

2022 Legislation Committee Report

The Legislation Committee met on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. to review proposals for revisions to the Constitutions of the Daughters of Penelope and of the Maids of Athena.

I would like to thank the listed Sisters for assisting on this committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Tina Wilson	2	356
Celia Kachmarski, PGP	24	296
Demi Thomas, PGP	5	336
Christina Andrews	24	268
Barbara Stavis-Wolf	16	55
Bessie Giovanopoulos	23	292
Anastasa Sue Bacas	11	111
Dorothy Xanos	2	186
Michel Gabrielle Legato	6	158
Jan Spanos, PGP	21	5
Charrie Regopoulos	11	111
Diane Peterson	21	5
Michele Lotakis	20	340
Isa Velez, MD	5	230
Lisa Griffith	16	185
Athanasia Vassiliadou	28	425
Kalliope Fonsekis	21	290
Joanne Sackedis	2	186
Eugenia Papadopoulos	23	292
Katherine Karafotias	22	32
Mary Esther Murillo	13	311
Georgia Souris	20	340

I would also like to thank the Parliamentarian, Barbara Hensinger, for her guidance during the meeting.

The following proposals were approved by the committee to be presented to the Convention delegation and to be reviewed for adoption.

In theta pi,
Barbara Maligas, Chairman

**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE CONSTITUTION
PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP: Section 1. (b.) Page 2

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 1. Qualifications.

b. She shall be twenty-one (21) years of age if single but she may be under twenty-one if married. In any locality where conditions preclude the establishment of a Chapter of the Maids of Athena, an applicant shall be eligible for membership in the Order provided she is over eighteen (18) years of age.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 1. Qualifications.

b. ~~She shall be twenty-one (21) years of age if single but she may be under twenty-one if married.~~ In any locality where ~~conditions preclude the establishment of a~~ there is no Chapter of the Maids of Athena, an applicant shall be eligible for membership in the Order provided she is over eighteen (18) years of age.

RATIONALE:

It makes it easier for young women to join the Daughters of Penelope.

ADOPTED DEFEATED

ARTICLE VIII MOTHER LODGE: Section 1. Page 7

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 1. Named and Defined. The Mother Lodge of the Order is composed of the founders of the Daughters of Penelope first chapter, EOS Chapter No1 in San Francisco, California, who were: Alexandra Apostolides Sonenfeld (also first Grand President), Sophie Canellos,

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

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RATIONALE:

Sonenfeld was her second husband. In 1929 she was married to Dr. Apostolides.

ADOPTED DEFEATED

ARTICLE XVIII DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE DISTRICT LODGE: Section 10 Page 33

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 10. All Past District Governors in good standing with their Chapter, who have attended at least four business meetings of their Chapter and otherwise qualify as delegates, shall be recognized with a full vote at District Conventions. Credentials shall be issued by their respective Chapters. They shall defray their own expenses.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 10. All Past District Governors in good standing with their Chapter, who have attended at least four business meetings of their Chapter and otherwise qualify as delegates, shall be recognized with a full vote at District Conventions. Credentials shall be issued by their respective Chapters. ~~They shall defray their own expenses.~~

RATIONALE:

The Past District Governor position is the only position that is designated in the constitution to defray their own expenses for the District Convention or any convention. A great many of the delegates that attend the convention are PDGs. We feel that it should be up to the individual chapters whether or not they should reimburse the PDGs for their registration fee. It is only fair to pay for their registration fees alongside the other delegates. We think that we should continue to support our PDGs and try to ensure that they continue to attend the District Convention to provide their expertise. Our PDGs not only share their expertise but also share their knowledge of the history of the District.

ADOPTED DEFEATED _____

ARTICLE XXIII DUTIES AND POWERS OF CHAPTER OFFICERS: Section 2. Page 47

PROPOSED ADDITION, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 2. Standing Committees

- i. **Social Media.** To help facilitate electronic communication amongst the members and generate exposure for the chapter via social media platforms.

RATIONALE:

Since we are in the technological/green era, it would help the chapter to create a Social Media committee in order to help with growing the chapter via electronic communication and social media.

ADOPTED DEFEATED _____

ARTICLE XXIII DUTIES AND POWERS OF CHAPTER OFFICERS: Section 4. (f.) (7.) Page 47-48

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 4. Recording Secretary.

- f. She shall submit an annual report to the Chapter, District Governor and National Headquarters in itemized form, and showing accurately the following:
 - 7. Address corrections.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 4. Recording Secretary.

- f. She shall submit an annual report to the Chapter, District Governor and National Headquarters in itemized form, and showing accurately the following:
 - 7. ~~Address corrections.~~ Verified contact information.

RATIONALE:

Vital for up to date information for correspondence.

ADOPTED DEFEATED _____

**MAIDS OF ATHENA CONSTITUTION
PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP: Section 7 Page 9-10

NOTE: also in DOP Constitution: **ARTICLE XXX MAIDS OF ATHENA Section 3** Page 59

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 7. Graduation to Membership to the Daughters of Penelope

- 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.
- c. 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.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 7. Closure of Membership in Maids of Athena

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.

(Sub-sections (b) and (c) to be removed to eliminate dual membership requirement.)

RATIONALE:

The time spent tracking, and the paperwork involved with dual membership is not worth the few dual members we have. It is a deterrent to the Orders.

ADOPTED X DEFEATED _____

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP: Section 9. Page 10

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 9. Members at Large

A member who has become inactive because of her Chapter's inactive status, or a young woman wishing to become a member in an area which consists of at least an active Daughters of Penelope or AHEPA Chapter, shall have the privilege of maintaining her membership on a National level conforming to the following:

- a. She shall pay her Per Capita Tax to Supreme Headquarters each year and receive a membership identification appropriate to this status.
- b. She shall have the status of a Maid of Athena, except for a vote or voice therein.
- c. If a Chapter of the Order is instituted in the area she resides; she shall apply for membership in said Chapter.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Eliminate this Section and add the following to ARTICLE IV, Section 6 as below:

Section 6. Transfer of Membership

h. A member who has become inactive because of her Chapter’s inactive status, or a young woman wishing to become a member in an area that does not have an active chapter nearby, shall be assigned, in consultation with her, to a chapter available to her by either the MOA District Lodge or the MOA Grand Lodge if a District Lodge does not exist in that area. She will be awarded all rights and privileges that come with membership in the Maids of Athena and be allowed to attend meetings via a virtual platform.

RATIONALE:

The Maids of Athena are, per the MOA Constitution, ARTICLE 1, “the Junior Women’s Auxiliary of the Daughters of Penelope”. The Daughters of Penelope need to be responsible for the Maids of Athena.

ADOPTED X DEFEATED

ARTICLE IX NATIONAL ADVISOR TO THE MAIDS OF ATHENA: Section 1. Page 14

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 1. National Advisor

The National Advisor to the Maids of Athena shall be the Liaison Officer between the Grand Lodges of the Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athena. The Supreme Convention of the Order of the Daughters of Penelope shall elect the National Advisor to the Maids of Athena.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 1. ~~National~~ Grand Advisor

The ~~National~~ Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena shall be the Liaison Officer between the Grand Lodges of the Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athena. The Supreme Convention of the Order of the Daughters of Penelope shall elect the ~~National~~ Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena.

RATIONALE:

Strike title “National” Advisor and replace with “Grand” Advisor, as this is the correct title per the Daughters of Penelope Constitution.

ADOPTED in AD HOC Legislation

ARTICLE IX NATIONAL ADVISOR TO THE MAIDS OF ATHENA: Section 2. Page 14

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 2. Duties

The National Advisor shall directly supervise all activities of the Grand Lodge of the Maids of Athena; shall receive notice of and attend all meetings held; shall advise on proper procedure; and shall give approval on all important issues or actions.

- a. The National Advisor shall attend all meetings of the Supreme Convention of the Maids of Athena and report on the same to the Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope for their consideration and action regarding any legislation passed by the Supreme Convention of the Maids of Athena.

- b. The National Advisor shall be charged with the responsibility of the contents of the Maids of Athena Guide. The Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope shall see to it that each District and Chapter Maids of Athena Advisor shall receive this guide in a timely manner.
- c. The Advisory Board shall be appointed by the newly elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President, Maids National Advisor, and with the recommendations of the Maids of Athena Grand President. Their Duties shall include:
 - 1) Assist the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge and the Maids National Advisor in establishing contacts in those areas in which Maids of Athena Chapters do not exist.
 - 2) Attend Regional events in there are in the absence of the National Advisor.
 - 3) Report to the Maids of Athena National Advisor bi-monthly on their progress in establishing contacts in their assigned area.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 2. Duties

The Grand Advisor shall:

- a. Directly supervise all activities of the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge;
- b. Advise the Maids of Athena on all proper procedure;
- c. Give approval on all important issues or actions of the Maids of Athena;
- d. The Grand Advisor shall attend all meetings of the Supreme Convention of the Maids of Athena and report on the same to the Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope;
- e. Assure that the legislation passed by the Maids of Athena Supreme Convention is submitted to the Daughters of Penelope Legislation Chairman and processed per ARTICLE XXX, Section 4, Daughters of Penelope Constitution;
- f. Shall receive notice of and attend all meetings by the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge and in consultation with the Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, authorize and approve the activities and events of the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge;
- g. The Grand Advisor shall be charged with the responsibility of the contents of the Maids of Athena Advisor Guide. The Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope shall see to it that each District and Chapter Maids of Athena Advisor shall receive this guide in a timely manner.
- h. The Advisory Board shall be appointed by the newly elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President, Maids Grand Advisor, and with the recommendations of the Maids of Athena Grand President. Their duties shall include:
 - 1) Assist the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge and Maids Grand Advisor in establishing contacts in those areas in which Maids of Athena Chapters do not exist;
 - 2) Attend Regional events in the absence of the Grand Advisor;
 - 3) Report to the Maids of Athena Grand Advisor bi-monthly on their progress in establishing contact in their assigned area.

RATIONALE:

Align and reword Section 2. Duties to match the Daughters of Penelope Constitution ARTICLE XXXI.

ADOPTED X DEFEATED

ARTICLE XI SUPREME CONVENTION OF THE MAIDS OF ATHENA: Section 1. Page 15

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 1. Supreme Convention

The Supreme Convention of the Order of the Maids of Athena is the highest constituted body of Order, and its power shall be limited only by the provisions of these By-Laws....

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 1. Supreme Convention

The Supreme Convention of the Order of the Maids of Athena is the highest constituted body of Order, and its power shall be limited only by the provisions of this ~~By-Laws~~ Constitution....

RATIONALE:

Strike the word "By-Laws" and replace with "Constitution". This document is the Maids of Athena Constitution, not their By-Laws.

ADOPTED X DEFEATED _____

ARTICLE XVII CHAPTERS: Section 1 Page 22

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 1. Sponsorship

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...

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 1. Sponsorship

Local Chapters shall be sponsored by local Daughters of Penelope ~~or AHEPA Chapter~~. When there is no Daughters of Penelope Chapter ~~or AHEPA Chapter~~, the Daughters of Penelope District Lodge, or a local AHEPA chapter, may will sponsor a new or reinstated Maids of Athena Chapter. The Maids of Athena chapter will be advised by a chapter or district Daughters of Penelope Maids of Athena advisor.

RATIONALE:

Strike the wording "AHEPA Chapter" and include "reinstated". The Maids of Athena are, per the MOA Constitution, ARTICLE I, "the Junior Women's Auxiliary of the Daughters of Penelope". The Daughters of Penelope need to be responsible for the Maids of Athena.

ADOPTED X DEFEATED _____

ARTICLE XXV AMENDMENTS Page 32

CURRENTLY READS:

These By-Laws may be amended at any Supreme Convention of the Maids of Athena (except such provisions as define the relation of this Order with the parent Order of the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA) by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting. Amendments must be passed by the Supreme

Convention of the Daughters of Penelope and Order of AHEPA before they may become part of the By-Laws of the Order of the Maids of Athena.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

~~These By-Laws~~ This Constitution may be amended at any Supreme Convention of the Maids of Athena (except such provisions as define the relation of this Order with the parent Order of the Daughters of Penelope ~~and AHEPA~~) by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting. Amendments must be passed by the Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope ~~and Order of AHEPA~~ before they may become part of the ~~By-Laws~~ Constitution of the Order of the Maids of Athena.

RATIONALE:

Strike the word "By-Laws" and replace with "Constitution". This document is the Maids of Athena Constitution not their By-Laws.

Strike the wording "AHEPA" and "Order of AHEPA" out of this ARTICLE. The Maids of Athena are, per the MOA Constitution, ARTICLE 1, "the Junior Women's Auxiliary of the Daughters of Penelope". The Daughters of Penelope need to be responsible for the Maids of Athena.

ADOPTED DEFEATED _____

ALL ENCOMPASSING REVISION OF THE MAIDS OF ATHENA CONSTITUTION

Listed here are the areas not addressed in the proposed changes above in which "National" Advisor needs to be replaced with "Grand" Advisor:

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RATIONALE:

The striking of "National" Advisor and replacing with "Grand" Advisor should be inserted in all Maids of Athena documents including but not limited to **The Maids of Athena Neophyte Manuel** where "National" Advisor is referenced in the "Our International Structure" section and **Leadership Handbook**, pg. 30

ADOPTED DEFEATED _____

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES Page 7

CURRENTLY READS:

- (a) To promote and instill the spirit of patriotism; allegiance to the flag; support of the Constitution; obedience to the laws; and reverence for the history and tradition of the United States of America, Canada, Bahamas, and Greece.
- (b) To stimulate love for the appreciation of Hellenic culture, traditions, and ideals; to promote a study of Hellenic letters, arts, and sciences as our best contribution to the United States of America, Canada, Bahamas, and Greece.
- helpfulness; to stimulate and encourage education, and to foster the growth and enhancement of charity.
- (d) To further the ideals of obedience and respect towards parents and elders.
- (e) To assist the Orders of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope in carrying out the aims and purposes of our parent organizations.
- (f) To cooperate with and assist the Daughters of Penelope in promoting the progress and welfare of both the Senior and Junior Women’s Auxiliaries of the Order of AHEPA, and to prepare our members for admission into the Order of the Daughters of Penelope.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

- (a) To promote and instill the spirit of patriotism; allegiance to the flag; support of the Constitution; obedience to the laws; and reverence for the history and ~~tradition of the United States of America, Canada, Bahamas, and Greece~~ traditions of the country of residency and/or citizenship(s).
- (b) To stimulate love for the appreciation of Hellenic culture, traditions, and ideals; to promote a study of Hellenic letters, arts, and sciences as our best contribution to the United States of America, Canada, Bahamas, and Greece.
- (c) ~~To promote~~ To build up character by promoting in every manner possible a high standards of ethics and good fellowship amongst its members; to develop the spirit of human understanding, kindness mutual benevolence and helpfulness; to stimulate and encourage education, and to foster the growth and enhancement of charity to make possible for its members the full enjoyment of educational facilities; and to point out to them the beauties of sacrifice and the deformities of selfishness.
- (d) To further the ideals of obedience and respect towards parents and elders.
- (e) To assist the Orders of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope in carrying out the aims and purposes of our parent organizations.
- (f) To cooperate with and assist the Daughters of Penelope in promoting the progress and welfare of both the ~~Senior and Junior Women’s Auxiliaries of the Order of AHEPA~~ Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athena, and to prepare our members for admission into ~~the Order of the Daughters of Penelope.~~

RATIONALE:

Reword this section to align with the DOP constitution ARTICLE XXX Section 2. Our constitutions should always have the same wording.

ADOPTED X DEFEATED _____

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP: Section 1. Page 8

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 1. Qualifications

Any unmarried 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 AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope, or who is a philhellene, and in addition, possesses the following special qualifications, shall be eligible for membership into this Order.

- a) She shall be a citizen of the country wherein the Chapter to which she applies for admission is located. If she is not a citizen thereof, she shall be required to declare her intentions of becoming a citizen.
- b) She shall have passed her fourteenth (14th) year of age, but not yet reached her twenty-eighth (28th) year.
- c) A member of good standing is defined as an individual who has paid Per Capita Tax (annual membership dues) and has attended a minimum of four (4) chapter meetings per year.

PROPOSED CHANGES, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 1. Qualifications

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- a) She shall be a citizen of the country wherein the Chapter to which she applies for admission is located. If she is not a citizen thereof, she shall be required to declare her intentions of becoming a citizen.
- b) She shall have passed her fourteenth (14th) year of age, but not yet reached her twenty-eighth (28th) year.
- c) ~~A member of good standing is defined as an individual who has paid Per Capita Tax (annual membership dues) and has attended a minimum of four (4) chapter meetings per year.~~

RATIONAL:

Section (c) does not belong in this Section as it is not a qualification for membership, nor is it the appropriate definition of a member in good standing. Good standing refers to per capita tax being paid for the current year. Having attended four (4) meetings only applies to eligibility for those wishing to run for office (see ARTICLE VII OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE: Section 2. Qualifications; ARTICLE XII DISTRICT LODGE: Section 3. Qualifications; ARTICLE XVIII CHAPTER OFFICERS: Section 2. Qualifications), or those wishing to be delegates at conventions (ARTICLE XXIV CONVENTION RULES: Section 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Alternates).

ADOPTED X DEFEATED

ARTICLE V PRINCIPLE OF SECRECY Page 10

CURRENTLY READS:

This article shall be read to every member upon completion of her initiation.

- a) The Order of the Maids of Athena shall have a secret password issued by the Grand President of the Maids of Athena through Supreme Headquarters with the approval President of the Daughters of Penelope and the National Advisor.

- b) The password is sent to the Secretary of each Chapter in good standing at the beginning of each calendar year. It is received by all members from the Secretary upon verification of having paid their annual Per Capita Tax. The password changes each year and identifies the member as being in good standing.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF APPROVED WILL READ:

This article shall be read to every member upon completion of her initiation.

- a) The Order of the Maids of Athena shall have a secret password issued by the Grand President of the Maids of Athena through Supreme Headquarters with the approval President of the Daughters of Penelope and the National Grand Advisor.
- b) The password is sent to the Secretary of each Chapter in good standing at the beginning of each calendar year. It is received by all members from the Secretary upon verification of having paid their annual Per Capita Tax. The password changes each year and identifies the member as being in good standing.
- c) Secret rituals shall not be revealed to anyone other than to a member in good standing of the Maids of Athena.

RATIONAL:

Clarification of what the principle of secrecy pertains to – our rituals.

ADOPTED DEFEATED

ARTICLE XVIII CHAPTER OFFICERS: Section 3 Page 24

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 3. Terms of Office

The offices of the Chapter shall serve for a term of twelve (12) months, or until their successors are elected and qualified. In the case of a new Chapter, the first term shall be from the time the new officers are installed until the following election. Marriage during a term of office shall not disqualify the officer from completing her term.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 3. Terms of Office

The term of office shall be one (1) year, and each Chapter Officer may only serve two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. ~~The offices of the Chapter shall serve for a term of twelve (12) months, or until their successors are elected and qualified.~~ In the case of a new Chapter, the first term shall be from the time the new officers are installed until the following election. Marriage during a term of office shall not disqualify the officer from completing her term.

RATIONAL:

To align with Grand Lodge and District Lodge Officer term limits. Regular transition of leadership is necessary for succession planning within chapters.

ADOPTED DEFEATED

ARTICLE XXI MEETINGS OF CHAPTERS: Section 1. Page 28

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 1. Regular Meetings

- a) 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.
- b) Regular meetings may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting at a regular meeting, provided that the period of suspension shall not exceed two (2) months.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 1. Regular Meetings

- a) 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.
- b) Regular meetings may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting at a regular meeting, provided that the period of suspension shall not exceed two (2) months.
- c) Virtual meetings are permitted as needed.

RATIONALE:

To align with the DOP Constitution and also to modernize our Order, given all the changes we have seen over the last two years. This would also assist chapters who have difficulty meeting monthly in-person, and would give the option to switch to a virtual meeting and avoid meeting cancellations (e.g. weather, meeting location not available, etc.)

ADOPTED X DEFEATED

ARTICLE XXI MEETINGS OF CHAPTERS: Section 4. Page 29

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 4. Quorum

Seven (7) members of fifty percent (50%) of the Chapters members in good standing, two (2) of whom must be an elected officer shall constitute the quorum.

- a) Chapters unable to meet 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.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 4. Quorum

Seven (7) members of fifty percent (50%) of the Chapters members in good standing, two (2) of whom must be an elected officer shall constitute the quorum.

- a) ~~Chapters unable to meet 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.~~
Members are permitted to participate in meetings via video call as necessary. Members who participate via video call shall be counted towards quorum and are permitted to vote on motions.

RATIONALE:

To make it easier for chapters to meet quorum requirements and to allow members who are away at school to continue to participate in meetings virtually.

ADOPTED DEFEATED _____

ARTICLE XXIV CONVENTION RULES: Section 5. Page 32

CURRENTLY READS:

Section 5. Registration

All delegates must register at the Conventions and pay the required fee. At both conventions, the Maids of Athena shall pay one-half (1/2) the amount the Daughters of Penelope pay.

PROPOSED CHANGE, IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Section 5. Registration

All delegates must register at the District and Supreme Convention and pay the required fee. At both conventions, the Maids of Athena shall pay one-half (1/2) the amount the Daughters of Penelope pay.

RATIONALE:

For clarification.

ADOPTED DEFEATED _____
