

FAMILY CONVENTION AND SPORTS WEEKEND PROPOSAL

THE INTER-DIOCESAN ACYO CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 1991

I. PROPOSAL CREATION

A. At the 1990 ACYOA Sports Weekend and Annual Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio, the Bishops of the Eastern Diocese and Canada requested that the youth directors of both Diocese look into the creation of an inter-diocese convention for Armenian youth and young adults.

Four meetings were held in 1990-1991 to develop variations for such an inter-diocese convention of Armenian youth and young adults.

The wishes of both Primates were that such a weekend include many aspects of Armenian Church and family life. Armenian Religion, Art, Culture, and Heritage being some examples.

II. PROPOSAL

Over the span of one years' time, the youth directors in consultation with the Central Council Chairpersons have arrived at this following proposal;

THAT THE ACYOA, ACYOC, ACYO-WD WILL CONVENE A NORTH AMERICAN FAMILY CONVENTION EVERY OTHER YEAR BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 1994, FROM FRIDAY, JULY 1ST THROUGH MONDAY JULY 4TH. THE WEEKEND WILL BE INSTALLED IN PLACE OF THE ACYOA, ACYOC, & ACYO-WD SPORTS WEEKEND, WHILE THE ACYO ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR EACH RESPECTIVE DIOCESE WILL STILL CONVENE. THE CONVENTION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY A COMMITTEE MADE UP OF THREE DIOCESE ACYOA AS A GENERAL COMMITTEE AND VARIOUS HOST REGIONAL COMMITTEES WITH SUB-COMMITTEES.

III. RATIONAL AND OBJECTIVES

A. That presently all three Sports Weekend's do not reach enough Armenians

B. That by combining a weekend every two years we will still maintain a local sports weekend every other year, while combining resources for a major convention the second year.

C. By combining resources, talent, energy towards a major event that would bring in numbers greater than four to eight times larger than our present convention size; we can offer more at a more affordable price and make much more money for each Central Council's operating budget.

D. Through extensive research, hotel, airfare, meal packages, tour packages, and general overall packaging costs will be drastically less expensive than the cost of our current weekend package plans.

E. With a larger audience we will give new energy to the Armenian Church in North America as a result of such a convention, while maintaining the smaller convention intimacy on the off years.

F. Date Rational: On the week end of July 1 through 4, 1994, it is being verified that both Canada and the United States have holidays on each end of that weekend, this would accommodate both countries Armenian Church communities.

G. Location: Through much investigation, Boston and Chicago seem presently to be very attractive cities for such an Armenian Family Convention. After 1994, the Convention could rotate to the Canadian Diocese then to the Western Diocese, then continue as such.

IV. BENEFITS AND CONCERNS

A. This date would be chosen far in advance and we would reserve this date so as not to conflict with other youth and young adult organizations such as the AGBU, ASA, HALF, and the ANA.

B. With the Armenian Family participation, the natural experience in the Armenian will be revitalized on a North American scale. Clergy will attend, men and women, young families, young adults, youth and children. For one weekend we will enjoy the Christian Armenian Family Fellowship (To be discussed later).

C. Clergy concerns with Sports Weekend.

D. ACYO Delegate Concerns

1. Sports Weekend and Assembly Assessment
2. Break with tradition
3. Achieving goals.

E. Convention/Resort v. Business/Leadership

V. NEW HORIZONS

A. The new ACYO North American Family Conventions can do many things a regular sports weekend cannot do;

1. Religious, Educational, Cultural, and Social Programs.

2. Fellowship, Mid-Night Badarak, Artist Exhibits, Forums, Concerts, Talent, Tradition, Sports etc. Skies the limit (see recommendations).

VI. PROPOSAL PREPARATION FOR 1992 ASSEMBLIES AND APPROVAL/ADOPTION OR REJECTION BY CENTRAL COUNCILS TODAY

Vehicle needs to be discussed first to accept this proposal or reject it, and then if accepted, preparations need to be made to implement and then have respective assemblies pass the Central Council proposal at each ACYO Assembly.

Respectively Submitted,

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Antranig Barsamian, Former ACYOA Ex. Sec.

"HYE HOKIN" - PROPOSAL 1992

PLAN: To submit this proposal for approval and action by the Primate and Diocesan Council.

The purpose of "Hye Hokin" is to establish an open forum, a vehicle for our members to exchange views and receive information. The views that are written in the newsletter are that of the writers and may not reflect the views of the ACYOA national organization.

PRODUCTION PROCESS: The Editor will be a paid position, that person will be selected by Central Council. The Coordinator is a volunteer position and that person will be appointed by Central Council to gather articles and consult with the Editor. After reviewing articles submitted, the Editor and Coordinator will be responsible for forwarding those articles of religious content to an appointed member of the clergy for review of "factual, accuracy of theological doctrine." Central Council will recommend to the Primate and Diocesan Council clergy members for consideration. The Editorial Staff has the authority to choose the theme for each quarterly issue, in consultation with Central Council. Once copy has been approved, it will be forwarded to the Design Coordinator for layout and paste-up in preparation for print production. Once ready for print production, a final copy (otherwise known as the "blues") will be forwarded to the Editor for final inspection. At this point, the actual production of the publication will begin. Upon completion, the newsletter will be sent to the attention of the Director of Youth Ministry. He will be responsible for ensuring that the distribution of the newsletter is completed in a timely manner.

SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Central Council ensures that "Hye Hokin" will be printed and will assume costs to achieve this if necessary.
- 2) The Editor and Coordinator must be given access to the Diocesan computer.
- 3) It is the responsibility of the Editor to research costs and time-efficient ways to ensure printing and mailing of the publication.

This Committee was comprised of the following individuals who will ensure that this proposal is given due consideration: Laurie Onanian, Jill Arslanian, Scott Najarian, Lucine Baronian, Arpi Bouroujian, Karen Saraydarian, Lisa Manookian, and Dean Shahinian (observer)

August 29, 1991

A.C.Y.O.A./C/WD ADMINISTRATIVE
INTERACTION PROPOSALS

These proposals have been developed to help our organization operate with more ease at an interdiocesan capacity. The primary objectives are to increase administrative, cultural, religious and social interaction within our organization. In effect, the capacity at which our organization operates as an educational facility for our youth will undoubtedly be enhanced.

PROPOSAL 1: A.C.Y.O. ANNUAL CALENDAR

To include the major national events of our sister organizations on our National Annual Calendar of events. In addition, any special event(s) of our sister organizations should also be included.

A list of these events and their dates should be exchanged by the three Central Councils by _____ of each year.

PROPOSAL 2: MAILING LIST

To forward to our sister A.C.Y.O. Central Councils a mailing list to include the following names, addresses and telephone numbers:

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This list should be formally forwarded to the A.C.Y.O. Central Council Chairman semiannually, on February 15th and August 15th. vice

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BISHOP HOVNAN DERDERIAN, PRIMATE

No. 91.637
October 16, 1991

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PROPOSAL 3: PUBLICATION

To reserve a space in our respective A.C.Y.O. National Publication strictly for interdiocesan information. This space may be used for articles, announcements (i.e. advertising), reports, etc.

The publications in question are:-

- 1.- A.C.Y.O.C. OUTREACH
- 2.- A.C.Y.O.A. HYE HOKIN
- 3.- A.C.Y.O.W.D.

In addition, a single page should be reserved in our National Weekend Booklet for our sister organizations' Central Councils.

PROPOSAL 4: PROGRAM INTERACTION

To allow involvement of youth from our sister organizations in Diocesan-wide Youth Programs (including A.C.Y.O. Programs). This should only be done via formal invitation which should include a program description and any other pertinent information..

PROPOSAL 5: BORDER CHAPTER INTERACTION

To facilitate border chapters interaction by providing these chapters with a contact list of selected border chapters. To improve dialogue between these chapters, all announcements and flyers should be forwarded to chapter executives and the church.



**GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF
PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

SCHEDULE "A"

(Pertains to proposals and/or changes to existing ACYOA documents)

The following procedure should be followed when submitting proposals and/or changes to existing ACYOA documents:

[Proposed Change] or [New Proposal/Amendment]
[Article ____, Section ____] or [Part ____, Section ____]
or [Rule No. ____]
[Name of Document] _____

Presently:

[Section as it presently reads, "word for word," in the document. If new proposal, skip this part.]

Proposed:

[Proposed change as it will read, "word for word," in the document]

Additional:

[Optional - to give additional direction not to be included in the document itself]

Rationale:

[Reasons in support of this proposal or proposed change]

Please refer to the 1988 ACYOA General Assembly Minutes and 1989 ACYOA General Assembly Minutes for examples.

SCHEDULE "B"

(Pertains to general proposals)

The following procedure should be followed for the submission of general proposals:

[General Proposal]

Proposal:

[Self-explanatory]

Rationale:

[Reasons in support of proposal]

Example:

General Proposal

Proposal:

The ACYOA Programming Committee recommends that the Central Council reinstitute the two-week trip to Armenia with a focus on older ACYOA members as participants.

Rationale:

The success of the Armenian Studies Program has been proven over the years by its increased participation. We feel this program would benefit those in the working world and help to perpetuate our cultural, faith and heritage.

ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM SUMMER 1991 PROPOSAL

The annual ACYQA Armenian Studies Program will be offered this summer to ACYQA members from June 19th through July 22nd, 1991. The four week tour will include a three weeks in Armenia and one week touring Moscow, Leningrad, and Paris.

The ASP participants will have a different mission than previous ASP groups. Unlike past years, ASP Tour participant will not only visit Armenia, tour ancient sights, churches, and monasteries. This group will actually assist in the reawakening of the Armenian Christian spirit throughout the motherland.

The ASP Tour participant will stay at a Yerevan Hotel (Hotel Armenia) and work with the Yerevan Diocese to assist in teaching the Armenian faith to the Armenian people. Working with other young adults in fellowship, ASP participants will distribute religious materials, teach, and pray with other Armenians.

Recently, during a meeting with Bishop Karekin Nersissian, Vicar of the Araratian Patriarchal Diocese, he requested that the churches of Armenia are in great need of prayer cards with short proverbs and religious pictures. Such cards could be easily printed here and brought with us. Also, books, bibles, and religious supplements could be brought along with our tour group.

To supplement this Christian Missionary work, our tour group will travel to Leninagan to view the earthquake region, travel to as many of the historical sights as we can, and visit Etchmiadzin frequently. Museums, Opera Houses and other cultural activities will still be a part of the tour program. But will be supplemented by the mission that the tour group will perform.

A letter must be sent to Armenia to the Religious Educational Committee of Etchmiadzin to arrange for our daily activities, while we draw up our plan here. We will need to work with priests and deacons to minister to the people, and many of our group members will have to communicate in Armenian.

Also, our group could meet with the new Armenian Church Youth and Young Adult groups to create bonds that will be established to continue communication throughout the year.

The Tour participants will pay for airfare to Armenia and connecting cities. Etchmiadzin will provide accommodations and meals once in Armenia.

SCHEDULE

June 19th, 1991 -

Gather at Diocesan Center NYC Armenia for orientation. Leave for JFK Airport and depart to Paris with Sidon Travel as agent. Connect in Paris to direct flight to Armenia.

June 20th, 1991 through July 12, 1991 -

Arrive in Armenia and get settled in the hotel. Travel to Etchmiadzin to get the Catholicos's blessing. Begin a three week schedule in conjunction with Armenia's Religious Educational Committee which will include meetings, prayer sessions, meditations, bible readings, and religious education. Seminararians from St. Nesses could be helpful as participants in aiding our group.

Other activities will include daily Armenian classes, dance classes, and singing classes. Along with daily excursions to other Dioceses within Armenia.

July 12th through 14th, 1991 -

Tour of Moscow. Armenian Church, Red Square, Museums, Kremlin, and city life.

July 14th through 18th, 1991 -

Tour of Leningrad. Museums, Cultural Centers and city life.

July 18th -

Back to Armenia for relaxation.

July 19th through 21st-

Flight to Paris and tour of the city.

July 22nd, 1991-

Flight to the United States, JFK New York City.