

Amendment and Codification of the Statutes

“Educational and Cultural Society of Theologos – Potos, Thassos, Hatzigiorgis”

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Article 1 — Establishment, Name, Seat

An association is hereby established under the name “EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SOCIETY OF THEOLOGOS – POTOS, THASSOS, HATZIGIORGIS”. The Society has a seal bearing around its edge the inscription “EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SOCIETY OF THEOLOGOS – POTOS, THASSOS” and in its centre the inscription “HATZIGIORGIS”. Its seat is the village of Theologos, Thassos.

Article 2 — Purposes of the Society

1. The study, highlighting and public presentation of the problems of the region and the promotion of their resolution.
2. Taking a responsible position on these problems and organising collective action towards their resolution.
3. The development of the cultural and educational level of the members of the Society and, more broadly, of the inhabitants of the region.
4. The systematic cultivation of a spirit of active engagement, accompanied by an inner moral impulse towards voluntary work, and its application through corresponding action concerning the protection of the environment, the advancement of education and the like (various forms of action and events, such as clean-up drives, reforestation, a blood bank, etc.).
5. The protection and defence of our cultural heritage.
6. The provision of assistance to members in resolving problems connected with the region.
7. Cooperation with natural persons, legal persons, legal persons governed by public law, as well as with scientific, intellectual and religious organisations or bodies, with foundations, with municipal, communal and state authorities, with other societies, with unions, associations, federations or confederations, and generally with every progressive body, whether Greek, foreign or international, for the advancement of the above purposes of the Society.
8. The promotion of the social, intellectual and cultural development of the members of the Society and the contribution to the cultural enhancement and to raising the quality of life of the inhabitants of their place of origin.
9. Cooperation with local government, with the bodies of the place of origin and with the corresponding bodies of the region, with a view to achieving as fully as possible the common objectives, namely the dissemination of cultural heritage.
10. The promotion and production of items of folk craftsmanship (weavings, traditional embroidery and other related products), as well as the production of traditional local foods (such as trachanas, chyloptes, spoon sweets and the like).

Article 3 — Means of Achieving the Purposes of the Society

The means for achieving the purposes of the Society may be:

1. The preparation of studies and submissions concerning the problems of the inhabitants, and representation before public services and the municipalities connected with the region.

2. The organisation of gatherings, lectures and discussions, of book and painting exhibitions and exhibitions of technical studies and proposals, the establishment and operation of a library and reading room, the creation of workshops and groups for theatre, music, literature and so forth, and generally the planning and organisation of all such events as the competent organs of the Society may consider necessary.
3. Participation in European and Community programmes relating to the purposes of the Society.
4. The development of cooperative relations with other athletic and cultural societies and with societies of similar purpose on Thassos, throughout the country and abroad, with the aim of promoting and regulating matters concerning sport and culture, encouraging young people to take part in them, and generally strengthening the athletic ideal.
5. The raising of funds from subscriptions, contributions, grants and donations, as well as from various events of the Society.
6. Any other legal or material act deemed necessary by the competent organs for the achievement of the objectives of the Society (the conclusion of programme agreements, etc.).
7. The undertaking and implementation of national, international or European programmes concerning sustainable urban development.
8. The affiliation of the Society to federations that serve its purposes.

Article 4 — Members: Admission, Removal, Expulsion, Withdrawal

1. The members of the Society are divided into ordinary members and honorary members.
 - (a) Any natural person who has completed the 18th year of age may become an ordinary member, as may any resident or owner (of a house, apartment, plot of land or business) in the Municipal District of Theologos who is willing to work for the achievement of its purposes and accepts the provisions of these Statutes.
 - (b) Applicants are entered as ordinary members, following an application to the Board and by decision of the Board, in the Register of Members kept by the Secretary of the Society, declaring that they accept unreservedly the terms of these Statutes and paying at the same time the admission fee. Should the application of a person wishing to become a member be rejected, that person may appeal to the next General Assembly of the Society, which shall decide definitively on their admission. The decision shall be taken by simple majority, after the reason for the initial rejection of the application has been stated.
 - (c) The Board may, following approval by the General Assembly, appoint as honorary members persons who have distinguished themselves through their scientific or other activity in fields related to the purposes of the Society, as well as persons who provide significant assistance in the realisation of those purposes.
 - (d) Members of the Society, other than founding members, acquire the right to elect and to be elected to the organs of the Society two (2) months after their registration.
2. A member wishing to withdraw from the Society may do so freely by submitting a written application for removal from the Register. The withdrawal must be notified at least three months before the end of the financial year and takes effect from the end of that year. The subscription of the withdrawing member for the year in question remains in full in the funds of the Society. A withdrawing member retains no right whatsoever over the property of the Society.
3. Members are removed from the Register and expelled by decision of the General Assembly. The member concerned is notified in writing by the Board by any suitable means (postal letter, e-mail, text message, etc.) of the request for removal and of the grounds for it, and is invited to attend the General Assembly in order to argue against their removal. Even in the event of non-attendance, the General Assembly may decide upon the removal.
 - (a) An ordinary member may be removed on the following grounds:
 1. if they are in arrears with payment of their annual subscription for a period exceeding two (2) financial years, that is, two (2) years. In such a case the Secretariat gives notice to pay. If the member does not respond within one month, the Board is obliged to bring the question of removal before the General

Assembly. The member concerned is notified in writing by any suitable means that the matter of their removal will be brought before the General Assembly, and is invited to attend in order to argue their position. Even in the event of non-attendance, the General Assembly may proceed with the removal. A member removed on this ground may re-register by following the procedures set out in Article 4, paragraph 1.

2. if they obstruct the implementation of decisions of the General Assembly and/or of the Board.
3. if they have culpably committed an act or omission gravely offensive to the standing of the Society and to its work in general.
4. if they have culpably displayed conduct contrary to and incompatible with the purpose of the Society.
5. if they lose their status as a resident of the area of Theologos or as owner of a house, apartment, plot of land or business.

An honorary member may be removed on the grounds set out in the preceding paragraph, with the exception of case 1.

Article 5 — Rights and Obligations of Members

1) Rights of Members

Members who have discharged all their financial obligations to the Society by the opening of each General Assembly (members in good standing) and who have completed the eighteenth (18th) year of their age have the right:

1. to take part in the General Assemblies;
2. to elect and to be elected to the governing organs;
3. to submit proposals to the Board and to the General Assembly;
4. to be informed of the progress of the affairs of the Society and to have knowledge of the decisions of the Board;
5. to request the realisation of the purpose of the Society and the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly;
6. to express their views freely and to vote on every proposal submitted;
7. to withdraw from the Society, paying at the same time the subscriptions owed up to the last day of their membership;
8. honorary members have the right to take part in the sittings and discussions of the General Assembly and in any other event decided by it, but they have neither the right to elect nor to be elected;
9. Membership is neither transferable nor heritable; nevertheless, every member has the right to be represented by a simple power of attorney (with their signature duly certified by a competent authority) for the fulfilment of their obligations, such as the payment of overdue sums. A member may in no case vote by proxy.

2) Obligations of Members

1. to accept and observe the Statutes;
2. to comply with the decisions of the General Assembly and of the Board;
3. to participate in the General Assemblies and in the activities and gatherings of the Society generally;
4. to discharge their financial obligations towards the Society;
5. to refrain from any act that might hinder the activities of the Society in achieving its purposes.

Members shall conduct themselves in a manner that does not offend the standing of the Society or its work.

A member who fails to discharge their obligations towards the Society, or who acts contrary to its purposes, is removed by reasoned decision of the Board, after having first been invited in writing to give an explanation.

The removed member may appeal to the General Assembly within a period of 20 days from notification of the relevant decision of the Board, seeking its annulment. In such a case the Board is obliged to bring the appeal for discussion before the immediately following General Assembly.

Article 6 — Resources of the Society: Income and Expenditure

A. Income

1. The resources of the Society derive from ordinary and extraordinary contributions; from admission fees as determined from time to time by the General Assembly; from proceeds of events (e.g. performances, dances, book presentations and the like); from admission tickets and from the assets of the Society; from offerings of every kind, donations, inheritances and legacies; from grants (European, state, municipal or regional); from contributions by natural or legal persons; and from the public events organised by the Society. Copyright in scientific works of the Society of every kind belongs to the person who produced the work in question.
2. The legislation in force applies to the acquisition, exploitation and disposal of property by the Society.
3. The Society maintains, by decision of the Board, a bank account in which the entire cash balance of the Society is held. This account is managed by the Treasurer for the time being. Any payment or transfer of funds beyond that which is customary for the fulfilment of the purposes and the operation of the Society requires a prior decision of the Board, which is recorded in the minutes.
4. In urgent cases the Chairperson may give a written instruction to the Treasurer to withdraw an amount of up to 300 euros from the bank account held, seeking immediately, and within a maximum of 20 days, the subsequent approval of the Board.
5. The Society may operate a refreshment facility on the premises of the Folklore Museum for the service of its visitors, as well as on the premises of the cultural centre, the income from this activity being used for the fulfilment of the purposes of the Society.

B. Expenditure

1. Members of the Board receive representation and travel expenses, on the basis of the relevant receipts, when carrying out decisions of the Society, following approval of these by the Board.
2. No member of the Board receives any other remuneration or compensation for their occupation on the Board or in the Society, nor are they permitted to conclude with the Society any contract by virtue of which they would be entitled to remuneration.

Article 7 — Organs of the Society

1. the General Assembly of its members;
2. the Board of Directors;
3. the Audit Committee.

Article 8 — General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme and sovereign organ of the Society. General Assemblies are divided into ordinary and extraordinary and are convened by the Chairperson of the Board by a notice containing the date, time and place of the Assembly and the items on the agenda. The notice is posted on the noticeboard of the Society and is sent to the members electronically at least eight (8) days before the day of the Assembly, in so far as this is feasible. Members who have paid their subscriptions by the opening of the Assembly participate in it with full rights (the right to vote, to elect, to be elected and to take part in the discussions).

The Ordinary General Assembly convenes once a year during the period 1–20 August of each year. An extraordinary Assembly is convened whenever the Board considers it necessary, or whenever one fifth (1/5) of the ordinary members in good standing so request the Board in writing, setting out the reasons for the convocation and the items to be discussed. In such a case the Board is obliged to convene an Extraordinary General Assembly within 20 days of the request.

Article 9 — Quorum of the General Assembly

The General Assembly has a quorum when one third (1/3) of the ordinary members in good standing are present.

In the event of a lack of quorum, a second Assembly is convened within 7 days without further notification or announcement, and is deemed to have a quorum if one fifth (1/5) of the ordinary members in good standing are present.

The quorum is established by the Chairperson of the Board on the basis of the nominal lists of members updated by the Treasurer.

The General Assembly shall in no case take a decision when the number of members present is lower than the number of members required for the constitution of an association, namely 20 members.

Article 10 — Competence of the General Assembly

1. It approves or rejects the report and the balance sheet of the outgoing Board.
2. It elects a three-member (3) Electoral Committee with two (2) alternate members. The members of the Electoral Committee are not eligible for election to the Board.
3. It votes on the internal rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
4. It decides on every item of the agenda.

Article 11

The Board, as well as any other member of the Society, may propose items for discussion on the agenda.

Article 12 — Decisions of the General Assembly

1. Decisions of the General Assembly are taken by absolute majority of the members present entitled to vote, unless a vote is being taken on a matter for which the Statutes require a different majority.
2. Voting takes place either by roll call or by show of hands.
3. A secret ballot is held only in the case of the election of the Board and of the Audit Committee, and in cases where the General Assembly decides as a second-instance organ on objections against the registration of a member, on the disciplining of a member by removal or expulsion, and generally on matters concerning persons.

Article 13

A decision of the General Assembly may be annulled by a new General Assembly.

Article 14 — Elections and Procedure

1. Elections for the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee are held every three (3) years, unless special reasons require that elections be held earlier.
2. All ordinary members in good standing have the right to vote.
3. The Board lists the names of the candidates in strict alphabetical order on a single ballot paper and arranges for it to be posted at the place of the General Assembly and for the supply of the necessary ballot papers, envelopes and so forth.
4. Each voter may, according to their preference, mark up to seven (7) candidates for the Board and three (3) for the Audit Committee, and up to three (3) if the Society is a member of a federation. The first seven (7) in order of votes received are elected as full members and the remainder as alternates. Likewise, the first three (3) are elected to the Audit Committee and the remainder serve as alternates.
5. If any member of the Board or of the Audit Committee forfeits their office, or is prevented or unable to carry out their duties, they are replaced by the first alternate in order.

Article 15 — Electoral Committee

Elections are conducted by the Electoral Committee, which consists of three (3) members and two (2) alternates and is elected by the annual Ordinary General Assembly. From its constitution as a body, the

Electoral Committee bears responsibility for the orderly conduct of the elections. Its members may not stand as candidates for the organs of the Society.

Article 16 — Applications for Candidacy

All ordinary members in good standing have the right to stand as candidates for the organs of the Society, by written application to the Board stating also the organ in which they wish to serve. Applications by candidates are lodged with the Board of the Society up to three (3) days before the General Assembly.

Article 17

1. The sorting of the ballot papers is carried out publicly by the Electoral Committee. Objections against the validity of ballot papers are decided on the spot by the Electoral Committee.
2. Should the envelopes exceed the number of those who voted, the Chairperson of the Electoral Committee removes the surplus envelopes at random.
3. In the event of a tie, a draw is held between those tied by the Electoral Committee.
4. After the sorting and counting of the votes, the results are recorded in detail in the minutes of the Electoral Committee, those elected are proclaimed, and the electoral material is handed over to the newly elected Board, which is obliged to keep it until the expiry of the deadline for lodging an action challenging the validity of the elections, that is, for a period of six (6) months.

Article 18 — Board of Directors

The Society is administered by a seven-member (7) Board consisting of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and three members, their term of office being three (3) years.

The Board represents the Society before every judicial and administrative authority.

It keeps the following books:

1. the Register of Members;
2. the Book of Minutes of the sittings of the Board and of the General Assembly;
3. the Cash Book.

Article 19

1. The Chairperson of the Board presides over the sittings of the Board and declares their opening and closing. The Chairperson represents the Society before every public authority and signs the minutes of the sittings and all outgoing documents together with the Secretary.
2. The Vice-Chairperson replaces the Chairperson in the event of absence, in all the latter's duties.
3. The General Secretary keeps the seal of the Society, keeps the minutes of the sittings and arranges for their ratification. The Secretary handles the correspondence of the Society and countersigns with the Chairperson all documents of the Society.
4. The Treasurer of the Society keeps the cash book and countersigns with the Chairperson every cash document. The Treasurer takes over the funds from their predecessor in the presence of the Audit Committee, drawing up at the same time the relevant handover document.

Article 20

The elected members of the Board constitute themselves as a body within five (5) days of the day of the elections by secret ballot. The presence of at least four (4) of them is required for the constitution of the new Board.

Article 21

The term of office of the Board begins on the day of its constitution as a body and lasts for three years.

Article 22

The Board has a quorum when 4 of its members are present.

Article 23

A member of the Board who is absent without cause from three consecutive sittings of the Board, whether ordinary or not, is deemed to have resigned. A member who is absent from five sittings of the Board, irrespective of their order, is likewise deemed to have resigned.

Article 24

The sittings of the Board are open, and any member of the Society may attend with the right to speak but not to vote.

Article 25

The Audit Committee consists of three (3) members and is elected for the same period and on the same ballot paper as the Board. The next two elected in order of votes received from among the candidates for the Audit Committee are regarded as alternates, who replace any member who forfeits their office, or is prevented or unable to carry out their duties.

The Audit Committee is obliged to examine the financial management of the Society every year, or whenever else it considers it necessary, and to submit to the annual Ordinary General Assembly a detailed report on the financial acts of the Board, which is entered in a Special Book kept by the Audit Committee.

Article 26

The General Assembly creates committees according to the needs of the Society, which submit to the General Assembly proposals for their proper functioning.

Article 27

1. The decision to amend these Statutes or to dissolve the Society is taken by a majority of two thirds (2/3) of the members present at an Extraordinary General Assembly, at which at least three quarters (3/4) of the members of the Society must be present.
2. The funds of the Society and any assets acquired shall, upon dissolution, be given to the local government authority of the place of origin.
3. A further amendment of the Statutes is permitted only after the lapse of three years from the last amendment.

Article 28

For whatever is not provided for in these Statutes, the relevant provisions of the Greek Civil Code apply.

Article 29 — Approval of the Statutes

These Statutes, consisting of 28 articles, were approved today by the members of the General Assembly at Theologos, Thassos, who convened in session, and are signed as follows:

[The original is followed by the list of signatures of the members; it has not been translated, for data protection reasons.]

Court Endorsements

These Statutes are certified by Act no. 9. Thassos, 11 June 2025. The Judge [signature]

Court of First Instance of Kavala. Association “Educational and Cultural Society of Theologos – Potos, Thassos, Hatzigiorgis”. Recognition decision no. 58/1977 of the Court of First Instance of Kavala; order 9/2025. Registration no. 17/1989. Kavala, 19 February 2026. The Registrar: Despoina Apostolidou.

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