

1989 ACYOA General Assembly
Second Session
Thursday, August 31, 1989

INVOCATION:

The Second Session of the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by Assembly Chairman, Greg Arpajian, at 9:30 a.m. The Primate led the Assembly in the opening prayer service with Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian (Fair Lawn), Rafi Topalian (Watervliet), and Harry Sakarya (Canada) assisting.

ROLL CALL:

Lisa Manookian (First Session Assembly Secretary) called the roll. 51 delegates were present (including chapter chairmen and clergy).

APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY SECRETARY:

The Chair appointed Lisa Najarian (Worcester) as Assembly Secretary.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES:

The Chair announced the appointments to the Assembly committees. (Note: The list will be included in the full set of Minutes to be distributed to the delegates at a later date).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF FIRST ASSEMBLY SESSION:

Under Invocation, it should be noted that Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) was the Assembly Vice Chairman, not the Assembly Chairman.

Under Roll Call, it should be noted that "29 of 48 possible elected delegates" were present.

Under Announcements, Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian (Fair Lawn) remarked that announcements in the Minutes should only pertain to those announcements which have a direct bearing on the Assembly proceedings. Charlie Shooshan (Hartford) stated that any announcement made during the Assembly should either be recorded in the Minutes or not be recorded in the Minutes and suggested that the Assembly take a vote. Discussion followed.

The Primate requested a clarification of Paragraph 2. Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) gave a summary.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) re-phrased the Paragraph to read: "The host committee requests that all individuals who purchased their tickets through Continental Airlines allow the host committee to make a copy of the ticket so that proper credit can be received from the Airlines;" and made a motion to accept the announcements in the Minutes with the substitution of the 2nd paragraph from the Minutes of the First Session. The motion was seconded by Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge) and passed with a 28-10 vote.

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) then made a motion to accept the Minutes with all the corrections noted; seconded by Charlie Shooshan (Hartford). The motion carried.

Randy Dagley (Watertown) thanked the Secretary for a job well done in preparing the Minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF CLERGY AND GUESTS:

The Chair introduced the Reverend Clergy participating in the Assembly and welcomed our guests from the ACYOC Central Council and the ACYO-WD Central Council.

INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER REPORTS:

Below is a brief summary of each chapter's report:

Bayside: Presented by Kathy Keusey. Bayside has 31 dues-paid members and has monthly meetings. Their activities have included a spring concert to raise money for the earthquake victims and a bak sale on Palm Sunday. They also sent two teams to the Archbishop's Tournament in Elberon, NJ.

Boca Raton: Presented by Rena Jebejian. Boca Raton has 23 dues-paid members. They sponsored a cultural day, set up a 24-hour hotline for the earthquake victims (which raised over \$6,500), and a Martyrs Day Program. They also participated in Christmas Eve Services, honored the Dade County Firefighters (who went to Armenia to assist the earthquake victims) and hosted the Chapter 'A' Mission Team from Watertown.

Cambridge: Presented by Rachel Onanian. Cambridge has 28 dues-paid members. Their activities have included the following: intercollegiate dance and other activities, a Super Bowl party, lenten dinners and their annual Palm Sunday Banquet. They also had an earthquake benefit dance in January. Upcoming activities include a picnic and a car wash.

Cleveland: Presented by Leslie Bagdasarian. Cleveland has 31 dues-paid members and has monthly meetings. Their activities have included the following: Palm Sunday Brunch and Program, participation in the 25th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church, hosting the Hye Christian Encounter in April, and participating in the community efforts to raise funds for the earthquake victims. Leslie also announced that Cleveland will be bidding for the 1990 General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

Detroit: Presented by Sara Andonian. Detroit has over 40 dues-paid members. Their activities have included assisting their parish with the annual bazaar, sponsoring their annual November Dance, assisting the parish in earthquake relief efforts, participating in a Pan Orthodox tournament, and sponsoring a summer picnic. Additionally, Detroit hosts the coffee and fellowship hour on feast days.

Evanston: Presented by Melina Spinuzza. Evanston has 38 dues-paid members. They have participated in the local earthquake relief efforts and Martyrs Day and are in the process of compiling a mailing list of all Armenians living in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Fair Lawn: Presented by Lynda Chagachbanian. Fair Lawn has 37 dues-paid members and was formed this year after the Northern New Jersey chapter was divided into four different chapters. They sponsored an ACYOA Day program, went to the Museum of Natural History in New York and sponsored a raffle to help raise funds for the earthquake relief team. They have also been sponsoring Bible Studies and will continue to do so in the future.

Greenfield: Presented by Haig Derderian. Greenfield has 10 dues-paid members. Their activities have included the following: Armenian Martyrs Day Program, hosting the Christian Leadership Conference in October, and participating in a clothes drive to assist the earthquake victims.

Hartford: Presented by Charlie Shooshan. Hartford has 22 dues-paid members. Their activities have included the following: earthquake relief dinner, Armenian language crash course, participating in the New England Regional Committee and working on the New England Regional Anniversary Ball, which they will host on September 30, 1989.

Dallas: Presented by Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian. Dallas has 8 members and is a mission parish.

Houston: Presented by Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian. Houston has 16 dues-paid members and sponsored a Palm Sunday banquet this year.

Providence: Presented by Steve Megrđichian. Providence has 60 dues-paid members, 30 of whom are active. Their activities included: participating in the Church bazaar and 75th Anniversary celebration, a New England Regional Volleyball Tournament, hosting intercollegiate activities, a Christmas dance, fund raising for the earthquake victims, Lenten activities, their annual Palm Sunday Banquet, and assisting the parish with the annual Church picnic. Providence also hosted a Diocesan program (Sources of Our Faith), had a Simit Sale, and sent three members of their chapter to Armenia as part of the Earthquake Relief Team. They have also been assisting the Central Council with updating the mailing list. Upcoming activities include a cultural program, a Christmas dance, and hosting a national retreat.

San Antonio: Presented by Gail Tashjian. San Antonio has 7 dues-paid members and is a mission parish. They are a new chapter and are participating in their first General Assembly. Two members attended this year's Cultural Weekend in New York City.

Watertown: Presented by Susan Kapilian. Watertown has 40 dues-paid members. They have sponsored intercollegiate activities, earthquake lectures and were part of the "Mission Team" which went to Boca Raton for the Chapter "A" Assistance Program. They will also be bidding for the 1990 General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

Watervliet: Presented by Rafi Topalian. Watervliet has 30 members, some of whom serve on the Parish Council and in the Choir. They attended the Montreal General Assembly and participated in the 90th Anniversary celebration of their parish. Rafi made mention of the passing of member, Lynn Hartounian, who was a passenger on Flight 103.

Worcester: Presented by Beth Bilbilian. Worcester has 22 dues-paid members. Their activities have included participating in the annual church bazaar, a regional volleyball tournament, Youth Sunday, lenten dinners, and regional conferences. They also assisted in the earthquake relief efforts, sponsored a Palm Sunday banquet, dance, and intercollegiate activities. They also chaired the annual church picnic. Worcester will assist with the upcoming Diocesan Assembly which is being hosted by the Worcester parish.

Westchester: Presented by Leslie Kalaydjian. Westchester has 15 dues-paid members and had a barbecue recently. They are in the process of reorganizing and have picked up some very interesting ideas from the various presentations made.

Wynnewood: Presented by Lisa Manooġian. Wynnewood has 29 dues-paid members, some of whom participate in the Choir and teach Sunday School. Their activities have included the following: sponsoring the annual Palm Sunday banquet, sponsoring a lenten dinner, white-water rafting, and assisting their parish with various activities. They also participated in the earthquake relief effort and assisted with the parish's 25th Anniversary celebration. Upcoming activities include assisting their Parish with the annual Bazaar and assisting the Choir with the Choir Convention.

REPORT OF NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE:

The Chair gave a brief description of the purpose of the Committee. Richard Mardirosian served as Chairman of the Committee. Meetings were held every other month. Eight chapters actively participated and 20-25 people were present during each meeting. Central Council members and the Executive Secretary were present at each meeting.

REPORT OF ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Scott Najarian, ACYOA Central Council Chairman, presented the Report of the ACYOA Central Council and the Executive Secretary and comments and corrections were noted. (Note: Corrections were made on a copy of the report by the Secretary and will be detailed in the full set of Minutes to be distributed at a later date).

Scott gave a few remarks at the end about his tenure on Council and thanked the Primate, former ACYOA Executive Secretary, Tony Barsamian, and Executive Secretary, Doug Tashjian, as well as the Council for their support and cooperation.

Melina Spinuzza, ACYOA Central Council Treasurer, presented the financial report and membership status. Discussion followed wherein questions were asked and clarifications were made.

Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) commended the Council on a job well done.

Sara Andonian (Detroit) moved to accept the Minutes as presented; seconded by John Diradourian (Bayside). The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ADDRESS OF PRIMATE:

Scott Najarian (Central Council) made a motion to move the address of the Primate from XVIII to XXI(G); seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside).

RECESS:

Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) moved to recess; seconded by Vasken Babigian (Watertown). The motion carried and the Assembly recessed at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Najarian
Assembly Secretary



Lisa Manookian
Asst. Assembly Secretary

1989 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
THIRD SESSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1989

The Third Session of the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by Assembly Chairman, Greg Arpajian, at 3:40 p.m.

The Chair appointed Charlie Shooshan (Hartford) as Asst. Parliamentarian.

The Chair introduced newly-arrived guests from the ACYOC Central Council and the ACYO-WD Central Council.

ROLL CALL:

Lisa Manookian (Central Council) called the roll. 54 delegates were present (including chapter chairmen and clergy).

The Chair requested that all promotion materials distributed during the meetings be passed through him first.

The Chair then asked Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) to review parliamentary procedure on making a motion. Charlie Shooshan (Hartford) made additional comments.

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE ~~PREVIOUS~~ SESSION:

Brian Bogosian (Lawrence) made a motion to suspend the agenda and present the Minutes of the Second Session at the beginning of the Fourth Session; seconded by Sara Andonian (Detroit). The motion carried.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A representative from each committee presented a report and made recommendations. The reports will be typed and copied for distribution tomorrow during the Fourth Session.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) made a motion to accept the Assembly Committee reports; seconded by John Diradourian (Bayside).

ADDRESS OF THE ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Douglas Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary, addressed the Assembly. Doug began by thanking the Primate for his dedicated support and guidance. Doug also thanked Scott Najarian, ACYOA Central Council Chairman, and the remaining Council members for their dedication to the organization. He noted an increase in

membership and activities and stated that the organization is going in the right direction. Doug also thanked the Diocesan staff and the Executive Director of the Diocese, Syraun Palvetzian, for assisting him with various ACYOA projects.

Doug noted the involvement of the ACYOA in the earthquake relief efforts and spoke about the ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team and the work they did in Armenia.

At this time, Greg Arpajian (Assembly Chairman) relinquished the Chair to Brian Bogosian (Assembly Vice Chairman).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - ELECTIONS:

The Chair called upon Richard Mardirosian (Hartford), Nominating Committee member, to present the slate of candidates prepared by the Committee. Richard presented the following slate:

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)
Beth Bilbilian (Worcester)
Sonya Gasparian (Providence)
Rena Jebejian (Boca Raton)
Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)
Greg Saraydarian (Bayside)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Sara Andonian (Detroit)
Ani Kantzabedian (Dallas)
Susan Kapilian (Watertown)
Lisa Najarian (Worcester)
Charlie Shooshan (Hartford)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gary Alexander (Cambridge)
Susan Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
Stephanie Masoian (Providence)
John Megrdochian (Providence)
Steve Megrdochian (Providence)
Scott Najarian (Worcester)
Laura Negosian (Detroit)
Christine Shooshan (Hartford)

Richard opened the floor for nominations.

Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester) moved to close nominations for the ACYOA Central Council; seconded by John Diradourian (Bayside). The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian (Fair Lawn) nominated Lisa Vartabedian (Fair Lawn) for the Auditing Committee; seconded by John Diradourian (Bayside). Lisa accepted.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to close nominations for the Auditing Committee; seconded by Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton). The

motion carried.

Greg Doudoukjian (Tenafly) nominated Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn) for the Nominating Committee; seconded by Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton). Lynda accepted.

Greg Arpajian (Cleveland) nominated Vasken Babigian (Watertown); seconded by Anthony Barsamian (Cambridge). Vasken accepted.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) moved to close nominations; seconded by Anthony Barsamian (Cambridge).

A secret ballot vote was taken. Each delegate handed in three folded sheets of paper (one for each category) as his/her name was called.

ADDRESS OF PRIMATE:

The Primate addressed the Assembly delegates. (Note: The Primate's Address will be typed and included in the full set of Minutes to be distributed at a later date).

RECESS:

Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) made a motion to recess; seconded by Greg Doudoukjian (Tenafly). The motion carried and the Assembly recessed at 6:15 p.m.