



**EVRYTANIAN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
"VELOUCHI"**

COMPEDIUM OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECISIONS 2005-2017

Submitted by the National Secretary, Mr. Bobby Tsiabassis

73rd CONVENTION MINUTES

Winston Salem, NC - June 16-18, 2017

Mr. Apostolopoulos: Motion that everyone that puts in an ad, gets a free copy of the convention booklet. Mr. Barlas seconded and the motion passed.

Additional motion passed that anyone who purchases an ad will have an additional book ordered and shipped to them to be packed and delivered by the National Office & Mr. Peroulas passed

Motion to make a policy/procedure compendium for future convention committees to be passed on to be formed by November 1st. Chairmen will meet from 2017 (Winston Salem) and 2016 (Greenville) convention. Motion to call vote. Motion passed

72nd CONVENTION MINUTES

Greenville, SC - June 17-19, 2016

No decisions were made.

71st CONVENTION MINUTES

Myrtle Beach, SC – June 26-28, 2015

Mr. Apostolopoulos motions for \$3k/year raise for Mr. Peroulas and Mr. Tom Nixon seconds. Motion accepted and passed.

Ms. Sophia Kazakos Motions to add a convention committee. Motion Passes.

Motion passes to have 2 meetings in Charlotte and 2 at other chapter location.

Motion passes that going forward, the board may not give long-term assistance/pensions

Motion: That the association make a pledge of \$5,000 given each year for three years totaling \$15,000 for PanagiaProustissa chapel. Mr. Nixon amends the motion to a total of \$10,000. \$5,000 each year for two years. Motion passes.

70th CONVENTION MINUTES

Gatlinburg, TN * June 20-22, 2014

Mr. Apostolopoulos makes a motion with 3 criteria:

- 1. Mid-year conference for the Association in Charlotte.**
- 2. Fundraising for the Foundation (same date).**
- 3. Daughters of Evrytania's dance to take place Saturday after Thanksgiving.**

The President urges again that we reconsider this request as passing this request at this time because it will be mandating parties (largely parties who are not present) to make a mid-year conference/fundraiser in November. All voted and passed.

Ms. Sophia Kazakos Motions to move forward with the Executive Director role without the approval of the quorum as there are too many opinions and the role will change and mold with applicants and with the organizations need. Dr. Paul Dallas asks that the motion is edited to include beginning interviews by September. Sophia agrees to the edit and adds that at least \$500 will be needed for the expenses in posting the position to job boards. Majority votes and agrees to move forward immediately with the hiring of the Executive Director.

69th CONVENTION MINUTES

Roanoke, VA * June 21, 22 and 23 2013

Financial Advisory Committee: The committee recommended moving Association funds from Fidelity and Vanguard to Wilshire Funds into more conservative investments. A motion was made by Tom Skenteris to include scholarship and life membership funds in the Wilshire Funds. The motion was seconded by John Pelsis and approved by the GA

A motion was made to have the Nomination Committee review the information form for all Executive Board position candidates. It is for information only and does not eliminate floor nominations. The motion passed. A motion was also made to amend the bylaws that nominations for the Executive Board need to close the day before the election. The motion passed by majority vote.

Tom Nixon had a question about lifetime members concerning their affiliation with chapters. The discussion also included a question about lifetime members providing the local chapter with some form of compensation for membership. A motion was made by Theodore Kazakos to have the By-

laws Committee review the question and report to the Board of Trustees and disseminate the information to the chapters. The motion was seconded by Tom Skenteris and approved. Subsequent to the vote, Bobby Ziogas reported to the GA the individual chapters have lifetime members as full members. Individual chapters can charge them something for membership.

68th CONVENTION MINUTES
Myrtle Beach, SC * June 29, 30 & July 1, 2012
No decisions were made.

67th CONVENTION MINUTES
Myrtle Beach, SC - July 1-3, 2011

Scholarship Endowment Fund: Chris Karageorge reported that this fund account has \$72,000.00. A motion on the floor by the committee to allow the Association to spend money when the account balance reaches \$100,000.00 plus was approved

BY LAWS CHANGE PROPOSAL- Dr. GUS KOTSIANAS motioned that in the future potential candidates should have the option and be mandated to only be present to accept their candidacy for executive board positions only vs. the current mandate to be present during elections also; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mr. Ziogas assured that Article 12 will be changed to reflect this general assembly's decision.

TERM LIMITS- Dr. JAMES KOTSIANAS motioned that the two consecutive term limit direction given by the Greensboro convention to the BY Laws committee which will mandate that executive officers must stay off at least one term, and would only be eligible for other offices take effect as of the next convention; seconded. Passed unanimously.

66th CONVENTION MINUTES
Myrtle Beach, SC – July 3, 2010

Mr. Spiro Pappas suggested that we spend some of the Nitsios fund and made a motion to the effect. The motion was seconded; Motion passed with the recommendation that a 3rd party be hired to invest our Nitsios assets.

Chairman Ballas also suggested that the amount of \$500,000 be lowered to \$100,000 before we can use its proceeds. Motion made to the effect, seconded and passed by acclamation.

Technology committee- a report for updates needed in the central office to allow the association to conduct its business in a contemporary manner Motion made by Karageorge to approve, seconded by Spiro Pappas.

Members with dues in arrears- President Skenteris asked the general assembly for clear direction of members who are 3 years or more in arrears with their dues. Mr. James Karras made a motion that if people pay at least one year they can be reinstated; motion was seconded. The consensus was that letter be sent out by central office to all (and members at large)and then have the chapters follow up and clear up the lists so that the Velouchi magazine will not continue to drain our coffers. Motion passed

Raffle format- Mr. Tom Nixon suggested that we should not only have one prize for our annual scholarship raffle. That should not have a car even; he made a motion to such a format change; it was seconded and passed.

Poulos of Va. President Skenteris clarified that 1/3 of the total take is supposed to be the prize of that raffle. After discussion it was amended that the Raffle Committee and the BOT should always decide on the number and cost of the total prizes. Motion passed

65th CONVENTION MINUTES

Myrtle Beach, SC - June 27-28, 2009

The auditing report was motioned to be accepted as submitted by Dr. James Kotsianas and seconded by Mr. Stathopoulos; the motion carried unanimously.

Item 1- officers for national office should be members in good standing for at least one year before eligible to seek national office- seconded- passed with 27 votes in favor-none opposed

Item 3- Tele-video conference capacity when at least 75% members are participating and present-discussion ensued- Dr. Kotsianas requested that the 75% language be changed to quorum. Motion to pass as amended/seconded- Voted in favor unanimously.

64th CONVENTION MINUTES

Asheville, NC - June 13-15, 2008

There was a motion by Jim Carras to increase the proposed budget for scholarships in Greece. Following discussion, the assembly agreed to increase the budget for scholarships to a total of \$24,500 (22,000 + 2,500 from the Daughters) in the US and \$22,000 in Greece.

Nick Apostolopoulos made a motion to recognize all visiting guests as honorary members of the association, the motion was passed.

63rd CONVENTION MINUTES

Greensboro, NC* June 22-24, 2007

Amendments that address the issues raised by the State of NC in order to recognize the Association as exempt for Sales Tax purposes:

1) An addition to Article III of the Constitution “Goals and Objectives” of the following language, to be added after the existing language: (complete language on handout) which, in summary, prevents personal financial benefit from the association by its members, prevents the association from creating propaganda or influencing political campaigns, and prevents the association from performing any activities not allowed by 501(c)(3) organizations.

2) Article XVI “Dissolution” is proposed to be amended as follows: (complete language in handout) which, in summary, for the appropriate distribution of the associations assets should the associations be dissolved, at which point the general assembly will appropriate these assets for works and institutions in Evrytania Greece or the USA benefiting Evrytians. Motion passed by 3/4 majority.

B. Amend Part XI – Rules and regulations of the committee – 1) Scholarship committee – paragraph f.2: Motion was amended by Spiro Pappas (and amendment was approved) to read as follows: “For students of Evrytian extraction or children of members of the association residing in the United States or Canada and intending to attend American or Canadian Universities or Colleges and who have been or whose parents have been members of the association for at least 3 years prior to the application for a scholarship, except this will not apply to members of newly formed chapters until they are 3 years old”. Motion was accepted.

Charities #1 – A motion was made to return the Scholarships in USA funds to \$25,000, and keep budget balanced by taking \$10,000 from the scholarship endowment fund. This was accepted

Motion to keep Charity #5 (Board Limit Donations and Fin. Support) at \$10,000 passes.

George Ballas proposed that Charity #3 (Iykeia in Greece) be changed to \$6,000 + \$1,000 from Angelis fund. Seconded by Spiro Pappas and passes.

Dr. Kotsianas recommended to change raffle expenses to \$38,000 from \$40,000, and motion was passed.

Spiro Pappas motioned to keep other expenses #8 (expenses of rep of Greece) at \$3,000. Motion passed.

Motion to change raffle income to \$58,000 was passed.

The first recommendation was seconded, with it being noted that the vice-president of each community should be in charge of membership drives, as that is one of the duties of the vice-president. This motion passed.

A motion was raised to identify the scholarship recipients by May 15th of each year, so recipients can make plans to attend. The motion was seconded and passed.

62nd CONVENTION MINUTES

Charlotte, NC * June 30-July 2, 2006

The Second officers' right to vote by changing the quorum to 9 was seconded by Tom Nixon, amended by Gus Barlas for the quorum to be 11. The amended motion passed.

Chapter to be opened in Greece, Seconded by Chris Vastakis: Bobby Ziogas gave the gavel to Mr. Kampiziones stepped down to explained the several reasons the Constitution Committee was against this motion. The motion was amended to be Tabled and have a committee study the possibilities. The amendment was seconded and passed.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS OF THE BOARD:

To change the format of the Velouchi newsletter to a magazine format. Sam Ballas motions to accept, motion is seconded and passed.

Board motion to give the Representatives in Greece Committee \$3,000 for local, in-Greece expenses, and to cover the air fare for one of the representatives to the Annual Convention is seconded by Sam Ballas. Motion passes.

Motion by Tom Nixon, seconded by Spiro Pappas to amend item 9 on the Expense budget, "expenses of representatives in Greece" to \$5,000 as voted just previously, and marked "to be taken from raffle proceeds". Budget passes with above change.

Educational Programs in Evrytania – 4 youth will be going to Evrytania, Greece with our funds of \$450 each. Spiro Pappas motions that \$450 be given to the first 12 students, of members, (Paedia Society will sponsor the other \$450) and the funds are to be taken from the Scholarship Raffle Account. Motion seconded and passed. Spiro Pappas also motions that the first 5 students to get \$1,000 tuition each to go to college for 6 months through the Padeia Society of our members by raising US Scholarships to \$30,000. Stavros Trastelis amends the motion that the \$5,000 financing be raised by youth projects. Amended motion passed.

Bill Fallis motions that the amount the Conventions give annually to the Foundation be raised from \$500 to \$1,000. Motion seconded and passed

Nick Apostolopoulos motions to make guest Kostas Bakogiannis, advisor and son of Greece's Foreign Minister Dora Bakogiannis, an honorary member. Motion is seconded and passed

A motion was made for the auditing committee to give a written report to the executive board before bringing it to the general assembly. Seconded and passed

Mr. James Caras motions to make Mr. Tomazos an honorary member. Motion is seconded and passed.

Nick Kleto motions to reestablish the Blue Ribbon Committee to study and examine the future of the Evrytanian Association, particularly, but not limited to the proposed constitutional change on international chapters, future conventions, and appealing to the 25 to 40 year old group. Jim Caras seconds and motion passes.

MINUTES OF THE MID-YEAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Charlotte, NC * February 27, 2005

President Spiro Pappas introduced two members who want to start a new chapter in Harrisburg PA, John Peslis and Demetri Paliometros. Both spoke on Evrytanian patriotism and a motion to accept the new Harrisburg chapter was passed unanimous.

Nick Apostolopoulos motioned for four individuals to be invited (in addition to the elected officials which are normally invited) for our convention: Zoumbos, Tomazos, Hondos and Karavias. Motion to accept the four names was seconded and passed.

Greenwich Property had received an offer to purchase for \$710,000. Motion by Spiro Pappas to reject the offer on the building and tell them the building is not for sale was seconded and passed unanimously.

Jim Cavalaris reported that an appraisal of the property came in at \$1,160,000 and suggested that we get leases to maximize our income. It was reported that the property was purchased in 1975 for \$175,000. Spiro Pappas motions to create a Real Estate Committee to study renovations and ways of maximizing the building's income. Motion seconded and passed.

Tom Nixon motions to extend the scholarship deadline to April 1, motion seconded and passed.

Kostas Kazakos informs that a past motion was passed about lapel pins being given to each member, and should have been mailed to chapters -- is waiting action.

61st CONVENTION MINUTES

Winston-Salem, NC * June 10-12, 2005

Nick Apostolopoulos motions to make the car raffle and annual event, motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion is made by the Board of Directors for the Association to become a five delegate member of HAC for \$500. Seconded and passed.

Diaconia Center – Nick Apostolopoulos reports they have been directed to come up with ways to raise funds through chapters and events. Harry Cavalaris described the activities at the Diaconia Center and Motions that the Association's \$20,000 per year for 5 years pledge to the Diaconia Center be paid \$5,000 by the Association, \$10,000 from chapters, and \$5,000 by special events. Seconded and passed.

Mr. Peroulas motions to give money to students studying in Greece in an exchange program through Paidea to applicants of Velouchi scholarship. Motion seconded and passed.

Paul Dallas motions to do study on getting insurance on all members for the good of Velouchi. Seconded and passed

Nick Apostolopoulos moves to make Mr. John Zoumbos an honorary member of Velouchi. Motion is seconded and passed.

Sam Ballas moves to make Mr. Kosta Kontogeorgos and Mr. Vasili Karabas honorary members. Motion is seconded and passed

UNCC offers land and US Paedia can come and build with own money building for Greek Studies. Motion by Spiro Pappas to establish an ad-hoc committee to study in assisting and organizing above. Motion seconded and passed.

Membership Directory – Gus Barlas motions to prepare and mail out the associations directory, seconded by P. Dallas. Motion passed