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Ελληνική Κοινότητα της Ντόχα
Greek Society of Doha LLC(G)
QFC No. 00612

Greek Society Of Doha
(hereinafter referred to as **GSOD**)
Summary of Minutes of Annual General Meeting
12-Dec-2020

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Note:

*The term “Committee” mentioned in this document always refers to the **Board of Directors** of the Greek Society of Doha, in line with the terminology used in Part XIV of the Articles of Association of the Greek Society of Doha.*

Meeting:

The Committee of GSOD as well as all members who attended, met via Zoom Teleconference due to the Pandemic on Wednesday the 12th of December 2020, at 19:15 following a call from the BoD.

Chairperson of the meeting:

Mr. Serafeim Kotrotsos, President of the Committee and Chairman of the Meeting

Quorum:

Met. Thirty two (32) in attendance which are more than four (4) required as per in AoA. Twenty four (24) out of the thirty two (32) attendees, are registered members for the Year of 2020.

In attendance:

Honorary Members of the GSOD

1. HE the Ambassador of Hellenic Republic in Qatar, Ms. Heleni Michalopoulou
2. HE the Ambassador of Cypriot Republic in Qatar, Dr. Michalis Zacharioglou
3. HE the Archbishop Makarios of the Greek Orthodox Church in Qatar

Committee:

4. Mr. Serafeim Kotrotsos, President
5. Ms. Aikaterini Klepousniotou, Vice President
6. Mr. Marinos Gavalas, Treasurer
7. Ms. Niki Georgiou, Secretary
8. Mr. Athos Dallas, Member
9. Mr. Ioannis Rigas Karamanos, Member
10. Mrs. Theodora Karamaliki, Reserve Member
11. Mr. Stavros Apostolakis, Reserve Member
12. Mr. Alexandros Tzortzatos, Reserve Member
13. Mr. Alexandros Stefatos, Reserve Member
14. Mr. Andreas Spathariotis, Reserve Member

Registered members (in alphabetical order):

15. Mr. Theodosios Deligiannis
16. Ms. Mariana Grymaneli
17. Mr. Konstantinos Kakosimos
18. Ms. Stavroula Konstantopoulou
19. Ms. Evgenia Kyriakopoulou
20. Mr. Theodoros Makris
21. Mr. Ioannis Papadatos
22. Mr. Dionysios Pappas
23. Ms. Areti Papavasiliou
24. Mr. George Poullos
25. Mr. Gavin William Rea
26. Ms. Liana Spanou Zanti
27. Ms. Maria Tsami

Attendees (not registered members)

28. Mr. Nektarios Barounis
29. Ms. Margarita Dimitrakopoulou
30. Ms. Maria Vamporaki
31. Ms. Aleka Vlachou Tsaousi
32. Mr. Stefanos Volianitis

Agenda:

- 19:15 Attendance -Trials for connection to teleconference
- 19:30 Introductions
- 19:35 Keynote Speeches from the Honorary Members
- 19:55 Quorum and Action Report and Statements of Account
- 20:10 Discussion, Voting and Approval of Action and Financial Reports
- 20:25 Executive Synopsis of the Revised Articles of Association (AoA)
- 20:40 Discussion, Voting and Approval of Revised AoA for submission to QFC
- 20:55 Presentation of Candidates for the Board of Directors (BoD)
- 21:15 Voting and Elections for the BoD
- 21:30 Closure

Abbreviations:

GSOD: Greek Society of Doha

BoD: Board of Directors, The Committee

AoA: Articles of Association

QFC: Qatar Financial Center

MOM by: Ms. Georgiou, Secretary

Discussion:

The Chairman, Mr. Kotrotsos opened the **GSOD Annual General Meeting of the year 2020** and offered the floor for introductions by the members.

HE the Ambassador of Cypriot Republic in Qatar, Dr. Michalis Zacharioglou offered a keynote speech with main points, the objectives and the pillars of the mutual partnership as well as his best intentions for support to the BoD and the members. He also congratulated the efforts made and wished for the successful outcomes.

Mr. Kotrotsos thanked Dr. Zacharioglou as well as expressed his appreciation for the kind message and the support extended now and in the past by the Cypriot Embassy, not limited to the Greek Society but also towards the Greek Language Programme and confirmed the close collaboration for matters of concern and necessary help.

HE the Ambassador of Hellenic Republic in Qatar, Ms. Heleni Michalopoulou offered a keynote speech with reference to the key objectives of the General meeting (AoA, BoD). She particularly expressed her support pertinent to the conclusion of the rigorous efforts to formalize the Greek Language Programme within the Greek Society of Doha.

She pointed out that it would be an understatement not to acknowledge the current, dynamic and challenging conditions as well as the consequences of the pandemic that contributed to the extensive repatriation and diminishing of students and Greeks in Qatar. Ms. Michalopoulou is particularly conscious of the circumstances that require personal as well as collective responsibility and also showcase the exemplary virtues of Hellenism that enabled our nation to overcome even more difficult times in a cohesive manner and unique spirit.

Mr. Kotrotsos thanked Ms. Michalopoulou for the warm and wholeheartedly motivational words of unity.

He also informed that the Ambassadors are honorary members of the GSOD so their participation is of exceptional importance.

The Chairman of the meeting gave an overview of the 2019-2020 Activity Report and invited the attendees to express any query. In absence of any, he invited Mr. Gavalas to present the Financial statements for 2019 (final) and 2020 (draft, year to date).

Mr. Gavalas presented the Statement of Account of the Year 2019 as well as the one until December 11, 2020. In both cases, the records are positive with an increase of funds and memberships between the two (2) years with main income the annual subscriptions and some donations, since the GSOD is still at primal stages, and the pandemic halted public activities. It was noted that there were also donations in non-monetary forms (i.e. services, artwork, handcraft etc.) and also expenses paid from donors on behalf of the Society (including past and current BoD members) for which he thanked all contributors and named some of them since they contributed to reduced expenses.

The Chairman invited the attendees to express any query.

Mr. Barounis asked about the 4,500 QAR of “income” due to the participation of the Greek Society at “Al-Shaqab - Longines” equestrian event. Mr. Kotrotsos clarified that only 2,000 QAR was credited to GSOD as surplus, after the reimbursement of the agreed amount to performers (value of 2,500 QAR).

Mrs. Dimitrakopoulou asked about the products sold at the Greek Pavillion at “Al-Shaqab - Longines” event. Mr. Kotrotsos replied that they were mainly handmade products and artifacts.

In the absence of any further clarifications, the Chairman asked Ms. Georgiou to proceed with the facilitation of public voting on the Activity Report and the Statements of Accounts. **All registered members, one-by-one, unanimously voted in favor of the Statements of Account, therefore they are Approved.**

The Archbishop Makarios, joined the teleconference and extended his keynote speech and called for unity and solidarity. He also voiced the necessity for support by the GSOD for the replacement of the Greek priest who repatriated.

The Chairman proceeded with a high-level synopsis of the revised Articles of Association (AoA) and informed about the formation of the “Education Subcommittee” under the GSOD and its “Code of Conduct” with the main objective to supervise the operation of the Greek Language Programme in Qatar.

Mr. Kotrotsos for one more time opened the forum for questions.

Mr. Barounis inquired about the “Education Subcommittee” authority and autonomy in relation to the governing body of BoD GSOD. Mr. Kotrotsos replied that the purpose of the Subcommittees is to enable the parallel work towards the development of the diverse streams of activities within GSOD, under the supervision of the Committee who is responsible to approve any legally binding action. Mr. Dallas contributed with explanations about the legal and financial governance that is ensured by the AoA as well as the Code of Conduct clauses that allow for autonomy within the permissible, legal framework. Ms. Klepousniotou reiterated the harmonious relationship between BoD and the subcommittee and clarified that today’s agenda and focus is at the revised AoA, hence we shouldn’t focus on discussions related to the Code of Conduct of the subcommittee of Education, and invited for separate discussion on the same if needed. Mr. Barounis expressed his full understanding and satisfaction with the explanations provided and the discussion concluded.

In the absence of any further queries, the Chairman asked Ms. Georgiou to proceed with the facilitation of public voting on the Revised AoA. **All registered members, one-by-one, unanimously voted in favor of the amended Articles of Association as whole, therefore they are now Approved.**

The Chairman proceeded with the final item of the Agenda which is the Elections for the Board of Directors. He informed the body about the departing member Mr. Apostolakis due to repatriation and thanked him for his contribution to the BoD. Mr. Kotrotsos stated that the candidates are only among the current members of the BoD and invited one-by-one to present themselves in alphabetical order.

Following the Presentations of the ten (10) candidates, Mr. Kotrotsos informed of the two (2) elective methods, either public or secret. He clarified that the current formation of the BoD is a scheme that performs in a cohesive and productive manner. Following this, he invited all attendees to express their preference on the voting system and made clear that even upon a single expression of preference for secret voting per candidate, we should proceed with the confidential, electronic voting platform "ZEUS".

He also presented the elective committee formed by Ms. Grymaneli and Mr. Apostolakis who are ready to serve upon activation of the confidential, electronic voting platform "ZEUS".

In view of this, he asked Ms. Georgiou to facilitate the voting in favor of the "candidates as a team" to form the BoD or not. **All registered members, one-by-one, unanimously voted in favor of the ten (10) candidates to remain and form the new Committee, as per their current roles in it.**

The Board of Directors of the Greek Society of Doha with immediate effect and two (2) years of volunteer duty, are the below-mentioned:

- ❖ Mr. Serafeim Kotrotsos, President
- ❖ Ms. Aikaterini Klepousniotou, Vice President
- ❖ Mr. Marinos Gavalas, Treasurer
- ❖ Ms. Niki Georgiou, Secretary
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Mr. Kotrotsos on behalf of all BoD members, thanked all attendees for the trust expressed and committed to honor the endorsement with full potential. He asked if anyone would like to add anything.

Ms. Dimitrakopoulou asked if the subscriptions for 2021 are open. The reply was affirmative.

Mr. Barounis thaked the former BoD.

Mr. Dallas thanked Mr. Kotrotsos for the excellent administration and support extended.

Closure

Having no other agenda items to cover as well as no other issues heard, the Chairman of the meeting declared the closure of the **GSOD Annual General Meeting of the year 2020** at 21:30.

Attachments:

1. [The attendance and voting records](#) (2 pages A4 size)
2. [The presentation](#) (10 pages A4 size)

end of session