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I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Herakleopolites (U20)

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-EGY-009

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i (?) BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, *synodos*
Note	*Synodos*: C.Ptol.Sklav. 239, l. 3

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	C.Ptol.Sklav. 239 (I BC?)
Note	Previous edition is BGU XIV 2430 (there are no major new textual readings in C.Ptol.Sklav. 239).
Online Resources	BGU XIV 2430 TM 4026
i.a. Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek ledger or register of a wine-business (?).
i.c. Physical format(s)	Papyrus.

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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members of the association are referred to as οἱ | ἀπὸ τῆς συνόδου, *hoi apo tes synodou* (ll. 2-3).
iv. Officials	A certain Paktrebes (reading uncertain and name otherwise unattested) may have been officially involved in the running of certain organisational aspects of the association, as he seems to receive one jar of wine (?) for the members of the association (ll. 2-3: Πακτ̣ρεβῃ ὥστε τοῖς | ἀπὸ τῆς συνόδου α, *Paktrebe hoste tois apo tes synodou 1*).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

vi. Proper names and physical features	Πακτ̣ρεβῃ ?

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	It seems that the association held drinking parties, as its members received wine.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The date of the text is not certain. It may date to the late Ptolemaic or Augustan period. The text is of difficult interpretation and was considered a list or account of a religious association by the editor of BGU XIV 2430. However, Scholl 1986 showed how it is probably more likely to be the ledger of a business involved in the production of wine. Several points in the text remain unclear, together with the identification of personal names in the list and their functions, as well as their possible connection with the association. In this respect, I am more sceptical than Scholl and I do not think it is possible to recognise them as members of the associations. By the same token, it seems difficult to identify the owner of the business in the Apollon, mentioned in ll. 2 and 11, or a butler of the wine-business in Artemis (treated by Scholl as a male-name), mentioned in several lines of the text as the recipient of wine. The text remains of difficult interpretation and a fuller understanding is yet to be achieved.
iii. Bibliography	Scholl, R. (1986), 'Anmerkungen zu BGU XIV 2430. Abrechnung eines religiösen Vereins oder eher eines Gutsbetriebes?', *Anagennesis* 4: 245-62.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The wording *hoi apo tes synodou* makes it clear that the term *synodos* indicates a private association, rather than being a general term for 'meeting'.

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