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MINUTES OF THE NINTH ORDINARY ASSEMBLY MEETING OF AFICS-CYPRUS

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2024, AT THE CLEOPATRA HOTEL
IN NICOSIA

Agenda item 1 – Opening of the Session and Adoption of the Agenda

1. In his remarks in opening of the Session, Mr. Benon Sevan, President of the Association and the Executive Committee, hereafter referred to as the President) who, according to the Statutes, chairs the Assembly meetings, welcomed the participants. He was happy to inform that 30 out of a total of 54 members of AFICS-Cyprus were participating at the current Assembly Session. Some of the Members could not participate due to a variety of reasons, including some who were away from Cyprus. He was happy to inform that during the current year, additional three new members were participating at the current Session.

2. He was happy to inform that out of 47 members who paid their annual Membership Fees, 42 members had already paid their respective annual fees, totaling Euros 1,411.00. In addition to the 47 members referred to, the Association had seven members who had Life Time Membership; therefore they did not pay annual membership fees.

3. He stated that he had already shared in advance with the members copies of the documents to be considered at the current Session. Accordingly, no hard copies of the documents concerned were available at the current Session, as he had had asked them to bring along the hard copies of the documents forwarded by e mail.

4. He stated that according to the Statutes, the Ordinary Assembly meetings should be held with a minimum of 15 AFICS-Cyprus members. As he had stated earlier, there were 30 members present at the current Session.

5. In the absence of any comments, the **Agenda was adopted unanimously**. The approved agenda is attached as an Annex to the present document.

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Agenda item 2 – Adoption of the 26 April 2023 Minutes of the Eighth Assembly Session

6. The President referred to the minutes of the Eighth Assembly Session and asked the members of the Association whether they had any comments thereon. As none were made by the members, **the minutes were approved by the Assembly.**

Agenda item 3 – Report of the President on the Activities for the year 2023

7. The President stated that with the end of the Corona Virus pandemic the Association could finally hold its Eighth Assembly Session on 26 April 2023. The details of the Assembly Session were provided in the Final Minutes just approved by the Assembly.

8. Since that Session, the Executive Committee had met informally a few times and had considered a variety of subjects, including the membership fees as well as considering how to have a more active AFICS-Cyprus, including organization of activities.

9. He encouraged all those present to persuade pensioners living in Cyprus, whom they knew, to join AFICS-Cyprus.

10. He wished to inform that he had been kept very busy in responding to the personal enquiries by members on number of matters, as well as requests received from the Pension Fund to locate pensioners who had not forwarded their respective annual Entitlement Certificates. Currently, he was requested to locate five pensioners who were not even members of AFICS-Cyprus.

11. As there was no written report submitted under the current item, he proposed that Assembly should simply take note of his statement on the subject.

12. **It was so decided.**

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Agenda item 4 – 2020-2023 Actual Income and Expenditures

13. The President invited the Assembly to consider the report covering the period 2020 through 2023. In view of the absence of AFICS-Cyprus meetings due to the Coronal Virus pandemic, the Association could not consider the Actual Income and Expenditures for the years 2020-2023. Accordingly, the current report before the Assembly covered that period.

14. As stated in the report, the End of Year Balance as at 31 December 2023 in the Association's Bank Account, was Euros 4,590.93, with an additional Euros 800.71 in cash available.

15. Unless he heard any objection, the President stated that the Assembly should decide to take note of the Accounts and endorse the Executive Committee's financial administration of the Association for the financial years 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2023.

16. **It was so decided.**

Agenda item 5 – Report of the Auditor (Mr. Kikis Angelides) on the 2020-2023 Income and Expenditures

17. The President, also on behalf of all Members of AFICS-Cyprus, expressed his most sincere thanks to Mr. Angelides for his distinguished services provided to the Association.

18. The President also informed the Assembly that in view of the privacy and confidentiality of the Association's accounts, the Executive Committee had decided not to post the Financial reports, including the Auditor's reports, on the Association's website.

19. The President proposed that, that unless there were any comments by the participants, the Assembly take note with appreciation of the Audit Report.

20. **It was so decided.**

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Agenda item 6 – Review and Adoption of the Draft 2024 Budget

21. The President informed the Assembly that as at 10 April 2024, the balance of in the Association's Bank Account was a total of Euros 5,248.26, with additional Euros 475.00 in cash available.
22. He informed the Assembly that the Association we had annual expenditures, among others, concerning the annual renewal and the maintenance fees for the Association's Website, costing around Euros 250.00.
23. He informed also about the need of the payment of annual AFICS-Cyprus membership fee to FAFICS, US\$1.50, multiplied by the number of active AFICS-Cyprus members, on 1 January of each year.
24. Accordingly, as was done previously, he proposed that the Assembly authorize the Executive Committee to have up to Euros 1,000.00 available to cover expenditures during the course of 2024/25 until the meeting of the next Assembly Session.
25. **It was so decided.**

Agenda item 7 – Other Business

Amendment of the Association's Statutes

26. The President recalled that at the last Assembly Session, it was decided to approve the amendment to the Association's Statutes, as proposed by the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Cyprus. Soon after the conclusion of the Session, he had informed the Ministry of the Interior of the Association's decision to amend the Statutes, as proposed by the Ministry. In his letter addressed to the Ministry, he had submitted a copy of the Statutes, as amended, together with a volume of documentation they had requested. He was sorry to inform the Assembly that he still had not received any response to his letter which he personally had delivered, together with the documentation requested.

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Accordingly, he had not posted the Statutes, as amended, on the Association's Website. He intended to write a letter to the Ministry requesting a response.

GESY Membership and Exemptions

27. The President stated that, in view of a number of requests received from the AFICS-Cyprus members concerning how they could apply to GESY membership or exemption, our distinguished Vice-President, Dr. Michael Voniatis, had kindly prepared a Note on the subject, which was shared with the members a few days earlier. The Note was very clear as to how one should proceed. In that connection, he stated that, as some of the members had already done, maintaining their current Health Insurance and had also become GESY members, the members had the choice to maintain their current Health Insurance, concurrently with GESY membership. They could also request exemption from becoming a GESY member, as he himself had done so.

28. The President extended his invitation to all the participants to join the lunch being hosted after the close of the Session.

29. **In the absence of any comments, the President thanked all the participants and declared the Assembly Session closed.**

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ANNEX

NINTH ORDINARY AFICS-CYPRUS ASSEMBLY SESSION

Held at

CLEOPATRA HOTEL

Nicosia

Wednesday, 10 April 2024

11:30 hours to 13:00 hours

Item 1 DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session and Adoption of the Agenda
2. Adoption of the 26 April 2023 Minutes of the Eighth Assembly Session
3. Report of the President on the Activities for the year 2003
4. 2020 -2023 Actual Income and Expenditures
5. Report of the Auditor (Mr. Kikis Angelides) on the 2020-2023 Income and Expenditures
6. Review and Adoption of the Draft 2024 Budget
7. Other Business
Next Assembly Session

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