

REPORT OF RESOLUTION/COURTESIES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the ACYOA extends their most sincere and unwavering greetings to His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of all Armenians who has continuously shown his paternal love and concern for the ACYOA, be it resolved that on this occasion we pledge our obedience, love and allegiance to His Holiness, The Catholicos and to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

WHEREAS, our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, President of the ACYOA, has shown his support, guidance and love in the ACYOA, his efforts, understanding and respect to the youth of the Armenian Church; be it resolved that the members of the ACYOA extend their deep respect and appreciation to His Excellence and pledge continued support and loyalty to His Eminence and to our Diocese.

WHEREAS, North America has become the home of many, including those of Armenian ancestry, be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its best wishes to the Government of the United States and to President Ronald Reagan and to the Government of Canada and its Prime Minister Jöhn Turner.

WHEREAS, all the Chairmen and delegates attending the 1984 General Assembly are greatly appreciated for their services and participation rendered.

WHEREAS, Melanie Barsamian, Central Council Vice Chairman and Vaughn Totovian, Central Council Treasurer, and completed their terms of office, giving their time and energy in order to make the ACYOA a strong and successful organization; be it resolved that the ACYOA expresses its heartfelt respect and appreciation for all their hard work and dedication.

WHEREAS, the 1984 General Assembly and Sports Weekend of the ACYOA is being hosted by the Palos Heights Chapter, be it resolved that this Assembly wishes to thank Kevin Giragosian, Sports Weekend Chairman, and all of his committee members for all their dedicated work in making this year's General Assembly and Sports Weekend a success.

WHEREAS, the ACYOA General Assembly welcomes and appreciates the Representatives of the ACYOA Western Diocese, John Valdezian and Tory Topjian for their interest and suggestions to our organizations.

WHEREAS, the ACYOA expresses sincere thanks to the members of the Saints ~~St.~~ Joachim & Anne Parish for their efforts in making the 1984 General Assembly a success. Special thanks are extended to the Womens Guild, parents, Senior Citizens, and Parish Council Chairman, Dennis Vander Meer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all ACYOA members solemnly promise and declare that as a member of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America and Canada, they shall honor our martyrs in the form of a commemorative remembrance of April 24, 1915 on its 70th Anniversary. We shall reach out into the whole Armenian community and join together as one people, to honor those who lost their lives and those who suffered in the Genocide.

WHEREAS, ~~let it be~~ our goal as Christian Armanian Youth to share our 70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide not only with our Armenian community but also with the American Society we live in.

THEREBY BE IT RESOLVED, the Armenian Church Organization of America hereby adopts the position drafted by the 1982 Diocesan Assembly condemning terrorism in all its forms.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Cholmakjian-Detroit  
Stephen Sarkisian-Watertown

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

It was unanimously agreed to appoint Kirk Noraian recording secretary.

Sugestions to increase membership:

1. Expedite national youth listing by encouraging individual chapters to send as many correct addresses as possible to George Sevarjian of Central Council, i.e. recent Sunday school, graduating seniors, Armenians school graduating classes and old junior ACYOA membership rosters preferably with birthdates.
2. Upon completion of yourth listing Central Council should offer local area addresses on mailing label format to chapters at cost.
3. Encourage chapters to use available media resources, i.e., BEMA, church bulletins and newsletters, Armenian radio hours and newspapers, fliers etc. advertising coming events as well as recent successful events. Chapter chairman should send an appeal to their respective communities.
4. Appeal to individual interests. It's not necessarily the number of participants but that the events be enjoyable. For instance, Armenian dancing lessons, and horseback riding.
5. Executive boards should go out of their way to set the example by welcoming new members.
6. Offer complimentary 1-year memberships to graduating Sunday school seniors to be paid by the individual chapter treasuries. Also, to encourage and invite prospective members. Also, to invite them to participate in senior ACYOA sponsored events before actual membership.
7. Plan and organize events and meetings far enough in advance to avoid perpetuating disinterest in the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

George Jevarjian (C.C.)  
Mary Odabashia (Phil)  
Melina Spinozza (Evan)  
Kirk Norian (Det)  
Shake Ajamian (Bay)  
Ani Mavoulian (Houston)  
Cheryl Arslanian (Clev)

PROGRAM IDEAS  
COMMITTEE REPORT

I. Local

- A. Square dance with professional caller
- B. Beer and Beef -  
All beef and beer you can have for \$10 -  
Very casual affair.
- C. Holiday Parties  
Valentine's, New Years, Haunted House
- D. Progressive dinner  
5 course meal - course in each house.
- E. Old Armenian theme dinner/dance
- F. Ski trips, camping trips and other outings
- G. ACYOA day on Palm Sunday  
breakfast/brunch after service w/ACYOA awareness  
exhibit (?)  
Take on parish duties for that day
- H. Martyrs Day Commemoration  
Weekend closest to April 24th  
Saturday of that weekend hold a 5-mile run  
Open to public  
T-shirts for runners w/ Martyrs Day Run  
Proceeds will go to both Armenian and other  
causes (for ex. American Cancer Society)
- I. Schedule other events w/meetings -  
Dinner, educational program etc.

\*Suggestion: Plan events when not competing w/others -  
For example, Halloween is time when there  
are many other parties.

\*\*Suggestion: Plan a pre-Sports Weekend event for fund-  
raising for Sports Weekend promotion.

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II. National

A. Education Programs

1. Set up individual presentations w/speakers on local level
  - a. religion
  - b. history
  - c. music
  - d. architecture and art

Geared towards family participation

2. Setting up educational packets to be used by all chapters

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- B. Awareness - Sending out executive update to all members  
Having all chapter submit info and calendar of their events. Put out on quarterly basis.

C. Educational Scholarship Program

1. set up eligibility requirements
2. determine review standards
3. Central Council assuming responsibility of choosing recipient
4. should be presented at National Sports Weekend
5. set up scholarship fund
  - Suggestions for fundraising-
    - i) to be taken out of Sports Weekend (profit or ad book pages as designated for scholarship donations.)
    - ii) specific scholarship fundraising event as a dance or bake sale
6. Make scholarship amount flexible

Program Ideas Committee Members:

Chairperson - Kathy Terzian (Detroit)  
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Nora Ovassapian (Evanston)  
Diana Akinian (Philadelphia)  
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