

THE VICTORIAN PELOPONNESIAN CONFEDERATION



Achaia representatives

The Peloponnesian Confederation inauguration was convened on Sunday 11 March 2012 in front of an audience of 200 people. Representatives from all seven regions that make up the Peloponnese were present, including individuals from a variety of federations, brotherhoods, clubs, businesses and organisations. The inauguration was as a result of meetings being convened at different location and held over a period of six months by its members.



Arcadia representatives

The council of members from Corinthia, Argolida, Achaia, Messenia, Ilia, Lakonia, and Arcadia, responsible for the management of the Peloponnesian Confederation were extremely pleased with the attendance and pledges of support were provided for its long term objectives. The inauguration was conducted at the Pallaconian Brotherhood Community Centre (Laconian House) in Albert Street Brunswick, within the City of Moreland; the very heart of Melbourne's diverse ethnic communities.



Argolida representatives

As visitors began to arrive available parking spaces were soon taken within a wide radius of the community centre. The Pallaconian Brotherhood as hosts, it was incumbent upon them, to provide the meals, refreshments, entertainment, manpower and online presentations. The theme throughout the inauguration was one of cooperation, well-being, warmth and of an informative nature; devoid of negativity and robust discussions.



Corinthia representatives

Visitors were treated as if they were long lost relatives contributing to the atmosphere of congeniality and friendship reminiscent of a people who share a common culture religion and aspirations on life. The organisers from Corinthia, Argolida, Achaia, Messenia, Ilia, Lakonia, and Arcadia had worked hard into the night and early morning in preparing the community centre to ensure visitors felt welcomed.



Ilia representatives

Chris Paikopoulos, the President of the Pallaconian Brotherhood and Master of Ceremonies for the day, was passionate, enthusiastic and emotional during his introduction and welcome speech, saying that it was dream come true to see Peloponnesian Confederation coming to fruition. He stressed the importance of working together to ensure the success of the Peloponnesian Federation for future generations, as there was a lot to be gained but nothing to lose.



Messenian representatives

A presentation demonstrating the strengths and weakness of the Confederation model was conducted, enabling the audience to obtain a greater understanding of its benefits and its relationship to each organisation's sphere of influence. The presentation was well received by the audience who felt that they could see the positive aspects of a Peloponnesian Confederation being supported by the seven regions and their associated organisations.



The Peloponnesian Confederation and the model displayed in the foreground

The image above demonstrates the physical and psychological attributes of the Peloponnesian Confederation. The top layer of the model depicting the Council of the Confederation. The second tier of columns representing the seven regions from Corinthia, Argolida, Achaia, Messenia, Iliia, Lakonia, and Arcadia, The final and foundation layer is made of many and diverse organisations within each regional area that make up the whole of the Peloponnese.

VIDEO NOT AVAILABLE

In the video above, Mr. Paul Kounelis, representing the state of Corinth, provided the audience with a detailed administrative report of the aims, objectives and aspirations of the Confederation, in a most eloquent manner. In addition, his reporting on the structure and his analysis of the Confederation was very well received by the audience and fellow colleagues, thus laying the foundations for the future. Furthermore Mr. Kounelis was emphatic that the Peloponnesian Confederation was here to stay, and that every effort was being made to attract and recruit additional organisations, whose influence on the Confederation would be of benefit to their members.

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In the above video Mr. George Dimopoulos, the Peloponnesian Confederation Secretary, read the minutes of past meetings which detailed many of the discussions that had taken place and what decisions had been made to date. Mr. George Dimopoulos' reading of the minutes was clear, concise and to the point, without any additional rhetoric, enabling the audience to reflect on the Confederation's earlier meetings. In addition, today's meeting clarified many questions regarding the physical and financial assets of the participating organisations, reinforcing that each organisation's allegiance would remain with its own members. It was made clear, that the Confederation would have no monetary or legal claims on the assets of each of its member organisations.



Chris Paikopoulos, President of Pallaconian Brotherhood & Master of Ceremonies

The Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Chris Paikopoulos introduced the newly installed electronic media to the Pallaconian Brotherhood Community Centre and used the media to display on the community centre wall, the Peloponnesian website created on behalf of the Confederation, the power of the internet and how it can be harnessed for the benefit of its members. Music from each region was played, accompanied by images and videos, displaying the region's popular tourist spots and main towns. Mr. Chris Paikopoulos added that members wishing to associate their organisation with the Peloponnesian website may do so by contacting the Web Master responsible for its administrative and operational aspects.



The Peloponnesian Confederation and its associated member organisation representatives

Chris Paikopoulos on behalf of the **Peloponnesians** Confederation thanked his colleagues from Corinthia, Argolida, Achaia, Messenia, Iliia, Arcadia and co-representative Con Karavitis from Lakonia, the organisers, supporters, casual and volunteer staff for making the inauguration a success and added that without their support the inauguration would not have gone ahead as planned. Chris Paikopoulos then invited the Peloponnesian Confederation and its associated members for official photographs to be taken against the backdrop of the Peloponnese map.



The Pallaconian Brotherhood volunteers and support staff working diligently preparing the food and refreshments.

Organisational and business cards were exchanged, along with emails and Website URLs, being compiled for integration within the Peloponnesian Confederation website. A number of organisations expressed their interest, taking up the Peloponnesian Confederation offer of a free online website being promoted and embedded into the Confederation's main site. Mr. Chris Paikopoulos then thanked all members present for their fellowship and words of goodwill, and concluded by saying that the Peloponnesian Confederation was looking forward to a strong and bright future.



Laconian Youth, the old and the bold



Laconian representatives







