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CAPInv. 63: synodos chenoboskon

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i.	Full name (original language)	σύνοδος χηνοβοσκῶν (I.Fayoum II 109, ll. 6-7)
ii.	Full name (transliterated)	*synodos chenoboskon*

III. DATE

i.	Date(s)	102 (?) BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii.	Name elements	Professional:	*chenoboskoi* (gooseherds)
iii.	Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, *synodos*	
	Note	*Synodos*: I.Fayoum II 109, l. 6	

V. SOURCES

i.	Source(s)	I.Fayoum II 109 (21 Mecheir = 7 March 102 BC ?)
	Note	Other editions: SB III 6254.
	Online Resources	I.Fayoum II 109 TM 8156 AGRW ID 15236
i.a.	Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek *topos* inscription with dedication on behalf of (probably) Cleopatra III and Ptolemy X Alexander I.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Votive columnette.
ii. Source(s) provenance	First courtyard of the temple of Pnepheros in Theadelpheia.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The association singled out a τόπος *topos* (l. 6) within the precinct of the local temple of Pnepheros devoted to the association's uses. They may have had a shrine to the god or a meeting-place there.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The associations owned a *topos* within the precinct of the temple of Pnepheros. Its extent, uses, and architectural structures elude us.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The fact that the columnette was found within the temple of Pnepheros in Theadelpheia seems to suggest that the association worshipped that deity.
Deities worshipped	Pnepheros (?)
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association shows its devotion to the Royal House by making the inscription 'on behalf of' the Queen and King (ll. 1-5).

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	Given their presence in the local temple of Pnepheros, the association of goosherds of Theadelpheia seems to have taken part in the broader religious life of the temple.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology used (*synodos*) and the presence of a *topos* belonging to them (which suggests the dealings in which the group was involved) make it certain that we have here a private association.