

CAPInv. 154: to koinon tom Phrygon

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Astypalaia
iii. Site	Astypalaia

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ κοινὸν τῶμ Φρυγῶν (IdI 88, ll. 13-14)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to koinon tom Phrygon</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	iii BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Ethnic:	<i>Phrygon</i>
	Geographical:	Phrygia
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινὸν, <i>koinon</i> (ll. 4, 9, 13-14, 16)	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IdI 88 (iii BC)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Decree in Greek in a Doric dialect of the <i>koinon</i> of the Phrygians. The <i>koinon</i> resolved to inscribe on a stele the names of those contributing to pay off the debt of a house.

i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble stone. H. 75 x W. 42 x Th. 23 cm.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in a garden (private property).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	οικία, <i>oikia</i> (l. 4) τοιχος της οικίας, <i>toichos tes oikias</i> (l. 7) στήλη λίθινη, <i>stele lithine</i> (ll. 5, 6)
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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	ἐπιμελητάς, <i>epimeletas</i> (ll. 11, 17)
iii. Members	τινες τῶν ἐκτοπίας οἰκεύοντων, <i>tines ton ektopias oikeunton</i> (l. 2) - it seems that some members lived abroad or at least not in the city where the <i>koinon</i> had its <i>oikia</i> .
iv. Officials	ἐπιμήνιοι, <i>epimenioi</i> (ll. 12, 17)
v. Other staff	ad hoc committee of three men (ll. 5-6, 19-20). They were in charge of the purchase of a marble stele, which was to be built into the wall of the <i>oikian</i> . They were responsible for writing up the names of all those assisting financially the <i>koinon</i> to pay off the debt of the <i>oikia</i> . The expenses for the purchase of the stele were reimbursed by the <i>koinon</i> (ll. 8-9).
Known practice of appointment	The committee was elected: ἐλέσθαι, <i>helesthai</i> (l. 6) αἰρέθην, <i>hairethen</i> (l. 19)
ix. Privileges	All those who donated more than 10 dr (ἐσενεγκαντες ἀναπόδοτον ἐς ἐλευθερίαν τὰς οικίας, <i>esenenkantes anapodoton es eleutherian tas oikias</i> ll. 3, 14-15, 18-19) for paying off the debt incurred to the <i>oikian</i> were crowned in every <i>synodos</i> (ll. 11-15).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	The <i>koinon</i> seems to have its own treasury as the reimbursement of the purchase of the stele was paid by the <i>koinon</i> itself (ll. 8-9). The <i>koinon</i> seems to have fallen short of cash. It appealed to its members for non-repayable donations. The donations range from 5 to 50 dr. The amount raised sum up to 822 dr. The donors' names are recorded in a descending order (higher amounts preceding lower amounts).
ii. Realty	The <i>koinon</i> owned an <i>oikian</i> which was pledged, but thanks to donations the loan was lifted.
iii. Income	Fines of 10 dr imposed on officials (<i>epimeletes</i> and <i>epimenioi</i>) in case they did not fulfill their obligations with respect to the proclamation of honours in every <i>synodos</i> (ll. 16-18).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	at least 61 members (this number refers to those contributing to paying off the debt of an <i>oikian</i>). These 61 donors did not reside in the locale/ city where the <i>koinon</i> had its <i>oikia</i> .
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ii. Gender	Men Women
Note	Of the 61 contributors 9 were women.
iii. Age	Adults
Note	One could assume that the members, or at least the donors, were all adults.
iv. Status	All names are followed by the patronymic. The majority of names is Greek, though there are some non-Greek personal names (e.g. Ἄννων, Βαύας, Δάλος, Τριβαλλός, <i>Annon, Bauas, Dalos, Triballos</i>), something that would point to the mixed ethnic origin of the <i>koinon</i> . Some members did not reside in the locale/ city where the <i>koinon</i> had its <i>oikia</i> .
v. Relations	The female donors are related (wives) to some of the male donors. There are also family ties between the male donors e.g. Ἄφαιστίων Ἀπολλωνίου, <i>Haphaistion Apolloniou</i> (44) - Ἀπολλώνιος Ἀφαιστίωνος, <i>Apollonios Haphaistionos</i> (20, 21) Στέφανος Ἀριστάνορος, <i>Stephanos Aristanoros</i> (24) - Δαμάτριος Ἀριστάνορος, <i>Damatrios Aristanoros</i> (34) - Ἀριστάνωρ Στεφάνου, <i>Aristanor Stephanou</i> (36)

X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i> (l. 12) Libations (<i>spondai</i>) and the proclamation of crowns took place during the <i>synodos</i> (ll. 11-15).
iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>koinon</i> crowned with a leaf crown all those who donated no less than 10 dr. The honours were proclaimed in every <i>synodos</i> .

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The text is written in the Doric dialect (e.g. <i>epimeletas</i> for <i>epimeletes</i>).
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	Although the internal organization and durability of the group are unquestionable, what remains open to question is the private nature of the <i>koinon</i> . It presents some features that are puzzling (members not residing in the area where the <i>koinon</i> had its <i>oikia</i>); this could also point to a civic subdivision or a territorial group.