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Elias Tsekeridis, President
Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York, Inc.

Re: Open Business from Previous Board

Dear President Tsekeridis and Fellow Board Members:

Congratulations to you and to all the new Board of Directors Members upon your recent Election. Best of luck for the new term and continued Good Health.

With regard to the previous Board of Directors, please be advised that there are a number of issues that the Board voted on that have not been completed due to the lack of time available. Inasmuch as these matters ultimately concern the entire Federation, we respectfully request that you act upon following issues to their hopefully satisfactory end.

Kubic Paintings and Prints:

As you may know, the Board has mailed three Certified Letters to Mr. Dino Rallis regarding his failure to return the two original paintings of our Parade's Scenes as well as a great number of signed copies. Mr. Rallis has been stalling on this matter for months and he is owed \$5,000.00 which we have advised him is in our treasury waiting for his pick-up upon his return of all paintings and prints. These are assets of the Federation and must be returned.

Small Claims Court Case:

Please know that as reviewed by the General Assembly, the Queens Gazette had brought the Federation to Small Claims Court in Queens County several months ago due to an open invoice from Parade Ads pre-dating our administration. The General Assembly directed us to fight the case inasmuch as then President Diamantides stated to the G.A. that he told Mr. Rallis not to put in the ads and that Mr. Rallis had no authority to do so. Mr. Rallis advised that he did put the ads in. Nevertheless, we were sued for \$1,400.00. While we were contemplating a Third Party action against Mr. Rallis, we were advised of the wrong Court return date and the Gazette entered a Judgment against us. Mr. Barsimian is the editor and may be willing to settle at a lesser sum.

Cars in Lot:

Please know that we forwarded letters to Mr. Galatoulas and Mr. Pilarinos to remove their cars from the side lot. Mr. Galatoulas has two Mercedes Benz sedans and one full sized Commercial Van while Mr. Pilarinos has a Mini-Van in the lot. The four vehicles have been there for over a year. We respectfully asked the owners to remove them several times before.

Our recent correspondence advised them that we would tow the cars away. But we did not have the time to do so. These cars are taking up valuable space in our lot that can be used by the Federation or rented for profit. Neither of the two gentlemen have acted upon our request.

Copy Machine:

Please know that in mid-May 2010 Mr. Galatoulas, without any Board knowledge or consent apparently canceled the lease on our old copy machine and signed an agreement for 63 months with a new company. When I saw the new machine, I asked him what happened and he lied to me and advised me that our old lease had expired. I later call Konica, who is still sending us bills and they advise me that our lease expires in December 2010. Further the new company advised me that Mr. Galatoulas advised them that he had full authority to sign on the Federation's behalf. Moreover the new invoices and the Federation's address on the agreement show his home address not ours. As of now both old and new copier invoices are outstanding. The previous Board voted that Mr. Galatoulas' actions was not only improper but violated the Constitution and should have disciplinary consequences. Please resolve this highly unethical and perhaps illegal behavior as soon as possible.

Camera Missing:

Ms. Kouros, our program Director advises that she loaned her program's Camera to Mr. Galatoulas to use for the Cultural Committee. He has failed to return same and now claims, through a letter to the Election Committee, that he lost his keys and that the camera was stolen. Such a claim was never made to the Board.

Maria Atsas Letter:

Please find a letter from Ms. Atsas, our Parade Assistant, that makes serious accusations against Mr. Galatoulas. Inasmuch as I just received same, I could not act upon it. But know that there were complaints on the Board that her pay, well before her Parade work began in earnest, as too high under Mr. Galatoulas exclusive supervision and no work product was ever offered by him to the Board.

Accounts Receivable:

Please know that Philip Christopher has not yet provided a Hilton Report for the Event Sponsors. As we do not know who pledged to him we can't send out invoices. This must be addressed as significant money may be outstanding.

Further, Mr., Galatoulas advised that the Census Bureau was to send us \$5,000.00 for either the Parade or Cultural Events. To date no money has been received.

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Parks Department Grants:


Please know that we are owed Three (3) Parks Grants of \$10,000.00 each for 2007, 2008 and 2009. All forms were submitted but subsequently lost by the Government. After inquiry, I was advised that we can get these monies but must resubmit the forms.

Open Letter's Day Bonds:

Please know that I have received letters from two sets of Parents complaining that their children have not received their Prize Bonds from the Letter's Day Completion run by Mr. Galatoulas' Committee this past year and from years ago. We must honor these awards.

I trust the above is satisfactory and that you act in full accordance with our earlier votes. In the alternative, I believe you can countermand these votes with a 2/3 majority. Naturally, feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions or comments regarding the above or any related matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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Past President 2008-2010

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