

2018 NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Boston Marriott Copley Place
Boston, Massachusetts



MINUTES
Sunday, July 1, 2018

The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was called to order by National Philoptochos President Maria Logus, Esq. at 4:30 P.M. on Sunday, July 1, 2018, at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts.

Opening Ceremonies

Greek and American National Anthems were performed by the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians.

The invocation was presented by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America.

Video Greetings by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew were shown.

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston offered a welcome from the Metropolis of Boston to the Convention delegates.

Greetings were offered by 2018 Convention Co-Chair, Elaine Zetes, Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos President.

Also present at the ceremonies were His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Apostolos, Geron of Dekoi and His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of Selyvria, representing His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, His Eminence Metropolitan of Alexios of Atlanta, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh, His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, and His Grace Sevastianos of Zela, Spiritual Advisor to the Philoptochos.

National President's Report

National President Maria Logus, Esq. offered her report. Highlights included donations made during 2016 through 2017 of \$3.8 million, and \$800,000 thus far in 2018; also highlighted were collections of \$100,000 to hurricane victims and \$250,000 from the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon. President Logus then discussed the Feed the Hungry Program, Women's Heart Health Initiative, the online education program on Bullying and the Social Services Cancer Support Group.

Following the National President's report, His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Apostolos of Dekoi, Patriarchal representative, addressed the delegates and offered his blessings for all our good works.

Convention Co-chair Elaine Zetes introduced His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America and National President Maria Logus presented His Eminence with a gift of a jeweled cross and engopion from the Philoptochos to commemorate his 50 years in the priesthood and 18 years as the Archbishop of

America. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios offered his heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Philoptochos and his prayers for the continuation of our philanthropic missions.

Convention Co-Chair, Barbara Pasalis, greeted the delegates and offered a synopsis of the programs and activities to be held during the Convention.

Credentials Committee Report

Cindy Demeris, Chair, presented the Credentials Committee report, as follows:

Registered Delegates: 374

Delegates in Attendance: 281

Observers registered: 8

The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted.

Convention Standing Rules

On behalf of the Convention Committee, Elaine Zetes presented the 2018 Convention Standing Rules as printed in the binder on pages 22 and 23 and moved for their adoption. The motion was adopted.

Convention Program

On behalf of the Convention Committee, Barbara Pasalis presented the 2018 Convention Program as printed on pages 12 through 20 of the binder and moved for its adoption. The motion was adopted.

Convention Appointments

Maria Logus, Esq., National Philoptochos President, announced the following appointments:

Time Keepers: Margaret Yates, Athanasia Ward

Minutes Review: Despina Denne, Denise Cecchini, Georgia Charkalis, Sharon Konstantinidis

Tellers: Efthalia Katos, Aspasia Melis, Anne Michals, Vicky Scaljon, Carol Stamas, Eleni Stamboulidis, Eleni Zaferes

2016 Minutes

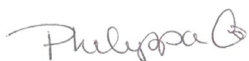
Georgia Vlitas, 2016 Convention Secretary and National Board Assistant Treasurer, reported that the Review Committee adopted the minutes of the last session of the 2016 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention. Copies of the Convention minutes were posted on the Philoptochos website.

Elaine Zetes, Convention Co-Chair recessed the meeting at 6 p.m.


The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 by Elaine Zetes who proceeded to introduce our guest speaker Denise Garlick, House Chair, Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, Massachusetts State Representative, who spoke to us on the Opioid Crisis in Massachusetts as well as the rest of the United States.

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Philippa Condakes July 1, 2018
Secretary



Joanne Kakoyannis July 1, 2018
Secretary