

CAPInv. 235: Dionysiastai

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Διονυσιασταί (IG II ² 1325, ll. 19-20, 24, 34-5; IG II ² 1326, ll. 9, 21, 41)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Dionysiastai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	185 - 175 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	The group also uses the designation ὀργεῶνες, <i>orgeones</i> : IG II ² 1325, ll. 2, 27, 30 and IG II ² 1326, ll. 17, 30, 33, 45.	
ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	From Dionysos
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>	
Note	<i>synodos</i> : IG II ² 1326 passim Note that the same term, <i>synodos</i> , appears in IG II ² 1325, l. 30 but means the assembly.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG II ² 1325 (185/4 BC) IG II ² 1326 (176/5 BC)
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Note	Ed. pr. IG II² 1325: <i>An.Ép.</i> 1884, 39. IG II² 1326: <i>An.Ép.</i> 1884, 45. Other publications: Prott - Ziehen II 45; <i>Syll</i>³ 1100-1101; Michel no. 986-7; Laum, <i>Stiftungen</i> II, 20.; <i>LSCG</i> 49 (<i>SEG</i> 25: 160); <i>CCIS</i> 2: 51; Jaccottet II no. 1-2; GRA I 33 and 36; AGRW 21. Cf. <i>SEG</i> 32: 348; <i>SEG</i> 49: 2477; <i>SEG</i> 55: 292.
Online Resources	IG II² 1325 and AGRW ID 3991 IG II² 1326 and AGRW ID 3170
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	In IG II² 1325 there are two Greek honorary decrees, the first for Dionysios, son of Agathokles of Marathon, the treasurer, and the second one for Solon, son of Hermogenes of Cholargos. In IG II² 1326 there is a Greek decree of the group recording privileges granted to the descendants of Dionysios following his death.
i.c. Physical format(s)	IG II² 1325: Upper part of a pedimental marble stele measuring 0,975x0,62m. IG II² 1326: Pedimental marble stele with traces of colour decoration, measuring 0,915x0,345m.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Both inscriptions were found in the area between the port of Peiraieus and Zea (then Karaiskake Squ. now Korae Squ.) during the excavation for the building of the Municipal Theatre, in the ruins of a building; they are now in the Epigraphical Museum, EM 7844 (IG II ² 1325).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	The inscriptions were found in a building 23x40m, with a house with its entrance hall, an altar, a cistern, water-pipes and drainage, and a peristyle, von Eickstedt 1991: 156-7.
ii. References to buildings/objects	Reference to a sanctuary (ιερόν, <i>hieron</i> , IG II ² 1326, l. 46), temple (ναός, <i>naos</i> , IG II ² 1325, ll. 21, 31; IG II ² 1326, 49), land (τόπος, <i>topos</i> , IG II ² 1325, l. 26; IG II ² 1326, ll. 12-3), a stone slab (στήλη, <i>stèle</i> , IG II ² 1325, ll. 31-2; IG II ² 1326, l. 50), dedications (ἀναθήματα, <i>anathemata</i> , IG II ² 1325, l. 22), golden and silver gildings (χρυσώματα καὶ ἀργυρώματα, <i>chrysomata kai argyromata</i> , IG II ² 1325, l. 25), and the construction of a statue (ἄγαλμα, <i>agalma</i> , IG II ² 1326, l. 17) of Dionysos.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	Members of the group are designated as τοὺς τὴν σύνοδον φέροντας τῷ θεῷ, <i>tous ten synodon pherontas toi theoi</i> , IG II ² 1326, ll. 5-6, 23-4. The group also uses the designation <i>orgeones</i> : IG II ² 1325, ll. 2, 27, 30 and IG II ² 1326, ll. 17, 30, 33, 45
iv. Officials	Treasurer (ταμία, <i>tamias</i>, IG II² 1325, ll. 20, 32; IG II² 1326, ll. 10, 51). Priest (τὴν ἱερωσύνην τοῦ Διονύσου, <i>ten hierosynen tou Dionysou</i>, IG II² 1325, l. 21; IG II² 1326, ll. 9-10, 33-4).
Known practice of appointment	It seems that the succession to priesthood was hereditary: IG II ² 1326, 29-31.
vi. Laws and rules	Crowning according to the law of the group in IG II² 1325, ll. 27-8; IG II² 1326, ll. 22-3: ἐστεφάνωσαν κατὰ τὸν νόμον, <i>estephanosan kata ton nomon</i>. According to another law of the association the eldest son of the deceased Dionysios would be appointed to the priesthood, IG II² 1326, l. 29-31: περὶ ᾧ καὶ ὁ νόμος τῶν ὀργεόνων καλεῖ πρῶτον ἐπὶ ταῦτα τὸν πρεσβύτατον τῶν υἱῶν (l. υἱῶν), <i>peri hon kai ho nomos ton orgeonon kalei proton epi tauta ton presbytaton ton hyon</i> (l. hyion).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The man honoured donated land (τόπος, <i>topos</i> , IG II ² 1325, l. 26; IG II ² 1326, ll. 12-3) to build a sanctuary in order to honour the god according to the ancestral custom.
iv. Endowments	Dionysios has endowed the association with 1,000 dr., so that from the money's proceedings the group will be able to perform the ancestral monthly sacrifices, ἐπέδωκεν δὲ καὶ εἰς τὸ κοινὸν δραχμὰς χιλίας ὅπως ἔχωσιν ἀπὸ τῆς προσόδου θύειν τῷ θεῷ κατὰ τὰ μῆνα ἑκάστον κ]ατὰ τὰ πάτρια, <i>epedoken de kai eis to koinon drachmas chilas hopos echosin apo tes prosodou thyein toi theoi ka]ta mena hekaston k]ata ta patria</i> , IG II ² 1325, ll. 23-4; IG II ² 1326, l. 12.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Fifteen men are attested in IG II ² 1325, ll. 3-17.
iii. Age	Adults
iv. Status	All are citizens
v. Relations	In the group participates Dionysios and his three sons, Agathokles (IG II ² 1325, l. 4; IG II ² 1326, l. 34), Dionysios II (IG II ² 1326, l. 42), and Kallikrates (IG II ² 1326, l. 32).

X. ACTIVITIES

i. Assemblies	Both decrees were issued after an assembly in the month <i>Posideon</i> (December/January); it is designated as the main assembly (ἀγορῶν κυρία, <i>agorai kyriai</i> , IG II ² 1325, l. 18; IG II ² 1326, l. 2).
iii. Worship	Sacrifices (θυσίαι, <i>thysiai</i> , IG II ² 1325, 23; IG II ² 1326, l. 14) and libations (σπονδαί, <i>spondai</i> , IG II ² 1325, l. 29) are mentioned.
Deities worshipped	The god Dionysos (IG II ² 1325, ll. 1, 21; IG II ² 1326, ll. 17, 34) and the heroized Dionysios (ὄπως ἀφηρωϊσθεῖ Διονύσιος, <i>hopos apherōisthei Dionysios</i> , IG II ² 1326, ll. 45-6). Ferguson 1944: 115 n.56 claims that the heroized individual was Agathokles, father of Dionysios I.
iv. Honours/Other activities	Dionysios is praised (ἐπαινέσαι, <i>epainesai</i> , IG II ² 1325, l. 27) and honoured with an ivy leaves crown (κιττοῦ στέφανος, <i>kittou stephanos</i> , IG II ² 1325, l. 28) and a proclamation of the crown (καὶ ἀναγορεῦσαι τὸν στέφανον τοῦτον, <i>kai anagoreusai ton stephanon touton</i> , IG II ² 1325, l. 29).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The decrees are dated in the archonships of Eupolemos (IG II ² 1325) and Hippakos (IG II ² 1326). The inscription IG II ² 2948 preserving an epigram with invocation to Dionysos and <i>thiasos</i> belongs to the same context, both archaeological and chronological.
ii. Poland concordance	IG II ² 1325 = Poland A4a-b IG II ² 1326 = Poland A4c

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

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Note

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