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CAPInv. 578: *ho oikos ho ton naukleron*

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Eastern Asia Minor
ii. Region	Paphlagonia
iii. Site	Amastris

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ὁ οἶκος ὁ τῶν ναυκλήρων (Mendel 1901: 36 no. 184, ll. 1-2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>ho oikos ho ton naukleron</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	e. ii - iii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional: <i>naukleroī</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	οἶκος, <i>oikos</i>
Note	<i>oikos</i> : Mendel 1901: 36 no. 184, l. 1 On the use of this term for associations see Poland 1909: 114; Wilhelm 1909: 52; Robert 1969: 9-13; Vélissaropoulos 1980: 104-106

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Mendel 1901: 36 no. 184 (imp.)
Note	See also: Wilhelm 1909: 52 AGRW 94
Online Resources	Mendel 1901: 36 no. 184 AGRW ID# 48

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorary inscription in Greek set up by the association for their lifelong <i>prostates</i> M. Ulpius Rufunianus.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele
ii. Source(s) provenance	The inscription was found in a private house at Amasra (Amastris).

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	Προστάτης, <i>prostates</i> (Mendel 1901: 36 no. 184, l. 5-6), was probably the head of the association (see below under X.iv: Honours/other activities). If that was indeed the case, a lifelong tenure of the post was possible.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The honorand is a man (see also field X.iv: Honours/other activities below).

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The association of <i>naukleroi</i> honour their <i>dia biou prostates</i> M. Ulpius Rufonianus for his general attitude towards the club. The exact nature of the services he provided remains, as usually in such honorary inscriptions, unspecified. Since the term <i>prostates</i> is frequently used to denote an official or leader of an association (cf. Poland 1909: 363-5), the honorand probably held such a post in the administrative apparatus of the Amastrian <i>naukleroi</i> . However, one cannot exclude the possibility that the term <i>prostates</i> here refers to an external patron of the association (see Dittmann-Schöne 2001: 35 with note 112; cf. Masson 1974: 5, 12, 81 and 152).
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XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	On the possibility of the association being under the protection of an external patron see above under the X.iv: Honours/other activities.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The inscription is undated by the editor but the name of the honorand (M. Ulpius Rufunianus) indicates the early 2nd century AD as <i>terminus post quem</i>. οἶκος, <i>oikos</i> (l. 1), frequently used as a name-element for associations, especially in the Black Sea, suggests that the association owned a common building or meeting-hall which hosted collective events such as banquets (see Poland 1909: 114; Wilhelm 1909: 52; Robert 1969: 9-13; Vélissaropoulos 1980: 104-106).
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ii. Poland concordance	Poland E* 81A
iii. Bibliography	Ascough, R.S., Harland, P.A., and Kloppenborg, J.S. (2012), <i>Associations in the Greco-Roman World: A Sourcebook</i>. Berlin. Dittmann-Schöne, I. (2010), <i>Die Berufsvereine in den Städten des kaiserzeitlichen Kleinasien</i>. Regensburg. Masson, H.J. (1974), <i>Greek Terms for Roman Institutions</i>. Toronto. Mendel, G. (1901), 'Inscriptions de Bithynie [II]', <i>BCH</i> 25: 5-92. Poland, F. (1909), <i>Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens</i>. Leipzig. Robert, L. (1969), 'Deux décrets d'une association à Athènes', <i>AEph</i>: 7-14. Vélissaropoulos, J. (1980), <i>Les naoclères grecs. Recherches sur les institutions maritimes en Grèce et dans l'Orient hellénisé</i>. Genève, Paris. Wilhelm, A. (1909), <i>Beiträge zur griechischen Inschriftenkunde: mit einem Anhang über die öffentliche Aufzeichnung von Urkunden</i>. Vienna.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The use of the term <i>oikos</i> to define the group and the lifelong tenure of the post (or title) of <i>prostates</i> indicates that it was a professional association organized on a permanent and durable basis.