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CAPInv. 1689: The association of the temple of Horus-Behedet

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Arsinoites (00)
iii. Site	Pisais

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	☐ <i>ny.t n p</i> ☐ <i>ipy n</i> ☐ (P. Assoc.: pp. 3-38)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	The association of the temple of Horus-Behedet

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	223 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	temple of Horus-Behedet
	Topographical:	temple of Horus-Behedet
iii. Descriptive terms	☐ <i>ny.t</i> ☐ <i>.wy</i>	
Note	☐ <i>ne.t</i> . 2, 24, 24. ☐ <i>.wy.t</i> . 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 29.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	P. Assoc.: pp. 3-38 = P. Lille dem. 29 (month Mecheir of year 24 of Ptolemy III = 17 March-15 April 223 BC).
Online Resources	TM 2784

i.a. Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	This Demotic papyrus contains the rules of an association of the temple of Horus Behedet.
i.c. Physical format(s)	The papyrus is composed of eight pieces. The whole is 33 x 39 cm.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The papyrus was found in Ghoran.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The association will meet in the temple of Pisais (l. 3: $\square$ w=n $\square$ ms n p $\square$ $\square$ rpy nty $\square$ ry d" $\square$ We dmy will meet in the temple in the village").
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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	The association had only a leader: a general-supervisor of the falcon (l. 13, 14: p $\square$ wr b $\square$ k wr n p $\square$ $\square$.wy
iii. Members	Referred as n $\square$ y-w n t $\square$ $\square$ l. dy ("Those from the association") and n $\square$ y-w p $\square$ $\square$ ("Those from the association") l. 4, 7, 8, 12, 24, 29.
iv. Officials	The association had a representative, the rw $\square$, in charge of the accounts and secretarial duties (l. 16, 17, 19, 21). He is to be chosen by the members of the association (l. 7).
vii. Judicial system	The association had its own internal judicial system and members had to comply to it, and were not allowed to complain to official courts. If members were not happy with the judgment, they had the right to complain to another association (l. 23-25).
viii. Obligations	The members had to give salt, crowns, beer, wine, incense, ointment and thyme to the association (l. 3 yš, $\square$ m $\square$, $\square$ lm, $\square$ w, $\square$ ng, $\square$ n) They had to pay a fee of 1 kite every month (l. 6 [mtw=n] dy.t $\square$ $\square$ "We will give one kite"). They will be present during the meeting (l. 9 [p $\square$] rm $\square$ n- $\square$ m=n nty $\square$ w=w thm=f r t $\square$ $\square$ ne.t p $\square$ $\square$ [mtw=f tm $\square$ y $\square$ w=f r $\square$ $\square$ y] $\square$ w=s $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ r rd.wy r.r=f' $\square$ $\square$ $\square$). t ½

X. ACTIVITIES

i. Assemblies	The association will meet in the temple of the village when they will decide (l. 3-4 $\square$ w=n $\square$ ms n p $\square$ $\square$ rpy nay $\square$ ry ne p $\square$ dmy nay $\square$ ry n $\square$ how.w nay $\square$ - $\square$ r n $\square$ $\square$ w p $\square$ $\square$ r may" new r $\square$ ms n- will gather in the temple of the village mentioned above, the days chosen by those from the association").
ii. Meetings and events	The association will bury falcons during events (l. 11-13). The members will accomplish procession (l. 7 p $\square$ st $\square$ n $\square$ r
iii. Worship	The association will make burnt offerings to the kings (l.5 mtw=n $\square$ r n $\square$ kll.w n $\square$ wtn.w n pr- $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ ws Ptywmys [$\square$ ws n Ptywmys] $\square$ ws $\square$ rm Brnyg $\square$ t $\square$ pr- $\square$ $\square$.t $\square$ ws $\square$ rm $\square$ rsyn $\square$ n $\square$ n $\square$ r. w mn $\square$.[w.....] n n $\square$ n $\square$ r.w Kmy tr.w nty $\square$ n" we will make burnt offerings and offerings to the king Ptolemy son of Ptolemy and to Berenice, the queen, and Arsinoe, and the gods Philadelphoi, the gods Euergetai, the gods of the whole Egypt in the association").

Deities worshipped	King Queen Royal House Ruler Cult Royal Cult gods of Egypt
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XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The rules show that the association was linked to feasts of the temple.
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XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Monson, A. (2007), 'Religious Associations and Temples in Ptolemaic Tebtunis', dans J. Fräen, T. Purola et E. Salmenkivi (ed.), <i>Proceedings of the 24th International Congress of Papyrology, 1-7 August 2004</i>, Helsinki: II 769-778. Monson, A. (2006), 'The Ethics and Economics of Ptolemaic Religious Associations', <i>AncSoc</i> 36, 2006: 231-238. De Cenival, Fr. (1972), <i>Les associations religieuses en Égypte d'après les documents démotiques</i>, Le Caire. De Cenival, Fr., (1969) 'Les associations dans les temples égyptiens d'après les données fournies par les papyrus démotiques', in P. Derchain (ed.), <i>Religions en Égypte hellénistique et romaine : colloque de Strasbourg, 16-18 mai 1967</i>, Paris: 5-19.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The use of $\square$ <i>ny</i> (f. 1) to describe this group proves that it was a private association.