

ATTENTION!

ALL DELEGATES TO THE 1990 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Enclosed for your information and reference are materials pertaining to the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly. Please review these materials so that you will be an informed participant.

Special attention should be given to the **Delegate Credential Cards** that are enclosed. When properly filled out and affixed with the authorized signatures, the bearer may participate in the Assembly proceedings with full voice and voting privileges, providing his or her chapter is in good standing with the National Organization. This means that the chapter has submitted the following:

1. 1990 membership dues (with penalty fees where applicable).
2. Listing of 1990 dues-paid members.
3. Listing of Chapter Executive Committee.
4. Submission of Chapter Annual Report.
5. Special Event Report (where applicable).

If you you have any questions regarding the above, contact the ACYOA Central Council Chairman, Lisa Manookian, at (215) 649-8426. If you have questions regarding dues, please contact the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer, Charlie Shooshan, at (203) 667-4552.

Proposed Change
ACYOA Anniversary Ball Guidelines

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2. The host chapter, in each region, shall be selected from those submitting bids to the Central Council. If no bids are received in a timely manner, the Central Council shall appoint a chapter to host the Anniversary Ball.
3. The event will have an alumni orientation (i.e. reunion, etc.) as well as encourage the participation of current ACYOA members.
4. The format for the Anniversary Ball shall be left to the discretion of the host chapter:

Option A

A weekend format consisting of a Friday evening mixer; a daytime attraction/event followed by a banquet and ball on Saturday; and Sunday Badarak followed by a brunch or picnic.

Option B

A one-day banquet and ball format.

5. The Central Council treasurer shall provide the host committee with seed money of \$1,000.00, immediately upon request.
6. This event is subject to the Membership Incentive Program. All dues-paid members on record with the ACYOA Central Council at least one week prior to the event and who have paid the full package plan price shall receive a refund of \$10.00.
7. A detailed report including financial records shall be kept. The report shall be turned over to the Central Council at the close of the event. The Central Council shall lend prior years' reports to the host chapter upon request.
8. The financial report, with all necessary receipts, statements, etc., shall be turned over to the Auditing Committee for review.

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National
ACYOA Anniversary Ball Guidelines

1. The event shall be hosted annually and shall be called "The ACYOA National Anniversary Ball."

2. The host chapter ~~in each region~~, shall be selected from those submitting bids to the Central Council. If no bids are received in a timely manner, the Central Council shall appoint a chapter to host the Anniversary Ball.
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Rationale:

The concept of having regional balls is not working. In 1989, there were only two balls. One was successful, the other was not -- and both drew only a handful of people from outside the home parish. A National ball will attract more people. Additionally, the return on the investment of time of the people involved is not sufficient to warrant having four balls in one year.

Consistency is also very important. When we establish a program and set guidelines, we must strive for consistency within that program. If we do not, it gives the impression that the program is not a viable one.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

I. PURPOSE:

To increase membership in the organization.

II. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

Summary: An open letter to everyone on the National Mailing List requesting a "committment" to the organization (i.e. payment of dues). Those responding with their "committment" will receive a Membership Handbook.

Phase I - Notification and Distribution: Handbooks and copies of the letter and other information regarding the Drive will be distributed at the General Assembly. Those chapter chairmen and clergy not attending the Assembly will receive notices and the pertinent materials in the mail.

Phase II - National Mailing: The "open letter" will be mailed to everyone on the National Mailing List. The letter will discuss the recent growth of the Organization and state why the ACYOA is virtuous of membership. The letter will encourage payment of dues by emphasizing that they reflect an interest in the Organization and provide for incentives. With this letter will be included: (1) a membership application form; (2) a copy of the ACYOA Today brochure (currently being revised); (3) a copy of the Chapter Chairman & Contact List; and (4) a blank envelope.

Phase III - Membership Handbook: Once dues are received by the Central Council from the chapter, each member will receive a Membership Handbook to contain the following:

- *Organizational Overview
- *National Organization (personnel)
- *Publication Editorial Board
- *List of Chapter Chairmen and Contacts
- *List of Parishes and Clergy in Diocese
- *Detailed description of Programs
- *Calendar of Events (regional/national)
- *Constitution
- *Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament Rules and Regulations
- *National Anniversary Ball Guidelines
- *National Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations
- *Prayer and Pledge

In addition, the following materials will be included: (1) Brochure entitled How To Address The Clergy; (2) most recent issue of the newsletter; and (3) a welcome letter from the Central Council Chairman.

III. PUBLICITY:

Articles will be sent to the Armenian weekly papers, The Armenian Church, and all parishes -- discussing and promoting the Drive.

IV. CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT:

The utmost cooperation is needed on the part of each chapter in stressing the importance of dues and in updating the National Mailing List if this Drive is to be successful:

Points to Remember Re: Dues

1. Dues provide chapters with funds to cover basic administrative costs.
2. Dues display a level of committment to the Organization through a modest donation.
3. Dues provide incentives towards national programs and in some instances, eligibility for certain national programs.
4. Dues increase the Organization's size and strength.
5. The number of people who currently pay their dues is not reflective of the number of people who actually participate.

National Mailing List

The National Mailing List has been completely updated and copies will be given to each chapter at the General Assembly. Each chapter will be requested to review the list and make changes and additions several times during the course of the year. These revisions must be performed in a timely fashion to ensure that the list is as accurate as possible for each mailing. Labels are available to any chapter upon request for a nominal charge.

Other

As the strength of the Organization lies in our local chapters, it is highly recommended that chapters send out supplemental letters along with a list of scheduled local activities to help further the progress of the Drive.