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CAPInv. 1878: to koinon ton peri ton Dionyson techniton

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Kos
iii. Site	Asklepieion in Kos (see editor's comment in IG XII 4.1, 120)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ κοινὸν τῶν περὶ τὸν Διόνυσον τεχνιτῶν, (IG XII 4.1 120 ll. 5-6)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to koinon ton peri ton Dionyson techniton</i>

III. DATE

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

i. Name in other forms	τὸ κοινὸν τῶν τεχνιτῶν, <i>to koinon ton techniton</i> , l. 10 τεχνῖται, <i>technitai</i> , l. 1 (restored), l. 13
ii. Name elements	Cultic: <i>peri ton Dionyson</i> Professional: <i>technitai</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>
Note	ll. 7, 10

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII 4.1 120 (l. iii BC)
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Note	PH 24 ED 79 Le Guen I: no. 43 Aneziri: D 7
Online Resources	ED 79
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific decree for Epikles, son of Theodoros, <i>Koios</i> by the Dionysiac <i>technitai</i> . Greek. Two crowns are engraved above the text of the decree in the stele.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble stele, broken above and below. H. 35 x W. 38.5 x Th. 10 cm.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found reused in the village of Kermeti, though it probably comes from Asklepieion.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	στέφανος, <i>stephanos</i> , l. 12
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	τεχνῖται, <i>technitai</i> (ll. 13, 14-15, 17)
v. Other staff	πρεσβευταί, <i>presbeutai</i> , l. 14
Known practice of appointment	ἐλέσθαι, <i>helesthai</i> , l. 14 Two <i>technitai</i> were elected to act as ambassadors.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>technitai</i> passed an honorific decree for Epikles <i>Koios</i> . Epikles showed all his zeal and generosity towards the <i>technitai</i> , rendering his services to those who happened to pass by Kos (ll. 2-5). He was thus honoured on account of his virtue and goodwill (ἀρετῆς ἕνεκεν καὶ εὐνοίας, <i>aretēs heneken kai eunoias</i> , ll. 12-13) with the following: - praise: ἐπαινέσαι, <i>epainesai</i> , ll. 10-11) - crown: Epikles was crowned with a wreath according to the law (στεφανῶσαι στεφάνῳ τῷ ἐκ τοῦ νόμου, <i>stephanosai stephanoī toi ek tou nomou</i> , ll. 11-12)
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XI. INTERACTION

ii. Interaction abroad	The <i>technitai</i> elected two envoys who would convey to the city of Kos the honorific decree of Epikles.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	If the stele was indeed set up in the Asklepieion as proposed by the Jaccottet (2001: 226) and the editors of IG XII 4.1, 120, then this is evidence that the delegates of the <i>technitai</i> were sent to Kos to partake in the celebration of the Asklepieia or the Dionysia.
iii. Bibliography	Jaccottet, A.-F. (2003), <i>Choirs Dionysos: les associations dionysiaques, ou, La face cachée du dionysisme</i> . Kilchberg:

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The association of the Dionysiac <i>technitai</i> is well attested across the Hellenistic world; its organization and various branches have been thoroughly studied. The document under examination is silent as to which branch of the <i>technitai</i> issued the decree.