



Dear Brother,

Enclosed are the minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Delta District 16 AHEPA Family Convention, June 22 – 26 June, 2006, aboard the Carnival Cruise Line M/S Ecstasy, Galveston, Texas.

If you are no longer the President of your chapter could you please forward to the correct person/address?

Also, as an update to paragraph 14 of the minutes, Brother George Christies from Houston has been selected by District Lodge to serve as District Warden.

In addition, the minutes will be posted on District's web site;  
<http://www.ahepad16.org>

Fraternally,

Costa Sgagias  
Convention Secretary



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# *Order of AHEPA*

## Delta District 16

75<sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention

June 22 – 26, 2006



John Georgiafandis  
District Governor





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## **The Joint AHEPA and DOP Convention Meeting opened at 9:15AM, Friday, June 23, 2006**

District Governor Georgiandis opened the convention with some remarks and introductions of our distinguished guests - - AHEPA Supreme President Gus James, Executive Director Basil Mossaidis, Supreme DOP Secretary Karen Stamatiades, Supreme Governor Anthony Kouzounis and DOP District Governor Sandy Bouzon, who thanked everyone for the outstanding support provided by all during the Katrina effort. Afterwards, Supreme President James made some opening remarks concerning his vision for AHEPA as well as provided an update about his recent trip to Greece.

**The Joint AHEPA/DOP Convention Meeting concluded at approximately 10:00AM.**

## **The AHEPA Delta District 16 Convention Meeting was called to order at 10:15AM by District Governor Georgiandis - 15 Members were in attendance**

### **1. Selection of Convention Officers:**

Brother Anthony Kouzounis nominated Brother Nick Dixie as Convention Chairmen, seconded by Brother James Petheriotes, motion passed.

Brother Anthony Kouzounis nominated Brother James Petheriotes as Convention Vice-Chairmen, seconded by Brother John Sempeles, motion passed.

Brother John Sempeles nominated Costa Sgagias as Convention Secretary, seconded by Brother Anthony Kouzounis, motion passed.

Brother Alex Katsafanas was appointed as Parliamentarian. Other committee appointments would be appointed as needed at a later time.

**2. Delegates:** All chapter delegates introduced themselves.

3. **Minutes of District 16, 2005 Convention:** District Secretary Sempeles read the minutes from the 2005 convention. Motion to accept by Father Gaines, seconded by Booras, minutes accepted. However, Father Gaines mentioned that consideration should be given to passing out or emailing the minutes before the convention. This would allow the reading of the minutes to be waived. All delegates were in favor.
4. **District General Fund Report and the Scholarship Report:** Convention Chairmen Dixie passed out the attached District 16 General Fund Report, July 1, 2005 to June 24, 2006 and the Scholarship Report, for the 2005 – 2006 academic year for review. It was mentioned that National Hqs waived the per capita for the New Orleans Chapter and maybe the District should also consider doing the same. After further discussion it was determined that the new district lodge will take it under consideration. Additional, there was much discussion concerning the inactive or non-paying chapters in the district. However, an agreement on the course of action to take could not be reached.

*Motion: Father Gaines motioned to accept the reports, seconded by Brother Sempeles, reports were accepted.*

5. **District General Fund Budget:** Convention Chairmen Dixie then passed out the attached District 16 General Fund Budget, 2006-2007 for review.

*Motion: Brother Petheriotes made a motion to reduce the district per capita from \$3.00 to \$2.00, seconded by Brother Kouzounis. After some discussion the motion did not pass.*

*Motion: Father Gaines made a motion to add a budget line of \$1,500.00 to be used as discretion funds by the District Lodge Officers, seconded by Brother Booras, after some discussion the motion passed.*

*District Governor Georgiandis reminded all that the Skepsou Budget had to be considered and approved along with the General Fund Budget and after some discussion, both budgets were approved.*

6. **Old/New Business** - There were no items
7. **District 16 Scholarship Raffle Tickets:** District Lt Governor Kaldis reported that all the raffle tickets have been sold.
8. **Supreme Governor Kouzounis' remarks.** He is honored to serve, communication is the key to the success of AHEPA, he referenced the May 21, 2006, letter from Archbishop Demetros for AHEPA Sunday, a must read for all. And closed by thanking all for the support received.
9. **Brother Katsafanas' remarks.** He is really pleased he was with the current AHEPA Administration, believed they have excellent mapped agenda for the future of AHEPA and unfortunately this is his last year on the Board of Trustees.

**10. Supreme President James' remarks.** Thanked Supreme Governor Kouzounis for his service and is really impressed with his passion. Overall a good year for AHEPA. Concerned that AHEPA may have been a little stagnant in the past, disconnected from the membership. AHEPA can not be a 'paper' organization, must get 'foot in the door' with US and Greek government. Trip to Greece laid the ground work to get it done. Membership concern as over 50% of current members are over 65 years old. 2007 is 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we must continue to grow. Reminded all of the National Convention next month and announced he is seeking another term as President, excited about the direction AHEPA is headed and wants to be part of it.

**11. Resolution:** *District Governor Georgiandis made a resolution to 'Commend the National Headquarters for a great job in increasing communication with all districts and chapters in the AHEPA Family'. Resolution passed.*

**Convention Chairmen Dixie moved to recess the meeting. Motion passed.  
Meeting recessed at 12:15PM.**

**Convention Chairmen Dixie called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30PM.  
15 Members were in attendance**

**12. District/Chapter Reports:** The following reports were provided and are attached.

- A. District Governor Report by Brother Georgiandis
- B. District Lt Governor Report by Brother Kaldis
- C. District Secretary Report by Brother Sempeles
- D. Shreveport Report by Brother Booras
- E. Fort Worth Report by Brother Sempeles
- F. Dallas Report by Brother Dixie
- G. New Orleans by Brother Sempeles
- H. San Antonio Report by Brother Sgagias
- I. Houston Report by Brother Kaldis

**13. Convention Report:** Provided by District Governor Georgiandis  
June 14 – 17, 2007, Isle of Capri Hotel, Shreveport LA  
June 2008, Dallas TX

**14. District Elections - 2006 - 2007:**

**District Governor** - Brother Georgiandis nominated Brother Kaldis, seconded by Brother Sempeles. All in favor. Elected by acclimation.

**District Lieutenant Governor** - Brother Kouzounis nominated Brother Sempeles, seconded by Brother Booras. All in favor. Elected by acclimation.

**District Secretary** - Brother Shaw nominated Brother Sgagias, seconded by Brother Kaldis. All in favor. Elected by acclimation

**District Treasurer** - Brother Booras nominated Brother Kirkikis, seconded by Brother Georgiandis. All in favor. Elected by acclimation.

**District Warden** - No nominations from the floor. Brother Georgiandis motioned, seconded by Brother Kaldis, to have the District Lodge appoint. Motion passed

**15. For the Good of the Order:**

District Governor Georgiandis thanked Brother Dixie for the great job as the Convention Chairmen.

Brother Kaldis mentioned that all chapters should consider sending letters to members asking them to give just 2 hours a month to attend AHEPA meeting and to get involved.

**Convention Chairmen Dixie moved to recess the meeting. Motion passed.  
Meeting recessed at 3:00PM**

**The Joint AHEPA and DOP Convention Meeting was called to order at 2:00PM, Sunday, June 25, 2006 by District Governor Georgiandis.**

After some brief opening remarks, the meeting started.

**16. Resolution:** *District Governor Georgiandis made a resolution that our District wholeheartedly supports Brother Anthony Kouzounis as our 'favorite son' for Supreme Governor, seconded by Brother Dixi, Resolution passed.*

**17. Motion:** *Brother Booras made a motion to buy a \$250.00 ad for the upcoming National Convention, seconded by Brother Kouzounis, Motion passed*

**18. Skepsou Budget/Report:** Provided by Cathy Paraschos and Tina Batmanis. They thanked everyone for the great support they received from all the chapters during the year. They recommended that consideration should be given to buying a color printer and to also consider posting the Skepsou on our web site. Hard copies will be mailed by request. After some discussion, all were in favor of the recommendations made and the 2006- 2007 Skepsou Budget was approved.

*On behalf of all present, District Governor Georgiandis thanked both for a doing a great job with Skepsou.*

**19. Delta District 16 Scholarships for 2006-2007:**

Elizabeth Rollins of Houston - University of Norte Dame  
Alexandra Calligas of Shreveport - Louisiana State University  
Eleftherios Papavasiliou of Houston - Baylor University  
Katie Booras of Shreveport - Texas A&M University  
John Moustoukas of Metairie - Tulane University of Medicine  
Diana Moustoukas of Metairie - Tulane University of Medicine  
Katherine Rollins of Houston - University of Norte Dame  
William Wolf of Covington - Virginia Tech

*District Governor Georgiandis commented on what a great job Brother Kirkikis has done as Chairmen of the Scholarship Board....always precise and accurate reports*

**20. Ahepan of the Year:** Dr. Philip Lahaye of Shreveport.

**21. AHEPA Chapter of the Year:** San Antonio Chapter 311

## 22. Installation of District Officers:

Supreme DOP Secretary Karen Stamatiades installed the DOP District Officers.

Supreme President James presented AHEPA pens to; District Governor Georgiafandis for his tenure as District Governor; Brother Dixie for Convention Chairman; Brother Kaldis for a great convention and to Supreme Governor Kouzounis for his tenure and for his 'Ahepa passion'. Afterwards Supreme President James installed the newly elected District Officers.



## 23. For the Good of the Order:

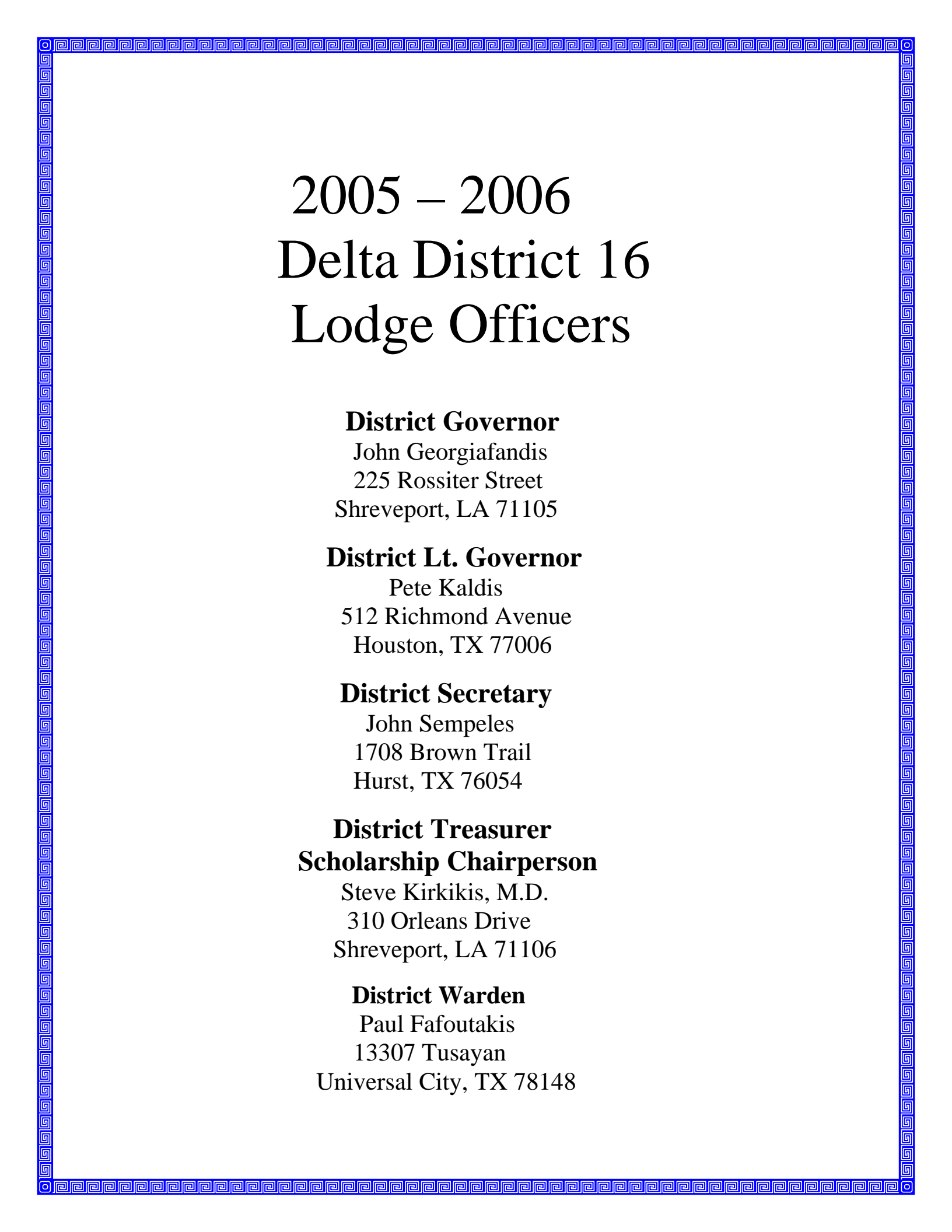
Mary Georgiafandis thanked everyone for a wonderful convention, wished the new district officers good luck and special thanks to Supreme President James for making the time to attend the convention.

Brother Kaldis also thanked everyone, especially Supreme President James, for attending the convention. Additionally he asked for every chapter to support our next convention in Shreveport.

**The Joint AHEPA and DOP Convention Meeting adjourned at 3:45PM, Sunday, June 25, 2006**

**Approved: John Georgiafandis, District Governor  
Nick Dixie, Convention Chairman  
Costa Sgagias, Convention Secretary**





# 2005 – 2006 Delta District 16 Lodge Officers

## **District Governor**

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## **District Lt. Governor**

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## **District Secretary**

John Sempeles  
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## **District Treasurer Scholarship Chairperson**

Steve Kirkikis, M.D.  
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## **District Warden**

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