

**THE FINDINGS OF
 “Know Thyself: The 2002 Ahepa Membership Survey**

Your feedback will help the future of the Order of Ahepa. The purpose of this first National Ahepa Member Survey is to gain feedback from you the members to ensure that our Order is the organization you want it to be.

The following represents the 611 completed questionnaires mailed in by June 2002. We have gained much information from the survey, but most of all it is an attempt to increase the direct participation of our membership into the affairs of the Order. The findings will help the Supreme Lodge in the future to help us both refine and redefine our Order. Thank you for your time and interest in completing the form.

The survey asked all members to evaluate each question on a scale of 1 to 5. 5= Strongly Agree down to 1= Strongly Disagree. The findings are simplified here into three categories for reporting purposes. “No Response” was noted an average of 3 to 7 %.

- 1. AGREE: Response “4” & “5” on the Survey.**
- 2. STATUS QUO/NEUTRAL: Response “3” on the survey.**
- 3. DISAGREE: Response “1” and “2” on the survey.**

| | AGREE | NEUTRAL | DISAGREE |
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| 1. The Order of Ahepa generally provides its membership with a high level of satisfaction through its programs, goals and activities. | 48% | 30% | 22% |
| 2. The “Ahepan” Magazine provides members with necessary information on programs, chapters, districts and projects of the Order. | 68% | 21% | 11% |
| 3. The Ahepa Web Site serves the membership with a high level of active communication and information. | 61% | 25% | 14% |
| 4. Ahepa Chapter Rituals continue to instill members with a sense of our Hellenic heritage. | 51% | 21% | 24% |
| 5. The Mission Statement for the Order of Ahepa helps clarify its role and purposes. | 59% | 22% | 15% |
| 6. A One-man-one vote system would better serve the national election process than the current system. | 60% | 14% | 18% |
| 7. The Ahepa Supreme Convention continues to be the premier event for the entire Ahepa Family. | 62% | 19% | 15% |
| 8. The Supreme Lodge and its officers provide chapters with a clear sense of service and support. | 41% | 27% | 19% |
| 9. The Board of Directors provides supervision of the Order’s financial responsibilities and functions. | 37% | 29% | 27% |
| 10. District Governors provide local chapters with the support and information needed to serve their members. | 51% | 28% | 19% |

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| 11. The Educational Foundation serves the Ahepa well through its many scholarships and Grants benefiting our young Hellenes. | 71% | 18% | 9% |
| 12. The Cyprus & Hellenic Affairs Committee continues to serve the Ahepa in promoting strong U.S. relations with Greece and Cyprus. | 55% | 29% | 13% |
| 13. The Ahepa Athletic Foundation and its many tournaments continues to provide a broad spectrum of sporting activities to the members and our youth. | 57% | 24% | 16% |
| 14. Networking events and opportunities should be expanded to greater serve our membership needs. | 76% | 12% | 7% |
| 15. Internet, email and web based activities should be expanded to greater serve our member needs. | 73% | 10% | 5% |
| 16. Headquarters and staff continue to provide chapters with membership support and service. | 50% | 32% | 13% |
| 17. Central billing, improved computer and electronic services would greatly assist headquarters and staff in serving the chapters. | 68% | 15% | 9% |
| 18. The Ahepa would benefit from expanding its role in working with other organizations in the Hellenic American Community. | 86% | 4% | 7% |
| 19. The Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena should be supported to greater serve our Hellenic youth. | 79% | 10% | 7% |
| 20. The Order of Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope would benefit from eventual merger. | 51% | 21% | 23% |
| 21. The Ahepa Districts would benefit from reconstruction into larger regions. | 33% | 26% | 32% |
| 22. The Ahepa would benefit from changing current national officer titles of "Supreme" and "Grand." | 40% | 25% | 27% |
| 23. The Ahepa would greatly improve its operations through the efforts to revise the Constitution and its Bylaws. | 57% | 26% | 13% |
| 24. The Ahepa should explore expanding membership opportunities through cyber chapters and/or university based chapters. | 68% | 17% | 12% |
| 25. Ahepa National Housing Corporation continues to provide an exemplary program in senior housing and grants to Ahepa programs. | 70% | 16% | 9% |
| 26. Ahepa National Projects should be limited to insure both their financial viability and member support. | 68% | 16% | 10% |

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| 27. Ahepa membership benefit programs should be expanded in areas including insurance, travel, credit cards and e-commerce. | 59% | 15% | 19% |
| 28. The Journey to Greece Program for our Hellenic Youth should be reinstated for the future. | 72% | 15% | 9% |
| 29. Would you support having the Supreme Convention held every two years? | 64% | 15% | 17% |

Part II: Tell us something about yourself.

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| 1. How long have you been a member of the Order of Ahepa? | | | | |
| Under 5 years | 5-10 Years | 10-20 Years | 20-30 Years | 30 Years+ |
| 20% | 12% | 24% | 14% | 30% |
| 2. How active are you in your local chapter? | | | | |
| Very active | Moderately active | Somewhat Active | Not active | |
| 45% | 25% | 24% | 5% | |
| 3. How often does your local chapter meet? | | | | |
| Weekly | Twice per month | Monthly | Infrequently | |
| | 15% | 82% | | |
| 4. How active are you at your local District level? | | | | |
| Very active | Moderately active | Somewhat Active | Not active | |
| 13% | 16% | 30% | 40% | |
| 5. Do you attend District/Supreme Conventions as a delegate? | | | | |
| Often | Occasionally | Never | | |
| 23% | 38% | 36% | | |
| 6. Do you participate in the Ahepa Athletic Program/Tournaments? | | | | |
| Often | Occasionally | Never | | |
| 6% | 26% | 68% | | |
| 7. Do you participate in your local Scholarship Program? | | | | |
| Often | Occasionally | Never | | |
| 35% | 39% | 25% | | |
| 8. Have you been a member of the Sons of Pericles? | | | | |
| Yes | No | | | |
| 35% | 63% | | | |
| 9. Do you have family members in the other Orders? | | | | |
| Daughters of Penelope | Sons of Pericles | Maids of Athena | No Answer/None | |
| 40% | 9% | 7% | 44% | |
| 10. What region do you live in? | | | | |
| New England | Mid Atlantic | Southeast | Mid West | |
| 9% | 13% | 11% | 22% | |
| West Coast | South | Canada | Greece | |
| 20% | 8% | 10% | 5% | |

On behalf of the Supreme Lodge, thank you for your time and effort for the future of the Order of Ahepa.

**Fraternally,
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