuing message of the Daughters of Penelope as a vehicle to “Empower Women,” Grand President Thomas emphasized the main points of her report as printed in the Yearbook. She encouraged all the delegates to read the report in its entirety, to understand and gain knowledge of the full scope of her year as Grand President. As she closed, Grand President Thomas expressed grateful thanks to Elena Saviolakis, Executive Director, for all her knowledge and assistance. Thanks were also shared with the Grand Lodge and all the Sisters of the Daughters of Penelope for their love and continuing support throughout the past year.

Growth & Expansion Report Grand Vice President Celia Kachmarski noted the following during her report: June 2019 statistics indicate a 9.2% growth in membership; total membership 7,700; 433 new members initiated and 268 members were reinstated. Thanks were expressed to all. Awards were presented to:

- Citrus District #2 District with the most new members (55)
- Mother Lodge District #1 District with the most reinstatements (40)
- Buckeye District #11 District with the most members (602)
- Garden State District #5 Second place District with most members (596)
- Delta District #16 Largest Maids of Athena increase (17)
- Buckeye District #11 Second place District with MOA increase (16)

- Chapter #148 (under 50) Most new members (31)
- Chapter #406 (under 50) Most reinstatements (18)
- Chapter #289 (over 50) Most new members (14)
- Chapter #53 (over 50) Most reinstatements (27)

Chapter #406 – Paid per capita and obligations by March 31.

Review & Adoption of 2018 Convention Summary Minutes M/s Katina Tassopoulos, District 16, Terpsichore #105/Christina Andrews, District 24, Boreas #268 to adopt the 2018 Convention Summary Minutes as exhibited on the DOP Website. Mary Katsafanis, District 16, Achaia #54, noted a missing voting result under legislation on page 5. She also suggested committee reports should be placed in the minutes when they occurred and the minutes should be published in a more timely fashion – not as late as May. With those notations, the motion to adopt the 2018 Convention Summary Minutes carried.
DOP Headquarters Report Executive Director Elena Saviolakis began her report with thanks to the AHEPA and Basil Mossaidis, AHEPA Executive Director, and to everyone who assisted and prepared for this 2019 Convention. Elena noted the efforts of Grand President Thomas in the areas of last summer’s devastating fires in Greece; contributions to Meals on Wheels and that program’s efforts to service senior isolation and hunger; and to the ongoing development of the DOP as an international organization. She praised Grand President Thomas for leading by example with energy and guidance. Elena’s complete report is published in the Yearbook.

Legislative Consultant Andrew Kaffes gave a summary of his Yearbook report focusing on the Victims’ Rights Caucus, the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, and the outreach by the Daughters of Penelope through Meals on Wheels to address the Older Americans Act. He also continued to encourage DOP representatives to join the AHEPA delegation on Capitol Hill Day in Washington, D.C. Capitol Hill Day allows for AHEPA Family representatives to meet directly with congressmen and senators to address issues of interest. Capitol Hill Day needs DOP advocates.

Closing session announcements:
1) Committee meetings begin at 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon.
2) All committees need to be prepared to report on Wednesday, except Legislation which will report on Thursday.
3) Wednesday’s session will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

The convention was recessed at 12:08 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

The Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope was called to order by Chairman Robbie Jackson at 9:00 a.m.

Sentinel Appointment Grand President Thomas appointed Kathryn Coumanis, District 1, Thais #344, sentinel.

Penelope House Report Tonie Ann Coumanis Torrans, District 1, Thais #344, Executive Director, began her report with a slide show of Penelope House, emphasizing the measures taken to secure the facility and protect the clients and employees who reside and work there. Established in October, 1978, Penelope House continues to serve the community and surrounding areas of Mobile, Alabama, with shelter services, education, and court advocacy services for victims of Domestic Violence. Penelope House is supported by local and national individuals and organizations. Tonie Ann especially thanked the Daughters of Penelope for their continuous and unaltering support over the past four decades.

Penelope’s Place Report Tina Niedbala, District 8, Theano #122, Chairman - Penelope’s Place Committee, along with Julia Kehoe, President of Health Imperatives, presented their report. Penelope’s Place is located in Brockton, MA and its mission is to improve the health and well-being of low-income or vulnerable families and individuals in Southeastern Massachusetts. The facility provides many services: financial empowerment, children’s programming, wellness services and finding resources and tools to help survivors of violence. Special mention was made of Elaine Rice, recently deceased, of District 8, Zelia #120, and Past Penelope of the Year, who supported Penelope’s Place and Penelope Apartments with passion and devotion. Elaine was a Founding Member and will be remembered/memorialized at an awards ceremony October 2019.
DOP Foundation, Inc. Report  Anna-Helene Grossomanides, PGP, Foundation Secretary, presented the report in the absence of Foundation President Deb Chrisohou. Established in 1983, the DOP Foundation, Inc. addresses the concerns and issues facing women in a changing world. Through scholarships, annual symposiums, motivational speaking events, and a multi-faceted literacy program, the DOP Foundation, Inc., seeks to further enhance the goals of the Daughters of Penelope. Continued support by the DOP membership is both imperative and appreciated. A financial report was distributed to the convention delegates. Delegates were encouraged to consider filling vacancies on the Foundation Board by contacting Ramona Chrisohou, Foundation Treasurer.

Carl Hollister, PSP and DOP Financial Advisor was escorted by Grand President Thomas to the podium to present the Investments Report. Addressing the finances of the Daughters of Penelope and the Daughters of Penelope Charitable Foundation, Inc., Carl indicated the funds and investments presented in the distributed report were a “good conservative mix with little risk.” The portfolio is designed to “provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets”. Carl noted the income generated for the current year was $19,000, and the total portfolio value was $673,617.90 as of May 31, 2019. A short question and answer session completed the presentation.

Credentials Report: Voting Strength – 125; Time – 10:02 a.m.

Committee Reports
Grievance – Chairman Karen Knicos, District 5, Altes #163, moved on behalf of the committee:

BE IT RECOMMENDED to our Brother Ahepans that due to the Chicago convention being held during a holiday week which resulted in lower attendance, conflicts with family obligations, and increased airfare costs, moving forward, the Supreme Convention should not be held during a holiday week.  Motion carried.

Maids of Athena – Charrie Regopoulos, Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena, reported the MOA have reviewed their constitution and are prepared to present 14 proposals for legislative change to the Legislation Committee. She noted there were 7 new or reactivated chapters for a total of 39 MOA chapters. At this point, Grand President Thomas escorted MOA Grand President Tatiana Tsapraulis and Sons of Pericles Supreme President Gregory Vorloumis to the podium. The entire delegations of MOA and SOP followed them to the podium. Grand President Thomas praised the year-long efforts of the two presidents and presented each with a small gift. MOA Grand President Tsapraulis reported the financial successes of the MOA raising over $38,200 for their various projects. SOP Supreme President Vorloumis spoke about the honor of working with his membership and their support of several projects, including AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors.

Penelope of the Year – Chairman Demi Cross, Grand Governor Zone III. Eleven applications were reviewed and rated using the scoring rubric provided. Service to the Daughters of Penelope at all levels, and volunteer services to church, community and civic groups were all evaluated and scored. The announcement of the recipient will be made at the Awards Breakfast the next day. (For the purpose of this record, the 2019 Penelope of the Year is Hrisanthe Kostas Patts, District 16, Terpsichore #105.) The committee recommended the Grand Lodge re-evaluate the scoring rubric and to update the Penelope of the Year application form.
National Projects - Chairman Alice Mikhail, District 14, Antigone #35. After hearing presentations from 6 organizations, the following mandatory and voluntary projects were proposed:

Mandatory:  
Penelope House  
Limbitless Solutions  
Sjogren’s Syndrome Foundation

Voluntary:  
Penelope’s Place  
Penelopean Day Care Center  
Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc.

On behalf of her committee, Chairman Mikhail moved to accept these projects. **Motion carried.**

In addition, a recommendation was given to the Grand Lodge to review and clarify the financial statement policy for presentations by project applicants at future conventions.

**Credentials Report: Voting Strength – 131; Time – 10:45 a.m.**

Budget and Finance – Chairman Cynthia Hollister, District 11, Chrysa #100. The report of the committee included the following:

1) 2019-2020 Daughters of Penelope Budget  
2) 2019-2020 Maids of Athena Budget

To assist and improve annual cash flow -

3) Recommendation: Multiple and timely reminders to chapters to submit dues early and before December 31 for the current year.  
4) Recommendation: Reinstatements should be moved back to November.

Chairman Hollister reviewed the distributed Daughters of Penelope Budget in detail before moving on behalf of her committee to accept the budget and the committee report. No changes were made to the presented budget. **Motion carried.**

In addition, a recommendation was given to the committee to provide budget “actuals” prior to future conventions.

**Closing session announcements:**

1) **Legislation proposals** have been posted for viewing.  
2) Announcement of the passing of Sam Chicos, husband of Past Penelope of the Year Mary Chicos, District 21, Eos #1 of San Francisco, CA. May his memory be eternal.  
3) Delegate Barbara Takanikos, District 21, Artemis #5, was preparing for multiple by-pass surgery at a nearby hospital.  
4) In ten years Daughters of Penelope will be celebrating 100 years of service. All are asked to urge AHEPA leadership to plan the 2029 Supreme Convention for San Francisco, CA.

The convention was recessed at 11:10 a.m.
### Daughters of Penelope Budget - September 1, 2019-August 31, 2020

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| **Management and General Administrative Fees** |                   |                   |                        |                          |
| AHEPA Allocation of Costs (Rent, Insurance, Audit, Accounting) | $26,100.00 | $26,100.00 | $23,925.00 | $26,100.00 |
| Membership Software and Maintenance | $3,504.06 | $11,750.00 | $2,327.21 | $4,000.00 |
| Office and Equipment Expense | $5,443.96 | $5,550.00 | $1,965.29 | $5,550.00 |
| Full-Time/Part-Time Staff Payroll, Benefits, & Taxes | $110,407.31 | $113,300.00 | $107,092.41 | $115,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous/Petty Cash/Bank Charges/Club Memberships | $3,072.83 | $2,000.00 | $1,658.87 | $3,100.00 |
| Penelope’s Emporium Cost of Goods Sold | $6,652.63 | $8,000.00 | $4,108.88 | $6,700.00 |
| Office Telephone and Fax | $1,963.26 | $1,900.00 | $1,583.05 | $2,000.00 |
| Computer Software and Office Upgrades | $6,302.14 | $8,000.00 | $5,159.78 | $6,500.00 |
| **Total Management and General** | $163,446.19 | $176,600.00 | $147,820.49 | $168,950.00 |

| **Chapter Assessment Fee** (transferred to Investment account) | $7,580.00 | $8,850.00 | $7,483.00 | $8,000.00 |
| **Actual Expenses Payable** | $3,461.70 | $4,300.00 | $949.15 | $4,300.00 |
| **Total Expenses** | $284,504.40 | $312,750.00 | $257,600.53 | $303,850.00 |
| **Total Income** | $288,811.61 | $312,750.00 | $241,292.49 | $303,850.00 |

*5: Adjusted to reflect dues based on 6600 paying members

*14: Adjusted to reflect projection of 170 delegates


*54: Adjusted based on expected customization hours only
Thursday, July 4, 2019

The Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope was called to order by Chairman Robbie Jackson at 12:01 p.m. followed by a request from Grand President Thomas “to boomerang the room” to show the AHEPA Family that the Daughters of Penelope knew how to celebrate the Fourth of July! Patriotic singing followed and red, white, and blue hand-held windmills were waved in unison.

2019 Penelope of the Year Hrisanthe Kostas Pattos from Dallas, Texas, District 16, Terpsichore #105, was recognized by the delegates of the convention.

Credentials Report: Voting Strength – 127; Time – 12:10 p.m.

Legislation – Chairman Christina Andrews, District 24, Boreas #268. On behalf of her committee, Chairman Andrews moved to make the following changes to the DOP Constitution:

DOP Constitution - Article V (Membership), Section 8.a., Page 5 to read –
Any member who has been suspended for nonpayment of dues will be reinstated upon the payment of current year’s dues in full plus the prescribed fee in US dollars established by the Supreme Convention. Any reinstatements should be recorded and announced at the chapter meeting. Motion carried.

DOP Constitution - Article XXX (Maids of Athena), Section 2.a., Page 58 to read –
To promote and instill the spirit of patriotism, allegiance, support of the Constitution, obedience to the laws and reverence of history and traditions of the country of residency and/or citizenship(s).

M/s Christina Andrews, District 24, Boreas #268/Elizabeth Horiates, District 16, Terpsichore #105 to amend by replacing the above language with the following to duplicate language found under DOP Constitution Article II.a. to read:

To encourage and promote loyalty to the United States of America or to another country in which a Chapter exists. Amended motion carried.

DOP Constitution - Article XXX (Maids of Athena), Section 2.a. Page 58 amended now to read -
To encourage and promote loyalty to the United States of America or to another country in which a Chapter exists. Motion carried.

DOP Constitution – Article XXX (Maids of Athena), Sections 3.a. and 3.b., Page 59 to read -
(a) Members of the Maids of Athena shall automatically terminate their membership in the Order of the Maids of Athena upon reaching the age of twenty-eight (28), or upon their marriage, except in the case of officers, who shall be allowed to complete their term of office.
(b) Members of the Maids of Athena in good standing with the Chapter and Supreme Headquarters, having reached the age of twenty-three (23) and wishing to continue membership in the Maids of Athena, shall be required to apply for membership in the Daughters of Penelope. Motion carried.
Chairman Andrews moved on behalf of her committee to make the following changes to the MOA Constitution each requiring a two-thirds vote to pass:

1) MOA Constitution – Article IV, Section 7.c., Page 9/10 to read -
Dual members will be required to pay their Maids of Athena Dues in their entirety and the Initiation Fee to the Daughters of Penelope. The Per Capita amount will be waived as per the Daughters of Penelope Constitution. **Motion carried.**

2) MOA Constitution – Article V, Section 1, Page 10 to be deleted. **Motion carried.** The Parliamentarian advised the Convention Chair that all clauses following Section 1 or cross-referencing Section 1 will be automatically renumbered and remove cross-references.

3) MOA Constitution – Article XI, Section 3.b., Page 16 to read –
Election of Delegates shall be held at a regular meeting not later than forty (40) days prior to the start of the Supreme Convention, and all members shall be notified when this election is to take place. The results of the delegate certification form and credential form shall be sent to Supreme Headquarters and the Grand President of the Maids of Athena one month prior to the opening of the Supreme Convention. **Motion carried.**

4) MOA Constitution – Article XII, Page 18 to read –
The District Lodge shall be subject to the Grand Lodge of the Maids of Athena and the Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope, and shall act under their supervision and guidance in carrying out their duties and complying with the rules of the Order. A District Lodge will be formed under the discretion of Maid of Athena Grand Lodge. **Motion carried.**

5) MOA Constitution – Article XII, Section 2.b., Page 18 to read –
A District having less than three Chapters shall be ineligible to elect officers of a District Lodge. Instead, the District shall have a District Contact appointed at the discretion of the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge. The District Contact shall be closely supervised and supported by those who recommended her. **Motion failed.**

The Legislative Session was recessed at 1:15 p.m. as Grand President Thomas escorted **AHEPA Supreme President George Loucas** and Nicholas Karacostas, Chairman of the AHEPA Board of Trustees, to the podium for their remarks. Supreme President Loucas welcomed everyone to the convention and wished one and all good deliberations. Chairman Karacostas echoed the Supreme President’s welcome. He also updated the convention delegates of plans for future conventions: **2020** – Disney World, Orlando, Florida (new Coronado Towers Resort); **2021** – Athens, Greece – Grand Bretagne Hotel (last weekend of July); and **2022** – Atlanta, Georgia, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Order of AHEPA. Grand President Thomas presented Supreme President Loucas with a gift.

**Credentials Report: Voting Strength – 135; Time – 1:27 p.m.**

Legislation (resumed)
6) MOA Constitution – Article XVII, Section 1, Page 24 to read –
Local Chapters shall be sponsored by local Daughters of Penelope or AHEPA Chapters. When there is no Daughters of Penelope Chapter or AHEPA Chapter, the Daughters of Penelope District Lodge may sponsor a new Maids of Athena Chapter. They shall be composed of groups of young ladies, eight (8) or more in number, who have petitioned for and obtained a Charter from
Supreme Headquarters of the Maids of Athena, and who have regularly passed through the Rite of Initiation. **Motion carried.**

7) **MOA Constitution – Article XX, Section 3.b., Page 28 to read** – They are to approve all expenditures more than $250 and all matters involving public activity and/or participation. However, on matters pertaining to expenditures over $250, but not exceeding the amount of the treasury, no decision of the Local Advisory Board shall be effective until approved by the local sponsoring Chapter or District Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope. **Motion carried.**

8) **MOA Constitution – Article XX, Section 3.c., Page 28 to read** – They are to make sure the prescribed number (4) of Ritualistic meetings are held and properly conducted, and if possible, memorized as per “Remarks” in the Book of Rituals. **Motion carried.**

9) **MOA Constitution – Article XX, Section 3.g., Page 28 to read** – They shall supervise all official Chapter events and be responsible for the proper guidance of all rules, regulations, mandates, and the general conduct of the Maids of Athena. **Motion carried.**

10) **MOA Constitution – Article XXI, Section 1.a., Page 28 to read** – Each chapter shall hold at least one (1) meeting per month, and each Chapter must hold at least four (4) Ritual meetings per year. The date, place, and hour shall be selected by the Chapter, and the meeting shall be called by the Worthy Maid or the Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

11) **MOA Constitution – Article XXI, Section 4, Page 29 to read** – Chapters unable to meet a quorum can petition the Grand Lodge for ‘online meetings’ which will allow a Chapter to have a maximum of 3 members join a meeting via video call and vote on motions. ‘Online meetings’ will not be granted for Ritual meetings or Chapter Elections. **Motion carried.**

12) **MOA Constitution – Article XXI, Section 5, Page 29 to read** – The Chapter is responsible for the safekeeping and storage of their Charter, and must be aware of its whereabouts at all time. The Charter must be readily available for use at all times. **Motion carried.**

13) **MOA Constitution – Article XXIII, Section 1.a., Page 30 to read** – Sisterhood Committee: To visit the members who may be ill. To send correspondence to members going through major life events, good or bad. **Standing vote: 103 yes / 25 no.** **Motion carried.**

14) **MOA Constitution – Article XXIII, Section 1.f., Page 31 to read** – Marketing and Public Relations: To see that the Chapter is well known for its worthwhile projects and activities through the use of social media, newsletters, publications, etc. **Motion carried.**

Grand President Thomas appointed as substitute teller Alice Eliadis, District #5, Agape #336.

The convention was recessed at 2:00 p.m. for 15 minutes.

The Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope was called to order by Chairman Robbie Jackson at 2:15 p.m.

**Credentials Report: Voting Strength – 117; Time – 2:18 p.m.**
The delegates were informed voting for Grand Lodge offices, if needed, would take place tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the back of the convention room.

**Nominations and Presentations of Candidates**

**Grand President**

- Demi Thomas, GP  
  nominated by Celia Kachmarski, GVP (declined)
- Celia Kachmarski, GVP  
  nominated by Demi Thomas, GP (accepted)

**Grand Vice President:**

- Kathy Bizoukas, GS  
  nom. by Cleopatra Bizoukas, District 12, Pleiades #50

**Grand Secretary:**

- Georgette Boulegeris, GT  
  nom. by Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, District 5, Aulis #195

**Grand Treasurer:**

- Marianthi Treppiedi, GG Zone IV  
  nom. by Mary Pazeotopoulos, District 22, Troy #32
- Stella Sirks, GG Zone II  
  nom. by Patty Didik, District 2, Eros #356

**Grand Governor, Zone I**

- Kathy Matrakas, GG Zone I  
  nom. by Evelyn Tsiades, PGP

**Grand Governor, Zone II**

- Charrie Regopoulos, GA, MOA  
  nom. by Elaine Sampanis, PGP

**Grand Governor, Zone III**

- Gretchen Holtsinger, District 16, Achaia #54  
  nom. by Mary Verges, PGP

**Grand Governor, Zone IV**

- Beverly Rose Kennedy, District 21, Phaedra #64  
  nom. by Linda Belba, District 21, Daphne #29

**Grand Governor, Zone V**

- Margaret Dritsas, GG Zone V  
  nom. by Xanthe Vafopoulou, District 23, Mycenae #220

**Grand Advisor, Maids of Athena**

- Kathy Leles, District 21, Sparta #18  
  nom. by Linda Belba, District 21, Daphne #29

Convention Chairman Jackson declared all unopposed candidates elected to their nominated office. Voting for the position of Grand Treasurer will take place tomorrow morning between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the Convention Room. The General Session will convene at 10:15 a.m.

All candidates were welcomed to the podium to give their presentations.

Anna-Helene Grossomanides, PGP, asked all DOP Military Veterans to stand and be recognized on this day, the Fourth of July.

**The convention was recessed at 3:20 p.m.**

**Friday, July 5, 2019**

Delegate voting for Grand Lodge Treasurer commenced at 9:00 a.m. Convention Chairman Jackson closed voting at 10:00 a.m.

The Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope was called to order by Chairman Robbie Jackson at 10:15 a.m.
Introduced by Grand President Demi Thomas and PGP Evelyn Tsiades, Sister Theonymphi-Maria Kallis gave a presentation on two programs offering support to women survivors of abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking through White Field Farm, an all-natural home and body product company. She was seeking support for “Run With The Nun” – a half marathon fundraiser; and “The Hope Project” – a 501(c)(3) non-profit to acquire a house, renovate it, acquire a vehicle, and offer needed programs and supplies for abused and trafficked women. A box passed among the delegates at the convention raised $3,158 in support of “The Hope Project”. Donations are also accepted at www.gofundme.com/wcxcu-hope-house.

Dimitri Dandolos followed with a presentation about the Odyssey Charter School located in Wilmington, Delaware. This school is dedicated to supporting and promoting Hellenism by offering standard education courses taught in the Greek language for grades K-12. He spoke of the academic achievements of the school’s students. Odyssey Charter School is willing to assist AHEPA Family members to organize and develop additional schools.

The AHEPA K-9 for Warriors presentation earlier in the day was detailed by Grand President Thomas and Katina Tassopoulos, District 16, Terpsichore #105, for the convention delegates. Eleanor Lynn Frances, District 3, Helle #283 reported her district donated $20,000 to the project. Districts 16 and 5 have also been generous supporters. Also reported was the story of Bill (a veteran) and his dog – Athena. It was reported that “Athena brought faith back to him.”

Voting for Grand Lodge Treasurer Nicole Wu, District 9, Ilios #51, teller-secretary reported the voting results:

Total # of votes cast – 142. Number of votes necessary for election – 72.

Votes cast for Marianthi Treppiedi – 93
Votes cast for Stella Sirks – 49

Chairman Jackson declared Marianthi Treppiedi elected Grand Lodge Treasurer.

M/s Christina Andrews, District 24, Boreas #268/Bessie Kalyvas, District 6, Diocles #226 to destroy the ballots. Motion carried. Chairman Jackson so ordered.

Announcement of 2018-2019 National Project Donations – Checks were presented to the following:

**Mandatory Obligations**

- $6,439.60 Domestic Family Violence Center – Penelope House, Mobile, AL
- $6,346.10 Domestic Family Violence Center – Penelope’s Place, Brockton, MA
- $6,171.00 Limbitless Solutions (note: an award given to DOP for their donations)
- $7,123.00 Daughters of Penelope Investments
- $6,655.00 Maids of Athena Treasury Fee

**Voluntary Obligations**

- $3,321.80 The Daughters of Penelope Foundation
- $3,474.80 The Sjogren’s Syndrome Foundation
- $4,477.80 The Penelopean Day Care Center – Athens, Greece

Grand President’s Special Presentations – Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following Committee Chairmen:

- Tessie Bourdanis – Archives
- Cynthia Hollister – Budget & Finance

M/s – moved and seconded

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**Grand President’s Special Presentations to Convention Officers:**
- Robbie Jackson – Chairman
- Eleanor Lynn Frances – Vice Chairman
- Joyce Anagnos – Secretary
- Carol Statopoulos – Secretary
- Craig Clawson – Parliamentarian
- Kathyrn Coumanis – Sentinel
- Nicole Wu – Teller Secretary
- Foula Vasilogeorgis – Teller
- Mary Murrillo – Teller
- Katina Tassopoulos – Teller

Grand President Thomas made a special presentation to Grand President-elect Celia Kachmarski and recognized her as the first Grand President elected from Canada. She told stories and gave a travel bag with the following essentials: Lip Balm, Band-Aids, Tylenol EX, TUMS, lint rollers, Tide Stick, antibacterial hand wipes.

**Good of the Order & Special Announcements**

**Celia Kachmarski** – Thanked AHEPA and Grand President Demi Thomas for a wonderful year as Vice President and she was looking forward to the coming year as DOP President.

**Georgette Boulegeris** – Thanked the host city; congratulated the convention officers; thanked the delegates for electing her to the Grand Lodge, and thanked Grand President Demi Thomas for her leadership and friendship.

**Kathy Bizoukas** – Thanked her mother for nominating her; is looking forward to chairmanship of Growth & Expansion; and reported an additional donation of $435 to Limbitless Solutions raised in honor of Beatrice Paravantes, District 12, Pleiades #50, who turned 100 years old.

**Angela Phillips** – Read a letter from Evagelia Alexandri, President of Atrytone Chapter #426, Serres, Greece, commending and thanking the DOP for our organization and support. Angela also thanked our convention city for the wonderful welcome to Chicago and the positive experience as a first-time Credentials Chair.

**Ana Helene Grossomanides, PGP** – Commended and thanked the outgoing Grand Lodge and Elena; gave words of encouragement to the incoming Grand Lodge; and asked the delegates to reflect and remember the memory of Elaine Rice, Past Penelope of the Year and long-time Credentials Chairman, who was also instrumental in the establishment of Penelope’s Place.
Marianthi Treppiedi – Thanked the delegation for their support; Chicago for its great welcome; and all the Sisters on the Grand Lodge.

Charrie Regopooulos – Thanked Chicago; thanked the Maids of Athena; and reminded everyone to become a “Patron of Athena” as a way to support the MOA and their projects.

Eva Skoufis – Invited everyone to attend the Eos #1 Founder’s Day Event in San Francisco on November 16, 2019. She also thanked Chicago for its wonderful welcome.

Demi Cross – Expressed thanks to all for a wonderful convention and a great experience for two years on the Grand Lodge and liaison to Districts 11, 16, 17, 21 and 22.

Christina Bullock – Thanked everyone for remembering our Greek-American Women who have or are serving in the Armed Services of the United States.

Xanthe Vafopoulou – Thanked Chicago; thanked DOP for extending membership to Canada; and presented a small gift to Celia Kachmarski on her election to Grand President.

Katina Tassopoulos – Recognized and congratulated 2019 Penelope of the Year Hrisanthe Kostas Patts. She also thanked Demi Cross as the past year’s Grand Lodge Liaison to District 16 and congratulated Gretchen Holtsinger on her election to Grand Zone Governor, Zone III.

Eftyhia Kirkiles – on behalf of District #2 welcomed all the delegates to attend the 2020 Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Beverly Rose Kennedy – Thanked delegates for their support and is looking forward to serving the DOP in the year ahead as a member of the Grand Lodge.

Kathy Leles – Thanked Charrie Regopoulos for her service as Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena and thanked the delegates for their support during Grand Lodge elections.

Vasiliki Katsikathes – Thanked Chicago for their welcome and hospitality.

Eva Jean Fomalont, PGP – Congratulated the Grand Lodge and the newly elected Grand Lodge. She thanked Chairman Robbie Jackson and the Convention Officers.

Lainie Christou – Welcomed the newly elected Grand Lodge to the “re-scheduled” Greek Independence Day Parade to be held soon in New York City.

Cathy Ferguson, PGP – Thanks to all the delegates who attended this Supreme Convention.

Celia Kachmarski, Grand President elect – Announced the adoption of The Hope Project as this coming year’s President’s Project.

Carol Stathopoulos – Asked the delegates to take a moment to remember and pray for Sisters who are fighting illnesses and were not able to attend this year’s Supreme Convention.

Demi Thomas, GP – Asked Sisters to recognize Cancer Survivors amongst us; expressed grateful thanks to her Grand Lodge for their love and support, and thanked all the delegates for all their hard work during the convention.

There being no further business, closing prayer was offered by Grand Secretary Kathy Bizoukas.

Chairman Jackson adjourned the 2019 Supreme Convention, Chicago, Illinois, at 12:42 p.m.