

Dear Friends,

Our Annual General Meeting and elections were held last Saturday 24th November 2012 at Lafkos Plateia.

Our President Yannis Basdanis gave a report of our many varied activities carried out during the last year and how we achieved progress on each of the aims of our society.

Our treasurer Sue Wake gave a report of the financial status of the society that led to discussions and proposals about our 2013 budget and spending. Sue reported the syllogos raised €4148 last year (subscriptions and fundraising activities) it spent €3962 and our current balance is approximately €5000.

In respect of budgets and spending for 2013 the committee recommended to continue with an open budget (as in previous years) and to allow the committee to allocate spending under two conditions.

1. That spending will relate directly to the aims and objectives of the society.
2. That a minimum balance €1000 will be maintained.

Therefore 2013 spending will relate directly to our aims and objectives which includes the maintenance, opening, cleaning, improvement, signing, promoting and advertising the kalderimia and footpaths of South Pelion.

Other proposals were made on future projects aimed at widening our appeal especially to young people. These will be developed by the new committee and reported via newsletters, Facebook, and our website (that will be launched in 2013).

The above proposal was approved by the General Assembly.

The assembly also approved to cancel the initial €10 registration fee and to maintain the annual subscriptions at a rate of €10. The reason for cancelling the registration fee is that many couples are put off joining the syllogos at an initial cost of €40 for 2 persons. Frequently only one

person joins so our initial income is €20 but then only €10 on subsequent years. Discontinuing the registration fee will encourage more people to join and then increase our income from membership on each following year.

The elections for the 2013/14 committee members then took place. Paul Myer, Jan Beugelaar and Lynn Gill volunteered to preside over the voting process which was carried out effectively under their guidance.

43 members took part in the vote and the new committee was then announced. Following the announcement the new committee met and organised their committee functions as follows.

Yannis Basdanis	President
Kyriakos Stathakis	Vice President
Liz Avramides	Treasurer
Tatiana Eftaxia	Secretary
Christos Fotu	Member
Chris Wicks	Member
Nikos Adraskelas	Member

In closing Yannis wished to thank former committee members, Anna, Derek and Sue for their hard work and support on behalf of the syllogos. Also to our whole membership who attended the Annual General Meeting or were unable to but continue to support us in so many different ways.

Best wishes

Chris Wicks (on behalf of the committee and members)