

LET'S WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER TOGETHER!

## AFCFC Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to announce the 2020 winners of three of our AFCFC Scholarships.

Emmanuel Papadatos from Montreal, Quebec is the recipient of the Aroutzides Family Engineering Scholarship of \$2000 for 2020.



Emmanuel is currently in his 4th year, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at McGill University. He is a member of the McGill Formula electric team which assembles a Formula 1-style car and competes with other universities from around the world. Composite materials will be his study focus in his 4th year. He has been on the Dean's Honor list at McGill University and Vanier College. As an avid sports fan he plays many team sports and has been an

**Help us help you! Organize an event to benefit the AHEPA Family Charitable Foundation of Canada. Let's work together!**

Elena Aivaliklis from Laval, Quebec is the recipient of the Dr. Dimitriadis Memorial Medical Scholarship of \$2000 and the Katsepontes Family Law or Medicine Scholarship of \$1500 for 2020.



Elena is enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry program at McGill University and has a previous Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. She is a research assistant and a researcher and a speaker related to her work as a dentistry student team.

One of Elena's main goals is to spread awareness about the importance of preventative care and she intends to continue to engage in community outreach initiatives.

assistant coach for a youth hockey team. Writing is one of his hobbies and he has had some of his sports articles published in his high school magazine and in a local Greek newspaper.

He is a music fan and plays the piano and a Cretan Laouto. As an active member of the Cretan Association of Montreal, he has been active in the youth and dance groups sharing his Cretan Heritage.

***We congratulate Emmanuel and Elena and wish them both continuing success!***

Her volunteer work serves the community; projects such as The Friendship Circle Tooth Fairies Project, McGill Dentistry Gives Back, Oral Health Total Health Sharing Smiles Day, and workshops promoting health careers to High School students and those in underrepresented communities.

Her extracurricular activities and hobbies include the McGill Dental Practice Management Club, the Alpha Omega International Dental Society.

She has taken dance, plays the violin and is a Bronze Cross certified swimmer.

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## **Please note:**

It was decided by the Executives to postpone the \$300 support invoice to all member chapters of the AHEPA Family Charitable Foundation, for their financial support of the foundation, until January 2021.

In brief, the foundation needs revenues to operate. We laid out the needs and expenses to operate back in the fall.

### **Reprint from the 2019 UPDATE Autumn issue:**

*Brothers and Sisters,*

*As you know, no business or institution can survive and thrive without revenues. Brothers and Sisters we are such an institution. We have no operating revenues. While we do have money invested, Brothers donated these amounts with their specific wishes for the interest generated by that money to be used for Scholarships. Thus while we are proud to tell you that our Investments are doing well enough to cover the Scholarships, we are still operating revenue poor. The revenue that comes in is from the Montreal AHEPA Family's Valentine's Ball and in the some occasions from a few other Chapters. Is not enough. Thank God for the generosity of some Brothers from the Board that cover most of the expenses from their own pockets.*

*This matter was discussed at the last Board meeting and the solution was to have a small annual fundraiser amongst us... Meaning our members/shareholders. So it was decided that starting January 2020, we will ask every active Chapter of the AHEPA Family (Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena) to contribute annually \$300 to the AFCFC Foundation's treasury to assist with the operating expenses and payment of any donations we are asked to give as a foundation throughout the year*

*Thank you for your understanding and support.*

*Since then, it is certain now that the Foundation's book keeping has a new expense the Foundation will have to assume as well.*

*Frank Antoniou  
Chairman AFCFC*

## Message from the AFCFC's Chairman

**« I once heard an Irishman say, 'every man loves his country weather he was born there not'»**

***Thomas Fitch***

I don't know who Thomas Fitch was but his statement moved me. Being members of the AHEPA Family reflects the feelings we have of how every one of us feels about the country we love.

Our values of Hellenism, Philanthropy, Education, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence, inspire all of us.

Greece is very important to us and that is why we are always in the forefront when it comes to supporting Greece, by the AHEPA family, Daughters of Penelope, Sons and Pericles and Maids of Athena.

I'm proud to be chairing the (AFCFC) AHEPA Family Charitable Foundation of Canada, it is the only body of the AHEPA organization that is inclusive of membership of all its branches.

A true family, but like any family from time to time we have our "squabbles" and "paraona" but our love for our country and our organization keeps us together and working for the betterment of ourselves, the society we live in and the country where our love and roots are deeply buried.

Speaking for myself, I love the AHEPA Family and its mission, no matter what position I serve.

While I'm on the subject of "paraona" I have to admit I have a few of my own. I have the impression that some Brothers and Sisters don't have much respect for the AFCFC, they don't seem to know it's history and its purpose therefore, they look at the AFCFC as a different entity or freeloader cousin.

Thank God for Brothers like the late Bro. Nick Logothetis, the late Bro. Dimitriadis and may the Lord give his blessings to Nick Aroutzoudis, Nick Katsepontes, Nina and Dean Antonakis who support and the AFCFC Scholarship program and Brother President Chris Argiriou who along with the AFCFC, support the Patriarchate and the Electronic Medical Library of the Evangelismos Hospital in Athens. We are very thankful and grateful to all those people for their faith and support.

We need more like them.

Brothers and Sisters, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of more administrative changes coming to the Board.

There is a new complication that has arisen in the new Canada Not for profit Corporation Act in that it does not permit ex-officio directors. A director is an ex-officio when holding a position on the on board by virtue of holding another position or office. Such directors are excluded by subsection 128 (3) of the Act, which requires that members elect directors by ordinary resolution at the annual meeting.

This matter will be brought to the next Board meeting for discussion and action, in preparation with the assistance of our legal advisor Brother Nicholas Katsepontes, for the next AGM meeting, when the elections will be held.

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer.

Fraternally

Fotios (Frank) Antoniou

Chairman AFCFC

## Legal Memo

TO: Board of Directors and Executive  
AHEPA Family Charitable of Canada (AFCFC)  
Foundation

From: Nicholas P. Katsepontes

Date: May 26, 2020

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I wish to bring to your attention section 128 (3) of the Canada not-for-profit Corporations Act which provides as follows:

***"Members shall, by ordinary resolution at each annual meeting at which an election of directors is required, elect directors to hold office for a term expiring within this prescribed."***


Since the passage of the new legislation the interpretation of the section has clearly established that ex officio members of a board under the Act are not allowed. This applies to the board of the AFCFC.

In this regard we will need to revise our Constitution and bylaws to comply with section 128 (3) of the Act.

I have attached for you and excerpt of the Act with the relevant section highlighted as well as an article which supports the interpretation relative to the ban. There are a number of workarounds I believe we need to consider. I would advise to keep the workaround as simple as possible and option 1 or 3 as noted on the attached paper appear the most practical.

The means by which we passed such an amendment is what we need to discuss. I would suggest we need to minimize efforts and complications. Simply getting all the chapters to agree in writing to a resolution indicating that when we made the continuance of the Corporation this was overlooked might be the easiest and in the absence of such agreement a meeting with proper notice and proxies to pass this as a single resolution amendment. We have been through this before. We know the process.

I am available for further responses to your questions concerning this matter.

Fraternally,  
  
Nicholas P. Katsepontes