

October 5, 1976

Reverend Father Arten Ashjian, President
Parish Council, St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church
4605 Erie Street
Racine, Wisconsin 53402

Dear Father Ashjian:

It has been customary for the St. Mesrob Women's Guild to elect officers to a one year term and each position to be an elective office.

At the September general membership meeting of the St. Mesrob Women's Guild, twenty-six (26) members were present, twenty-four (24) of whom are paid voting members, and who constituted a quorum as presented in a motion at the onset of the meeting. A question regarding Article IX, specifically sections 4 and 5, was brought before the members. The sections read, for your information, as follows:

Section 4 - In the first instance as close as possible to half of the committee members shall be elected for a one-year term, and the remaining members for a two-year term. Thereafter, half shall be elected to the Executive Committee each year for a term of two years.

Section 5 - Officers shall be elected annually within the Executive Committee.

In the presentation of section 4, a yes vote signified approval as read; and a no vote stipulated a one year term. A paper ballot was taken and the tally was twenty-two (22) votes no, and four (4) votes yes.

In the presentation of section 5, a yes vote complied with the section as written and a no vote designated that each officer of the Executive Board be elected to position by the general membership. A paper ballot was taken and the tally was twenty-four (24) votes no and two (2) votes yes.

Attached is a copy of Article IX in its entirety with the revisions incorporated according to the vote of the membership.

In order to carry this through for our next election, we must have the approval of the Parish Council.

Sincerely,

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
ST. MESROB WOMEN'S GUILD

(Mrs.) Var Cherkinian, Chairman

Attachment - 1

CC: 2

Mrs Paul Chobanian, Chairman, Parish Council
Mr. John Esayian, Liason to the Women's Guild
Mr. Sarkis Cherkinian, Diocesan Delegate
Mr. Charles Hardy, Diocesan Delegate
Mr. George Stevoff, Diocesan Delegate

ARTICLE IX - FUNCTION AND FORMATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1 - The Executive Board is the Executor of the will of the general membership meeting.
- Section 2 - Any qualified member of the Women's Guild may be elected a member of the Executive Board after one year of membership.
- Section 3 - The Executive Board shall consist of five to nine members: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and three Advisors, one of whom shall be the immediate past chairman. If there are only five members, the positions of one secretary, the assistant treasurer, and two advisors may be eliminated.
- Section 4 - The Executive Board members shall be elected to serve for a one year term.
- Section 5 - All officers of the Executive Board shall be elected by position by the general membership at its November membership meeting.
- Section 6 - To be eligible to serve as Guild Chairman, a member must have served on the Executive Board at least one year and should be a dues-paying member of the local parish.
- Section 7 - Members of the Executive Board may be re-elected for one year (additional) term and after the interim of one year, may become eligible for election again to the Executive Board.
- Section 8 - Officers who without reason are absent during their term of office three consecutive times shall be officially notified of the termination of their office, and the person who has received the next highest number of votes shall be invited to serve.
- Section 9 - Whenever the duty of an officer terminates, the officer shall transfer all records, books, documents, funds and other articles of the Guild in her possession to the new Executive Board.
- Section 10 - The meetings of the Executive Board shall be held once a month or more often if necessary.