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CAPInv. 354: koinon ton Soteriaston

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Attica with Salamis
ii. Region	Attica
iii. Site	Athens

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	κοινὸν τῶν Σωτηριαστῶν (IG II ² 1343, ll. 8-9, 32-3, 37-8)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>koinon ton Soteriaston</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	35 / 34 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric: <i>Soteriastai</i> from the epithet of Artemis (?) <i>Soteira</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i> σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>
Note	<i>koinon</i> : IG II ² 1343, ll. 8-9, 32-3, 37-8 <i>synodos</i> : IG II ² 1343 passim

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG II ² 1343 (35 / 34 BC)
Note	Ed. pr. <i>An.Ép.</i> 1893: 49. Other publications: <i>Syll³</i> 1104; Michel no. 973; GRA I 48; Ruggeri 2013, 50 no. C17. Cf. SEG 39: 311; SEG 45: 229; SEG 48: 20. <i>BE</i> 1999, no. 263; 2007, no. 217.
Online Resources	IG II² 1343 and AGRW ID 3960

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek honorary decree for Diodoros, son of Sokrates of Aphidnai, for his performance on his repeated tenure of treasurership, his benefactions and contribution to the well-being of the group. It was approved unanimously.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble pedimental stele with a crown carved into the pediment, measuring 0.62x0,32m.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in Athens, in the Dipylon area, now in Epigraphical Museum, EM 7849.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The precinct (τέμενος, <i>temenos</i> , l. 40) of Soteira. The decree will be inscribed on a stone slab (στήλη λιθίνη, <i>stèle lithine</i> , l. 39).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	It has been argued that Diodoros, son of Sokrates, qualified in ll. 10-2 as: γενηθείς δ[ἐ] καὶ παραίτιος τῆς ἄνωθεν συλλογῆς καὶ τὴν σύνοδον αὐτὸς κτίσας, <i>genetheis d[e] kai paraitios tes anothēn sylloges kai ten synodon autos ktisas</i> , was the founder of the association (see also l. 42); see GRA I 48.
Gender	Male
iii. Members	The members of the association are called ἐρανισταί, <i>eranistai</i> , l. 26.
iv. Officials	Chief- <i>eranistes</i> (ἀρχερανιστής <i>archeranistes</i> , l. 12-3, 33, 37). Treasurer (ταμίας, <i>tamias</i> , l. 13, 17-8, 20, 22, 36). Priests (ἱερεῖς, <i>hiereis</i> , l. 24, 37).
v. Other staff	It seems that the four individuals mentioned in ll. 30-2 were appointed as an ad hoc committee to attribute the honours to Diodoros, ll. 28-30: ὁμοθυμαδὸν προεβάλετο τοὺς εἰσοίσοντας αὐτοῖς τὰς καθηκούσας τιμὰς, <i>homothymadon proebaletō tous eisoisontas autois tas kathekousas timas</i> .

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	It is not certain that the association was the owner of the sanctuary (τέμενος, <i>temenos</i> , l. 40) of Soteira.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The names of the members recorded are male names. Διόδωρος Σωκράτους Ἀφιδναῖος, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (60). Λεύκιος Ἀρτεμιδώρου Ἀζηνιεύς, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (26). Δημήτριος Ἀρτεμιδώρου Λαμπρεύς, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (357). Διότιμος Δημητρίου Κηφισιεύς, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (54). Φίλιππος Φιλίππου Ἰκαριεύς, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (83).
iii. Age	Adults

iv. Status

All of them are Athenian citizens as their demotic proves; see Baslez 2004: 107.

X. ACTIVITIES

i. Assemblies	The association held meetings on the sixth of <i>Mounichion</i> (mod. April/May).
Known voting practice	The association voted with votes (lit. pebbles) <i>ψηφοι</i> , <i>psephoi</i> and the result is reported in ll. 44-6: τῶ[ι]ν ψήφων αἷς ἐδόκει τόδε τὸ δόγμα κύριον εἶναι, ἐξήκον[τα] αἷς δὲ οὐκ ἐδόκει οὐδεμία, <i>ton psephon hais edokei tode to dogma kyrion einai, hexekon[ta] hais de ouk edokei oudemia</i> .
ii. Meetings and events	Diodoros has organized and financed from his own pocket a feast to the members of the group, ll. 25-7: καὶ ἀφιλργύρως ἱστανόμενος ἡστίασεν τοὺς ἐρανιστὰς ἐκ τῶ[ι]ν ἰδίων ἀναλώσας οὐκ ὀλίγον χρῆμα; <i>kai aphilargyros histanomenos hestiasen tous eranistas ek ton idion analosas ouk oligon chrema</i> .
iii. Worship	Mention of the priest and temple of Artemis (?) <i>Soteira</i> may suggest worship by the group (ll. 24, 40).
Deities worshipped	(Ἄρτεμις?) Σωτεῖρα, (<i>Artemis</i>) <i>Soteira</i> (?)
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association praises (ἐπαινέσαι, <i>epainesai</i> , l. 33) and honours Diodoros son of Sokrates with an olive-leaves crown (θαλλοῦ στέφανος, <i>thallou stephanos</i> , l. 34) and an annual proclamation (ἀναγορεύεσθαι, <i>anagoreuesthai</i> , ll. 37-9) of the crown.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The decree was passed in the archonship of Theopithes.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland A47a
iii. Bibliography	Arnaoutoglou, I. (1994), 'Archeranistes and its meaning in inscriptions', <i>ZPE</i> 104: 107-10. Arnaoutoglou, I. (2003), <i>Thusias heneka kai sunousias. Private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Athens: 159-60. Baslez, M.-F. (2004), 'Les notables entre eux. Recherches sur les associations d'Athènes à l'époque romaine' in S. Follet (ed.), <i>L'Hellénisme d'époque romaine: Nouveaux documents, nouvelles approches (Ier s. a.C. – IIIe s. p.C.)</i> (Actes du colloque international à la mémoire de Louis Robert, Paris, 7-8 juillet 2000). Paris: 105-20. Baslez, M.-F. (2006), 'Entraide et mutualisme dans les associations des cités grecques à l'époque hellénistique' in M. Molin (ed.), <i>Les régulations sociales dans l'antiquité</i> (Actes du colloque d'Angers 23 et 24 mai 2003). Rennes: 157-70. Follet, S. (2005), 'Deux inscriptions attiques inédites copiées par l'abbé Michel Fourmont (<i>Parisinus Suppl. gr.</i> 854)', <i>REG</i> 118: 1-14. Ismard, P. (2010), <i>La cité des réseaux. Athènes et ses associations VIe – Ier siècle av. J.-C.</i>. Paris: 347, 363. Lambert, S. (1993), <i>The phratries of Attica</i>. Ann Arbor: 89. Pakkanen, P. (1996), <i>Interpreting early Hellenistic religion. A study based on the mystery cult of Demeter and the cult of Isis</i>. Helsinki. Parker, R. (1996), <i>Athenian religion. A history</i>. Oxford: 342. Ruggeri, Cl. (2013), <i>Die antiken Schriftzeugnisse ueber den Kerameikos von Athen. Teil 2: Das Dipylon-Gebiet und der aussere Kerameikos</i>. Wien.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The association displays all the hallmarks of a private association: distinct name, membership, organization, property and durability.