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CAPInv. 356: **Amphieraistai**

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἀμφιεραϊσταὶ (Petrakos, Δῆμος τοῦ Ραμνοῦντος, 167, l. 11)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	*Amphieraistai*

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	229 (?) BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	Ἀμφιεραϊσταὶ οἱ μετὰ Διοκλέου Ἀμαξαντέως, *Amphieraistai hoi meta Diokleou Amaxanteos* (Petrakos, Δῆμος τοῦ Ραμνοῦντος, 167, ll. 18-19)
ii. Name elements	Personal: *hoi meta Diokleou Amaxanteos*: 'those with Diokles' Theophoric: *Amphieraistai*, from the name of the god Amphiaraos
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, *koinon* σύνοδος, *synodos* (?)
Note	*koinon*: Petrakos, Δῆμος τοῦ Ραμνοῦντος, 167, ll. 9, 28 *synodos*: Petrakos, Δῆμος τοῦ Ραμνοῦντος, 167, l. 2 In ll. 1-2 we read: ἐπειδὴ Διοκλῆς συνῆ|χε τῶι Ἀμφιαράωι σύνοδον, *epeide Diokles syneche toi Amphiaraoi synodon*; perhaps *synodos* does not refer to an association but to the group of worshippers.

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V. SOURCES

i. **Source(s)**	Petrakos, Δῆμος τοῦ Ραμνοῦντος, 167 (229 (?) BC)
Note	Ed. pr.: *An.Ép.* 1909: 271; SEG 49: 4 Other publications: Michel no. 1556; Laum, *Stiftungen* II: 20a; IG II^2 1322; Pouilloux, *Rhamnonte*: 145-7; Meier 2012: no. 8 Cf. SEG 33: 145; 38: 132; 40: 139; 43: 35; 44: 255; 51: 111; 55: 1968. *BE* 1942: no. 50; 1997: no. 218. Oetjen 2014: 225, no. 77.
Online Resources	Petrakos, Δῆμος τοῦ Ραμνοῦντος, 167 and AGRW ID 23246
i.a. **Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. **Document(s) typology & language/script**	Decision of the group to raise funds through voluntary contributions of its members to financing the rebuilding of certain parts of the sanctuary and to list all the contributors. In the same decision the group decided to honour the officials for their rightneoussness and generosity. Written in Greek.
i.c. **Physical format(s)**	Marble pedimental stele with crowns depicted at the bottom, broken in two, measuring 1.26x0.45-49m.
ii. **Source(s) provenance**	Found in Rhamnous, now in the Epigraphical Museum, EM 8101.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. **References to buildings/objects**	Reference to a sanctuary (ἱερόν, *hieron*, ll. 2, 10, 12, 15), a house (οἶκος, *oikos*, l. 3) requiring repairs, roof tiles (κέραμος, *keramos*, l. 3) and the table (τράπεζα, *trapeza*, l. 5) being broken, and the portico (προστῶιον, *prostoion*, l. 6) about to collapse, ll. 2-6.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. **Leadership**	Perhaps, the chief-*eranistes* (ἀρχεραν̄ιστής, *archeranistes*) Diokles is the leading figure of the group, since he was instrumental in gathering the *Amphieraistai* (ll. 1-2).
iv. **Officials**	Secretary (γραμματεύς, *grammateus*, l. 22) Treasurer (ταμίας, *tamias*, l. 23)

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. **Realty**	The association perhaps owned the sanctuary, the house (οἶκος, *oikos*, l. 3) attached to it required repairs.
iv. **Endowments**	Onesimides of Rhamnous donated income (of unknown origin) to the association in order to perform annual sacrifices, ll. 18-20: καὶ δέδωκε τὴν πρόσοδον τοῖς Ἀμφιεραϊσταῖς τοῖς μετὰ | Διοκλέου Ἁμαξαντέως, καὶ θύειν κατ' ἐνιαυτὸν ἀπὸ τῆς προ|σόδου τῆς γινομένης, *kai dedoke ten prosodon tois Amphieraistais tois meta Diokleou Hamaxanteos, kai thuein kat' eniauton apo tes prosodou tes ginomenes.*

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. **Number**	Twenty-three members are recorded.

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ii. Gender	Men
Note	The list of twenty-three name includes male names only.
iii. Age	Adults
iv. Status	Citizen: 22 Foreigner: 1
v. Relations	Perhaps Θεότιμος Ῥαμνούσιος (Teotimos from Rhamnous) and Θεογένης Ῥαμνούσιος (Theogenes from Rhamnous) mentioned in ll. 38-39 are brothers.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The association performed annual sacrifices, θύειν κατ' ἐνιαυτόν, *thuein kat' eniauton*, ll. 19-20.
Deities worshipped	Ἀμφιάραος, *Amphiaraos*
iv. Honours/Other activities	The chief-*eranistes* and the magistrates are praised (ἐπαινέσαι, *epainesai*, ll. 15, 21) and crowned with an olive-leaves crown (στεφανῶσαι καὶ τούτων ἕκαστον θαλλοῦ στεφάνωι, *stephanosai kai touton hekaston thallou stephanoi*, l. 24). Similar honours are granted to Onesimides of Rhamnous for the donation of land and its income for performing sacrifices, l. 16.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Arnaoutoglou, I. (1994), '*Archeranistes* and its meaning in inscriptions', *ZPE* 104: 107-10. Baslez, M-F. (2001), 'Entre traditions nationales et intégration: les associations sémitiques du monde grec', in S. Ribichini, M. Rocchi and P. Xella, (eds.), *La questione delle influenze vicino-orientali sulla religione greca. Stato degli studi e prospettive della ricerca (Atti del Colloquio Internazionale Roma, 20-22 maggio 1999)*, Rome: 235-47. (SEG 52: 1898) Baslez, M.-F. (2006), 'Entraide et mutualisme dans les associations des cités grecques à l'époque hellénistique', in M. Molin (ed.), *Les régulations sociales dans l'antiquité* (Actes du colloque d'Angers 23 et 24 mai 2003), Rennes: 157-70. (SEG 56: 2070) Mikalson, J. (1998), *Religion in Hellenistic Athens*. Los Angeles. Parker, R. (1996), *Athenian religion. A history*. Oxford. (SEG 47: 26) Oetjen, R. (2014), *Athen im dritten Jahrhundert v. Chr. Politik und Gesellschaft in den Garnisonsdemen auf der Grundlage der inschriftlichen Überlieferung*. Duisburg. Tracy, S. (1990), *Attic letter-cutters of 229 to 86 B.C.*. Berkeley: 243. (SEG 40: 295)

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	Mikalson 1998: 150 believes that this group is not a cult association but a 'group dedicated to the restoration and maintenance of a sanctuary'. However, he seems to ignore elements of permanency such as officials, not appropriate to a single-issue group.

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