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New Board of Directors Takes Office in the Link

The newly elected Board of Directors of the Hellenic Link, Inc. held its first organizational meeting on February 23, 2018. The meeting began with an expression of honor and gratitude for the late Rev. Professor Demetrios Constantelos who passed to eternity a year ago. Dr. Constantine Efthymiou paid tribute to him as he referred to his contributions and loss for the militant Church, Hellenism, and the Hellenic Link, member of the Board of which from the very time of its founding he was continuously until his passing. The members kept a meditative silence for a few moments in his memory

Drs. Tsirka and Efthymiou welcomed the participants who were in attendance from various locations around the country, connected via conference call.

The first order of business was the election of officers comprising the Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer for the offices of which respectively were elected unanimously by the 11-member Board the following members: Constantine J. Efthymiou, PhD, Stella Tsirka, PhD, Constantine Hatzidimitriou, PhD, Fevronia

Soumakis, PhD, and Nicholas Kokis, Esq. At the recommendation of the President, the Board appointed to its membership Maria Kaliambou, PhD and Nicholas Kokis, Esq for the duration of its 3-year tenure. The Board then proceeded to appoint chairs to its committees.

Advisory Council on Hellenic

Education: The President stated that for the time being, the Council would continue to be directed as previously, by the President. The Council membership includes all members of the Board who are educators and two other members of the Hellenic Link:

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AHEPA Invitation to Hellenic Link

The Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288 is proudly hosting the Raising of the Greek Flag to Commemorate Greek Independence Day.

The raising of the Greek Flag to commemorate and show our pride for 197 years of Greece's Independence will take place on Friday, March 23rd at The Circle in Perth Amboy City Hall, beginning at 11am.

A Lenten luncheon will follow the event. All are welcome.

The AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) was founded in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia to protect individuals from the evils of bigotry and discrimination.

AHEPA is the largest and oldest grassroots association of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes with chapters across the United States and abroad.

The mission of AHEPA is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family, and Individual Excellence through community service and volunteerism.

More on the AHEPA :
<https://ahepa.org/>;
<https://ahepadistrict5.org/>.

Eventbrite registration is requested:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/perth-amboy-ahepa-presents-greek-independence-day-flag-raising-ceremony-tickets-43069775859>

Best regards,

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Dr. Evangelos Gizis and Dr. Chris Ioannidis.

Membership and Public Events Committee: The work of this Committee is essential for the implementation of the Objectives of the HL, and for maintenance of its viability and growth through attraction of new, especially young members. As an outreach committee, it will have the mandate to organize public cultural events enriching the local communities and enlighten them on scientific, professional, educational, and ethnic matters. The President asked Nicholas Kokis to assume the organization of these activities; he accepted it graciously. The President brought then to the attention of the Board a letter-invitation received from the distinguished Cultural Society "Parnassos" of Athens, Greece requesting collaboration with the HL; the request will be considered favorably, while the same idea can provide a model for interaction with other societies, clubs, church-communities, civic and fraternal organizations. We present the Parnassos letter on the following page.

Financial Resources

Committee: This is to inaugurate a new activity of the Board for which Dr. Michael Papaioannou submitted a relevant proposal. The purpose of this activity will be to find adequate financial resource for the operations, outreach activities, and benevolent, educational and other projects, carried out under the auspices of the HL. Dr. Michael Papaioannou serves as an Expert at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and is a Visiting Scholar and Professor at the LeBow College of Business, School of Economics, Drexel University. He was a Deputy Division Chief at the Debt and Capital Markets Instruments, Monetary and Capital Markets Department of the International Monetary Fund until July 2017. While at the IMF, he served as a Special Adviser to the Governing Board of the Bank of Greece, and led numerous IMF missions on developing economic and financial policies for emerging market and developed economies, designing and implementing sovereign asset and liability

management frameworks, developing local currency government bond markets and instruments.

Digital Publicity Support

Committee: This also a new committee is to engage in the design and artistic presentation of the HL electronic publications, and to explore the possibility to extend the HL's outreach to diverse groups and communities via social media. It is to be chaired by Dr. Fevronia Soumakis, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Program in History and Education, Columbia University.

Proposals Introduced and Discussed:

Dr. Dean Lomis, Professor Emeritus of International Education, University of Delaware, recommended that the Hellenic Charter Schools, 8 in number, currently operating independently of each other, could profitably develop some form of association to enhance their programs. There was extensive discussion of the recommendation and the consensus was to ask the Chief Administrator of the Odyssey Charter School (OCS) of Wilmington, DE, Mr. Dimitri Dandolos to take the initiative to approach the other charter schools to form a collaborative informal linkage among themselves to help them progress in curriculum development, enrollment strengthening, and expansion to other communities which lack schools offering Hellenic Studies.

Dr. Marina Mattheoudakis, Chair, School of Modern Greek Language, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Macedonia, Greece, currently Visiting Research Scholar at the OCS and guest of the HL Board at this meeting, requested the assistance of HL in disseminating to teachers of Greek in the USA a survey questionnaire aimed for a continuation education program to enhance teaching Greek as a foreign language with proper theoretical and technical support. There was wide exchange of comments and general agreement on the need to teach Greek in the USA not as native tongue but as foreign language. The President asked Dr. Mattheoudakis to provide additional methodological information that would help the HL to offer effective assistance to her very worthwhile research project. **There was wide exchange of comments and general agreement on the need to teach Greek in the USA not as native tongue but as foreign language.** The President asked Dr. Mattheoudakis to provide additional methodological information that would help the HL to offer effective assistance to her very worthwhile research project.



Letter from «Parnassos Society»

Η βιβλιοθήκη του Συλλόγου μας απαρτίζεται από περίπου 80.000 τόμους βιβλίων και περιοδικών. Στη βιβλιοθήκη μας υπάρχουν σπάνια βιβλία ακόμα και από τον 16ο αιώνα.

Θα θέλαμε τη βοήθειά σας προκειμένου να έρθουμε σε επαφή με αξιόλογα ιδρύματα των Η. Π. Α. (Πανεπιστήμια, Οργανισμούς κλπ) όσο και της πολυπληθούς ομογένειάς μας στην Αμερική, που μας χρεώνει περηφάνια με την πρόοδο που σημειώνει σε όλους τους τομείς.

Λόγω της οικονομικής κρίσης που μαστίζει την πατρίδα μας καθ' όλη την τρέχουσα δεκαετία, οι πόροι του Συλλόγου μας έχουν συρρικνωθεί δραματικά ενώ η φορολογική του επιβάρυνση έχει αυξηθεί, με αποτέλεσμα ο "Παρνασσός" να μην μπορεί να καλύψει πλέον τις λειτουργικές ανάγκες της βιβλιοθήκης του (συντήρηση βιβλίων κλπ). Συνέπεια αυτού είναι ο πολιτιστικός θησαυρός που φυλάσσεται στη βιβλιοθήκη μας να κινδυνεύει να χαθεί.

Προσβλέπουμε σε μία ζώνιμη και αποδοτική συνεργασία με το Σύλλογό σας και τα αξιόλογα μέλη του Είμαστε πάντοτε στη διάθεσή σας.

Ευχαριστούμε για τη συνεργασία.

Με εκτίμηση,
Αναστάσιος Σαλαπάδας
Έφορος Βιβλιοθήκης Φιλολογικού Συλλόγου
"Παρνασσός"

Υ. Γ. Περισσότερες πληροφορίες για το Σύλλογό μας μπορείτε να δείτε στο

site www.isparnas.gr (όπου μπορείτε να ξεναγηθείτε διαδικτυακά στο μέγαρο του "Παρνασσού", πατώντας τη σχετική εντολή) Φιλολογικός Σύλλογος "Παρνασσός"
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A Fascinating Lecture on Three Famous Personalities of Classical Athens

Professor Michael Soupios of Long Island University (Post) will give this Lecture as part of the Series of The Hutton House Lectures at the Brookville, NY campus of the University on Friday, April 20, 2018, at 4:00- 5:00 pm. For information, tel. 516 299 2580.

The Spring Semester 2018 Brochure of the University introducing the speakers and their themes notes the following for Prof. Soupios and the content of this particular Lecture:

Dr. Michael Soupios is a Professor of Political Science at LIU Post, holds seven university degrees, has received countless awards and honors, has produced numerous papers, and authored books such as *The Ten Golden Rules of Leadership*; *Classical Wisdom for Modern Leaders*; he is one of the most popular professors at LIU Post, always teaching to a “full house.”

“The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly” in Ancient Greece

Long before Sergio Leone produced his classic Western in 1966, the ancient Greeks had their own version of *The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly*. Among the many biographical portraits left behind by the ancients, there are three individuals who legitimately correspond, *mutatis mutandis*, to the characters portrayed in Leone’s work. First, is the “Good,” Aristides the Just, one of the victorious generals at Marathon and the only man the Greeks trusted to design the economic formula that led to the establishment of the Delian League. As proof of his incorruptibility the Greeks invoked their standard measure in such matters—Aristides died poor! Indeed, it is said that he even lacked the funds to pay for his own funeral. Next, is the “Bad,” a notorious Athenian named Alkiviades. A man of enormous talent and ability, Alkiviades emerges from the pages of Hellenic biography as an almost tragic figure; not because the gods ordained his disgrace and ruin, but because his deficiencies and ego guaranteed a terrible demise. Alkiviades was a living illustration of the idea that character (or its lack of) is destiny. Last is the “Ugly,” in the person of Socrates, a man consistently described in the ancient literature as fat, thick-lipped, flat-nosed, and bulbous-eyed. Yet, as many were quick to point out, this unattractive “book was not to be judged” by its cover. In this regard, we will examine in detail Plato’s famous encomium to Socrates in the Symposium, where Socrates is likened to the busts of Silenus which when opened reveals images of the divine.



Call for Chapters

Call for chapters for forthcoming book titled, *Greek American Education in Historical Perspective*. This volume, co-edited by Fevronia K. Soumakis, PhD and Theodore G. Zervas, PhD seeks chapters in English that consider Greek American educational efforts, institutions, and programs, broadly conceived, as they evolved over time and throughout the United States. Suggested chapters, while not exhaustive, might include: Case studies of specific schools or programs, curriculum and pedagogy, Greek afternoon or parochial schools, textbooks, Greek clubs in high schools and colleges, religious education, teachers and teaching, higher education, etc.

Proposals of 500-750 words are due via email by May 1st to Fevronia K. Soumakis, PhD at fks2102@tc.columbia.edu; The proposal should describe the contents of the chapter, discuss the significance of the research, and situate the work within the scholarly literature. Acceptance notification will follow by mid-May; completed chapters will be requested by October 1, 2018 for an anticipated publication date of May 2019 through Palgrave Macmillan.



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