



## HEC Board Meeting 16-May-2015 (duration: 2hrs 12:00 to 14:00 ET)

### **The outcome of the Meeting is binding and final**

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**Participants:** Eleni Bomi, Marios Chinas, Terry Dritsas, Anna Lawless, Thanos Voudouris, Gus Stamatis, Nico Michael

**Absentee:** Fotini Eleftheriadou, Stelios Manias

**Abstainees:** Evangelos Rigos

**Meeting –** The meeting was conducted via GoToMeeting with live audio & video shared interface. The HEC EC convened today at 12:00 E.T.

#### **A. AGENDA**

- 1) Domain names renewal
- 2) Banking
- 3) Thraki website
- 4) Bylaws overview discussion on EC invitations
- 5) Fundraising

Keeping it this generic as we have it, does NOT work. Change our Strategy:

1. Donation Website
2. Engage with local business (restaurants, stores, etc.) for sponsorship
3. Engage with large businesses (Aegean, Hotels, etc.) for Sponsoring two tickets for Raffle

4. Local church - put an add on your local church pamphlet
5. Be at some Greek event and solicit donations/pledge on the spot
6. Engage with other organizations <http://www.snf.org/>
7. <http://www.gofundme.com/> **Anna** to create a fund-me. Also include our website
8. Strategy: Be more specific about what the cause is by enumerating items, like:
  - PPA2 sponsorship
  - Students for education
  - WWII reparations awareness campaign
  - Parthenon Marbles awareness campaign
  - Cyprus,
  - Macedonia

This is our Work-In-Progress (WIP) place <http://www.greece.org/hec/admin/work/>

#### **B. MINUTES**

##### **1. Domain names**

Try to xfer to GoDaddy (Thanos)

##### **2) Budget & Banking**

Transfer money to BofA (Thanos)

Call paypal to reduce fees. (Thanos)

##### **3) Thraki website**

New site is slow. (Gus and Stelio to decide which site to use for PPA3 by next Friday.)

#### **4) New Servers**

Talk to Sysnet for new server and improve the response time.

Migrate web into new server

Keep listserv into old server

Keep old server as a test bed for web

Router – change port from 8080 to another port number

Analyze web server technologies and report on future HEC. (Nico)

Important items:

1. Blog (WP)
2. Content mgmt (joomla, WP)
3. Database, MySQL
4. Php, Apache, IIS
5. Ease of use
6. Widely available tools
7. Security

#### **5) Fundraising**

REVIEW the pamphlet and print new ones

Terry will engage with his local church

#### **6) Bylaws**

Modify bylaws .... (Thanos, Anna, Eleni)

1) Honorary members - Active/inactive

2) Change the EC membership from Elections to INVITATION as it used to be in the past. EC will invite, and Members will be asked if anyone is in disagreement...approval.

#### **7) New Service**

[http://www.greece.org/blogs/scholars/?page\\_id=2141](http://www.greece.org/blogs/scholars/?page_id=2141)

We have been asked many times to send through this forum, emails for signature collections. The problem has been that each time an email is sent to the forum, the server has to pump out 5.000 emails. We cannot afford processing emails with just a person's name and a long email trail behind it (size matters). As we all know, the forum is for discussions and NOT meant for collecting signatures.

For that reason, and providing the needed help, HEC created a Signature Collection Application in the HEC Scholars website. This way you just have to send the link of the letter/petition and people will go to the website to place their name/sign.

This new platform will be available for similar efforts, which require letters & petitions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleni Bomi  
Secretary