

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Helen Dennie, PDG, Charis Eleni 337, District 3 presented the Legislation Committee Report.

DOP Constitution

1. Motion made to add Article VII (Membership), Section 13:

Chapter Level Voting Requirements for Elections

The voting members must be in good standing and attend at least four (4) business meetings in the current Daughters of Penelope year (July-June) in their Chapter before becoming eligible to vote.

- a. In the case of a transferee, she shall be in good standing, transferred for a period of six (6) months and attend (4) four business meetings before she shall be eligible to vote.
- b. In the case of a new member, she will be in good standing, a member for a period of four (4) months and attend (4) business meetings before she shall be eligible to vote.
- c. In the case of a new chapter or reactivated chapter, elections will be made at the start of the chapter and then follow Article VII section 13 a and b going forward.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Motion made to revise Article XI (Duties and Powers of Chapter Officers), Section 7 to read:

The Board of Governors' responsibilities are limited to the execution of auditing the chapter Treasury and Secretary's records and books. As well as the auditing of the Maids of Athena Treasury and Secretary's records and books. The Board of Governors shall submit an annual report thereof in June, to the Chapter and to the District Governor. The Board of Governors upon the request of the Chapter may serve in an advisory capacity.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Motion made to add the following to Article XI (Duties and Powers of Chapter Officers), Section 9i:

In the event the Maids of Athena Chapter is solely sponsored by an AHEPA Chapter, the report shall be submitted in writing each month to both the Daughters of Penelope District Governor, and the District Advisor to the Maids of Athena.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Motion made to remove Article XVIII (District Lodges), Section 5b (Dual Offices), which previously read:

“For districts with 150 members or less, special dispensation is not required. Any such chapter with a member serving in dual office shall be monitored by the Grand President until membership improves and new officers are elected.”

MOTION CARRIED

5. Motion made to add Article XIX (Duties and Powers of the District Lodge), Section 4b (District Treasurer):

The countersignature requirement shall be waived only if all District Lodge Officers unanimously approve a motion for the disbursement of District funds, allowing a check to be executed with the signature of a single authorized officer. The written unanimous motion must be duly documented and attached to the transaction records and meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Motion made to revise Article XXX, Section 2 (Maids of Athena Constitution Article IV, Section 1), Maids of Athena Membership:

Remove “unmarried” requirement so that Section 2 reads:

“Any Christian girl of good moral character who is of Greek descent from either parent (including adopted or foster) or is immediately related to a member in good standing of the Order of AHEPA or the Daughters of Penelope, or who is a philhellene, and in addition, possesses the following special qualifications, shall be eligible for membership into this Order ...”

MOTION CARRIED

7. Motion made to revise Article XXX, Section 4a, Closure of Membership in Maids of Athena. (Maids of Athena Constitution Article IV Section 7):

Any Maid of Athena or Daughter of Penelope who qualifies for membership with the other, and wishes to have membership in the other, may do so as long as they are in good standing in their Maids Chapter or Daughters Chapter and all fees are paid, if any, to the chapter they wish to join.

MOTION CARRIED