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SEVENTH ORDINARY AFICS-CYPRUS ASSEMBLY MEETING

to be held at:

Bank of Cyprus Head Office

(Lecture Room)

51 Stasinou Street, Ayia Paraskevi, Strovolos, Nicosia 2002

on:

Tuesday, 12 March 2019

10:00 hours to 12:00 hours

Item 3 Report of the President on the Activities for the Year 2018

1. The 2018 Year-in-Review is brought to the attention of the members. The Report will be attached to the electronic document which will be made available on the website of the Association (www.afics-cyprus.org) under Assembly Sessions, 12 March 2019 Seventh Assembly Meeting. It should be noted that for paper saving purposes, this will not be distributed in printed form during the Assembly.
2. The President, during his oral report will present to the Assembly a few salient items and then the other members of the Executive Committee will be invited to comment on items under their responsibility.

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2018 Year-in-Review

President's Introduction

1. The Executive Committee submits to the members of the Association the 2018 Year-in-Review. This is the sixth review, while the first, second, third, fourth and fifth reviews were presented to the members during the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth sessions of the AFICS Assembly respectively.
2. The year 2017 has witnessed a number of social activities for the members of the Association and their spouses/guests, as detailed in paragraphs 26 to 30 below.
3. AFICS-Cyprus did not attend the 47th FAFICS Council meeting in July 2018.
4. During the sixth Assembly Session, Mr. Kikis Angelides was unanimously re-elected as Auditor. Mr. Kikis Angelides is the third elected Auditor of the Association, reminding that the first elected Auditor was Mr. Francis Chancy and the second Auditor was Mr. Benon Sevan.
5. Arrangements were made with the Bank of Cyprus for hosting the seventh AFICS-Cyprus Assembly Session on Tuesday 12 March 2019 from 10:00 hours at its Head Office, Lecture Room, 51 Stassinou Street, Ayia Paraskevi, Strovolos, Nicosia 2002. The Bank's meeting room will be put at our disposal without any charge.
6. In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all members of the Executive Committee for their hard work in the production of the Newsletters, the first-rate social program, the accounts in an easy-to-read format, the successful website and for the close and fruitful relationship with FAFICS and the UNJSPF amongst others. I also extend my sincere thanks to our Auditor Mr. Kikis Angelides.

Sixth Assembly Session

7. The Association held its sixth Assembly Session on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at UNFICYP Headquarters, Blue Beret Camp at Nicosia. The Session was attended by 24 members, while 8 members reported present providing a valid "power of attorney" to the Deputy President to represent them during the Assembly deliberations; hence a quorum of 32 was attained.
8. The Assembly approved both the draft Agenda and the Fifth Assembly Session minutes without modifications.
9. The Assembly took note of the President's verbal report covering the one-year period between the fourth and fifth Annual Assemblies, i.e. 7 March 2017 to 12 March 2018.

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10. Concerning the Executive Committee, the Assembly, in accordance with Article 8.1(e) of its Statutes, took note of the fact that the term-of-office of four members of the Executive Committee ended on 6 March 2018 and decision was made:

(a) To re-elect Mr. Gianfranco Longo and Ms. Miriam Pericleous, (for a third and last term) and Dr. Michael Voniatis (for a second Term), for a period of two years, ending at the close of the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in 2020; and,

(b) To elect the following member for a period of two years, ending at the close of the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in 2020: Mrs. Aida BICHARA-McNALLY

11. Accordingly, until the end of the 7th Session of the Assembly the Executive Committee will consist of the seven members as per below table:

Name	Office ends on	Number of Terms	Re-eligible
Mr. Terje ANDERSEN	2019	1	Yes
Mr. Ioannis ANTONIADES	20019	3	No
Ms. Aida BICHARA-McNALLY	2020	1	Yes
Mr. Gianfranco LONGO	2020	3	No
Ms. Miriam PERICLEOUS	2020	3	No
Mr. Benon SEVAN	2019	1	Yes
Mr. Michael VONIATIS	2020	2	Yes

Executive Committee

12. During 2017, the Executive Committee held four meetings, as outlined below, all of which had the required quorum.

- 32nd Meeting on 6 February 2018;
- 33rd Meeting on 20 March 2018;
- 34th Meeting on 21 June 2018;
- 35th Meeting on 26 October 2018.

13. At its 32nd meeting the Committee reviewed the membership situation during the whole of 2017 and the active membership as of 1 January 2018; reviewed the income and expenditure throughout 2017 and the carry-over of reserves on 1 January 2018 and the preparation of the 6th Assembly Session; the discussions authorized the President and other Committee members to finalize the working documents for the 6th Assembly; the Committee, also, reviewed the Socio-cultural program for the year 2018.

14. At its 33rd meeting the main subjects were the lessons drawn from the discussions during the 6th Assembly and the Elections of the Executive Committee Officers, the President, Deputy President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and WEB master, as shown on the table appearing next page.

President:	Mr. Ioannis ANTONIADES
Vice-President and Newsletter Editor:	Mrs. Miriam Percicleous
Secretary:	Mr. Benon Sevan
Treasurer:	Mr. Terje Andersen
Coordinator, Socio-cultural Activities:	Dr. Michael Voniatis
WEBmaster:	Mr. Gianfranco Longo
Member:	Mrs. Aida Bichara-McNally

15. At its 34th meeting subjects discussed concerned the Newsletter, the AFICS finances and the socio-cultural activities for the last quarter of year 2018.

16. Finally, at its 35th meeting the main subjects discussed were the finalization of the Newsletter, the financial aspects of socio-cultural activities, the membership situation and the outstanding members' contributions, as well as the place, the date and the provisional agenda of the 7th Assembly.

The AFICS finances during 2018

17. During 2018, a total of €3,150 (2017: €3,236) was recorded as income representing membership fees (€1,870) and the members' contributions for the annual dinner and the other socio-cultural activities (€1,280). The actual expenditure amounted to €2,694.80 (2017: €4,545.79), which was significantly less than the amount initially budgeted (€3,400).

18. As at 31 December 2018, the Association held in its Hellenic Bank Account a total of €8,559.00 a modest increase from the amount held on 31 December 2017 (€8,103.80).

The AFICS membership during 2018

19. On 1 January 2018, the Association had a total of 59 members. During the year, three new members joined the Association and nine members resigned/died/deleted (non-payment of the membership fee). The relevant table appears below.

Month	Incoming	Outgoing	Total
Opening Count			59
January 2018	1		60
February 2018			60
November 2018			60
December 2018	2	-9	53
Total for 2018	3	-9	53

20. On 31 December 2018 there were seven members who had opted for life-term membership.

21. In January, the 2018 membership cards were produced by the Webmaster and followed the format and the presentation decided in 2013. For 2018, the cards had a light purple colour. For 2019 the cards, already produced and issued, have a blue colour.

22. The Association's website continued to be visited, during 2018, by the members, as well as by members of other countries' AFICS.

23. As at 31 December 2018, the Association's Facebook (FB) page had a total of 38 members. It should be recalled that only members of the Association are accepted onto this site. FB is a great tool to share information and pictures amongst members and beyond. Members who have a FB account and would like to join AFICS' FB page should send a FB request accordingly.

Social Activities

24. The AFICS first social function for 2018 was a visit to the village of Pachna on 15 April 2018. First stop was the small, ancient church dedicated to St. Stephen the Martyr and Archdeacon, located about two kilometers south of Pachna. Built in the 13th century with asymmetric stones of the region, this sample of architecture is rare and unique to Cyprus and is perhaps the oldest church on the island dedicated to St. Stephen. Few meters away from this small chapel stand many ancient stones known as monoliths. One such stone, which once stood just behind the church, has now collapsed with time, however in the same area another great monolith has survived. These stones have been attributed to a number of myths, one local legend saying that a person passing through the holed stone can cure many ailments, including infertility. However, these monoliths are believed to be either ancient grape or olive presses. The Monolithos Winery was the next visit of the participants. Well-known and respected in the local area, being a small, family-run concern, committed to combining traditional techniques with the quality control benefits of modern technology, and produces some of the best Cabernet and Chardonnay wines on the island. AFICS members walked through the fermentation room with its stainless steel tanks, the barrel and cellar room, the bottling line and the tasting room. They also had the opportunity to walk outside into the vineyards and enjoy a breathtaking view of the wine-producing region. After the visit to the winery, the group ended up at the Pachna Youth Club next to the church of St. George, where typical local "mezedes" were served. Wine and other drinks continued to flow and before long, it was realized that it was getting late and it was time to leave.

25. Two social functions have taken place during the last quarter of 2018. The first was the Association's annual dinner held on 30 October at the SITIO restaurant, and the other, the getting together dinner on 13 December at Stasikratous 30 in Nicosia. 23 members and their companions/friends participated in the annual dinner. The total cost paid from the AFICS budget to the SITIO Restaurant at Archbishop Makarios III avenue, amounted to 575 Euro, of which 246 Euro was the AFICS subsidy. The quality and the variety of food and beverages served was of very good quality. The space allotted to AFICS was adequate; it was possible to have a cocktail before dinner.

26. The getting-together lunch at the STASIKRATOUS 30 with its indoor environment was a good choice. The dinner begun at 19.30 with drinks in a covered veranda followed at 20.00 with the dinner until, almost, midnight. 26 members and their companions/friends participated, an occasion to say good bye to 2018 and wish the best for 2019. The total cost for this gathering amounted to €684, of which €196 was subsidised by AFICS.

AFICS-Cyprus Newsletter

27. In January 2018, the Association's ninth Newsletter (No.9) was sent by e-mail to all members and was concurrently published on the AFICS website.

28. In July 2018, the Association's tenth Newsletter (No.10) was sent by e-mail to all members and was concurrently published on the AFICS website.

29 The next issue (No.11) has been released in early 2019.