

1989 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

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FIRST SESSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1989

INVOCATION:

The First Session of the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by the 1988 Assembly Vice Chairman, Richard Mardirosian (Hartford), at 8:00 p.m. His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and President of the ACYOA, led the delegates in the opening prayer. The Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian (St. Nersess Armenian Seminary), Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge) and Gary Alexander (Cambridge) assisted in the service.

ROLL CALL:

Lisa Manookian (Central Council) called the roll. The Chair noted that 29 of 48 possible eligible elected delegates were present. A quorum was established and the Assembly officially convened.

ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS:

The Chair entertained nominations for Assembly Chairman, with the understanding that the runner-up would assume the position of Assembly Vice Chairman.

Nora Ovassapian (Evanston) nominated Greg Arpajian (Cleveland); seconded by the Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston).

Sonya Gasparian (Providence) nominated Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge); seconded by Gary Alexander (Cambridge).

The Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester) nominated Brian Bogosian (Lawrence); seconded by Leslie Bagdasarian (Cleveland).

The Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian (Fair Lawn) made a motion to close nominations; seconded by Charlie Shooshan (Hartford). The motion carried.

The Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) suggested that something should be said on behalf of the nominees. Each nominee then made a few remarks.

Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet) of the Nominating Committee distributed ballots and elections were held.

While the ballots were being tabulated, Scott Najarian, ACYOA Central Council Chairman, introduced the head table: His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate; Lisa Manookian, Central Council Vice Chairman; Melina Spinuzza, Central Council Treasurer; Laurie Onanian, Central Council Recording Secretary; Suzie Ashjian, Central Council Corresponding Secretary; and Doug Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary.

The election results were then announced: Greg Arpajian (Cleveland) was elected Assembly Chairman and Brian Bogosian (Lawrence) was elected Assembly Vice Chairman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Brian Bogosian (Lawrence) made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Charlie Shooshan (Hartford).

Scott Najarian (Central Council) requested the following changes in the agenda:

Under Item XII, the addition of:

"H. Earthquake Relief Efforts Committee" and
"I. 75th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day Committee"

And the moving of:

Item XVII (Report of Auditing Committee) to Item XXIII(D)

Voting on each item took place and the agenda was adopted with the above-noted changes.

ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:

The Chair reminded everyone that the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure were in the ACYOA Chapter Handbook. Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) made a motion to adopt the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure; seconded by John Diradourian (Bayside). The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) was appointed Parliamentarian and John Diradourian (Bayside) was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE 1988 GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Charlie Shooshan (Hartford) made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 1988 ACYOA General Assembly; seconded by the Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester). The motion carried.

WELCOMING ADDRESS OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL:

Scott Najarian, ACYOA Central Council Chairman, welcomed the delegates and encouraged them to actively participate in the proceedings. Scott requested that each participant be prompt for each session and invited individuals to approach Council members with any questions they may have.

WELCOMING ADDRESS OF HOST CHAPTER:

Monica Feredjian, Co-Chairman of the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend Host Committee, welcomed the delegates and thanked them for giving Houston the opportunity to host the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend. She further wished the delegates a most productive Assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Scott Najarian (Central Council) announced that he would be meeting with the Assembly Chairman later tonight to appoint the delegates to the Assembly committees. He requested that all individuals with preferences approach the Chair or him after the first session.

Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn) inquired as to the purpose and responsibilities of the Assembly committees. Scott summarized each one.

The Chair impressed upon all delegates the importance of dressing appropriately.

RECESS:

Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge) made a motion to recess; seconded by the Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester). The motion carried and the Assembly recessed at 9:15 p.m.

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 the Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian (Fair Lawn), Rafi Topalian (Watervliet) and Harry Sakarya (ACYOC) assisting.

ROLL CALL:

Lisa Manookian (Central Council) called the roll. 51 delegates were present (including chapter chairmen and clergy).

The Chair appointed Lisa Najarian (Worcester) as Assembly Secretary for the Second Session. Lisa Manookian (Central Council) will assist her.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES:

The Chair announced the appointments to the Assembly Committees. (See Appendix "A").

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM FIRST ASSEMBLY SESSION:

The Minutes of the First Session were distributed to all the delegates. Corrections and additions were made. The Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) made a motion to accept the Minutes as corrected; seconded by Charlie Shooshan (Hartford). The motion carried.

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. # of Dues-Paid Members: 31. Meetings: Monthly. Chapter Activities: Sponsored a spring concert to raise money for the earthquake victims; had a bake sale; and made a presentation on

Palm Sunday. Additional: Participated in the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament.

Boca Raton

Presented by Rena Jebejian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 23. Chapter Activities: Sponsored a cultural day and a Martyrs' Day Program; set up a 24-hour hotline for the earthquake victims (raising over \$6,500); honored the Dade County Firefighters (who went to Armenia to assist the earthquake victims); and hosted the Chapter "A" Mission Team from Watertown. Parish Activities: Participated in Christmas Eve services.

Cambridge

Presented by Rachel Onanian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 28. Chapter Activities: Sponsored an earthquake benefit dance, an intercollegiate dance, lenten dinners, and the annual Palm Sunday Banquet; had a Super Bowl party. Upcoming Chapter Activities: Picnic and car wash.

Cleveland

Presented by Leslie Bagdasarian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 31. Meetings: Monthly. Chapter Activities: Sponsored Palm Sunday Brunch and Program and hosted Hye Christian Encounter in April. Parish Activities: Participated in the 25th Anniversary Consecration of the St. Gregory of Narek Church and in community efforts to raise funds for the earthquake victims. Additional: Cleveland will be bidding for the 1990 General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

Dallas

Presented by the Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 8. Additional: Dallas is a mission parish.

Detroit

Presented by Sara Andonian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 54. Chapter Activities: Sponsored Annual November Dance; participated in Pan Orthodox Tournament; had a summer picnic; and hosted coffee and fellowship hour on feast days. Parish Activities: Assisted with annual Bazaar and in earthquake relief efforts.

Evanston

Presented by Melina Spinuzza. # of Dues-Paid Members: 38. Chapter Activities: Sponsored a Martyrs' Day Program. Parish Activities: Participated in local earthquake relief efforts. Additional: Evanston is in the process of compiling a mailing list of all Armenians living in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Fair Lawn

Presented by Lynda Chagachbanian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 37. Chapter Activities: Sponsored ACYOA Day Banquet and series of Bible study lectures; took a trip to Museum of Natural History in New York; and had a raffle to help raise funds for the ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team. Additional: Fair Lawn was formed this year after the former Northern New Jersey chapter was divided into four separate chapters.

Greenfield

Presented by Haig Derderian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 10. Chapter Activities: Sponsored a Martyrs' Day Program and hosted Christian Leadership Seminar in October. Parish Activities: Participated in clothes drive to assist earthquake victims.

Hartford

Presented by Charlie Shooshan. # of Dues-Paid Members: 22. Chapter Activities: Sponsored an earthquake relief dinner and hosted a Diocesan educational program (Armenian language crash course). Additional: Members are involved with the New England Regional Committee and currently working on the New England Regional Anniversary Ball.

Houston

Presented by the Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 16. Chapter Activities: Sponsored a Palm Sunday Banquet.

Providence

Presented by Steve Megrdochian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 60, of which 30 are active. Chapter Activities: Sponsored New England Regional Volleyball Tournament, intercollegiate activities, lenten activities, annual Palm Sunday Banquet, and annual Christmas with Onnik Dance; raised funds for the earthquake victims; hosted Diocesan educational program ("Sources of Our Faith"); and had a Simit Sale. Upcoming Chapter Activities: sponsoring a cultural program, the annual Christmas with Onnik Dance, and hosting a national retreat. Parish Activities: Assisted with annual bazaar, 75th anniversary celebration, and annual picnic. Additional: Three members were part of the ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team. Providence has been assisting the Central Council with updating the mailing list.

San Antonio

Presented by Gail Tashjian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 7. Additional: San Antonio is a mission parish. The chapter is new and is participating in their first General Assembly. Two members attended this year's Cultural Weekend in New York City.

Watertown

Presented by Susan Kapilian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 40. Chapter Activities: Sponsored intercollegiate activities and earthquake lectures; were part of the "Mission Team" which went to Boca Raton for the Chapter "A" Assistance Program. Additional: Watertown will be bidding for the 1990 General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

Watervliet

Presented by Rafi Topalian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 30, some of whom serve on the Parish Council and in the Choir. Chapter Activities: Attended the ACYOC General Assembly in Montreal. Parish Activities: Participated in the Parish's 90th Anniversary celebration. Additional: Rafi made mention of the passing of member, Lynn Hartounian, who was a passenger on Flight 103.

Westchester

Presented by Leslie Kalaydjian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 15. Chapter Activities: Barbecue picnic. Additional: Westchester is in the process of reorganizing. Leslie stated that they have picked up some very interesting ideas from the various presentations made.

Worcester

Presented by Beth Bilbilian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 22. Chapter Activities: Participated in New England Regional Volleyball Tournament and New England Regional Conferences; sponsored lenten dinners, Youth Sunday, annual Palm Sunday Banquet, annual dance, and intercollegiate activities. Parish Activities: Chaired annual picnic; assisted with annual bazaar and in local earthquake relief efforts. Additional: Worcester will be assisting their parish with the upcoming Diocesan Assembly to be held in May of 1990.

Wynnewood

Presented by Lisa Manookian. # of Dues-Paid Members: 29, some of whom participate in the Choir and teach Sunday School. Chapter Activities: Sponsored annual Palm Sunday Banquet; and went white-water rafting with sister chapters, Cleveland and Detroit. Parish Activities: Assisted with the annual Food Festival, the parish's 25th Anniversary celebration, and local earthquake relief efforts. Upcoming Activities: Assisting the Parish with the annual bazaar and 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 (Hartford) 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, including Central Council members and the Executive Secretary.

REPORT OF ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Scott Najarian, ACYOA Central Council Chairman, presented the Report of the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary and comments and corrections were noted. (See Appendix "B").

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. Questions were asked and clarifications were made. (See Appendix "C").

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

Sara Andonian (Detroit) made a motion to accept the Report 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) made a motion to recess; seconded by Vasken Babigian (Watertown). The motion carried and the Assembly recessed at 12:15 p.m.

**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 promotional materials distributed during the meetings be passed through him first.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SECOND 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. (See Appendix "D").

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

ADDRESS OF THE ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Doug Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary, addressed the Assembly. Doug began by thanking the Primate for his dedication, 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, Assembly Chairman, Greg Arpajian, 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 Megrđichian (Providence)
Scott Najarian (Worcester)
Laura Negosian (Detroit)
Christine Shooshan (Hartford)

Brian Bogosian, Assembly Vice Chairman, opened the floor for nominations.

The Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester) made a motion to close nominations for Central Council; seconded by John Diradourian (Bayside). The motion carried.

The 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) made a motion 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) for the Nominating Committee; seconded by Anthony Barsamian (Cambridge). Vasken accepted.

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) made a motion to close nominations for the Nominating Committee; 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. (See Appendix "E").

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.

FOURTH SESSION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1989

— Add. Abg-Titran's
death announcement
and prayer

SPECIAL PROPOSAL:

Prior to officially convening the Fourth Session, the Programming Committee brought forth a special proposal for consideration by the delegates in the Primate's absence:

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's ordination, we propose that the name of the Armenian Studies Program be changed to the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program. We further propose that four scholarships be established (one in each region), with the amount being determined by the ACYOA Central Council. The program began 18 years ago under his direction and his dedication and support have made it one of our most successful programs.

Discussion. Vote. Proposal passed unanimously.

INVOCATION:

The Fourth Session of the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by Assembly Chairman, Greg Arpajian, at 9:13 a.m. The Primate led the Assembly in the opening prayer service with the Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester), Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) and Greg Doudoukjian (Tenafly) assisting.

ROLL CALL:

Lisa Manookian (Central Council) called the roll. 59 delegates were present (including chapter chairmen and clergy).

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND AND THIRD ASSEMBLY SESSIONS:

The Minutes from the Second and Third Sessions were distributed to all the delegates. Corrections and additions were made. Greg Doudoukjian (Tenafly) made a motion to accept the Minutes as corrected; seconded by Richard Mardirosian (Hartford). The motion carried.

ADDRESS OF WESTERN DIOCESE AND CANADIAN DIOCESE REPRESENTATIVES:

Darlene Ouzounian (Chairman of the ACYO-WD Central Council) and Harry Sakarya (Chairman of the ACYOC Central Council) addressed the Assembly.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECTIONS:

Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) reported that the positions for the Central Council and Auditing Committee have been filled. Two of the positions for the Nominating Committee have been filled, however, a run-off is needed to fill the third and final position. The second ballot presented to the delegates was as follows:

Gary Alexander (Cambridge)
Vasken Babigian (Watertown)
Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
Susan Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
John Megrdochian (Providence)
Steve Megrdochian (Providence)
Laura Negosian (Detroit)

A secret ballot vote was taken. Each delegate handed in their vote as his/her name was called.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE:

The Chair asked Sara Andonian (Detroit), Auditing Committee member, to present the report of the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix "F").

The Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester) made a motion to accept the report of the Auditing Committee; seconded by Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge). The motion carried.

Sara Andonian (Detroit) then presented the Auditing Committee Guidelines and asked for any questions. (See Appendix "G").

Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) requested the addition of a ninth item: "When working with a third party, the third party should be treated as a vendor."

Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) made a motion to accept the Auditing Committee Guidelines with the requested addition; seconded by Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge). The motion carried.

Scott Najarian (Central Council) made a motion to reconsider the report of the Auditing Committee; seconded by Greg Doudoukjian (Tenafly). The motion carried.

Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) requested a run-down of why the various event reports were either incomplete or delinquent. Auditing Committee members, Sara Andonian (Detroit) and Roseann Manoogian (Detroit) went over each one. In some cases, representatives from the various host chapters were requested to provide the delegates with a valid reason for the incompleteness or delinquency of the reports.

Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) made a motion to accept the Report of the Auditing Committee; seconded by Steve Megrđichian (Providence). The motion carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECTIONS:

Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) reported that another run-off was needed to fill the third and final position on the Nominating Committee. The third ballot presented to the delegates was as follows:

Gary Alexander (Cambridge)
Vasken Babigian (Watertown)
Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
Susan Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
John Megrđichian (Providence)
Laura Negosian (Detroit)

A secret ballot vote was taken. Each delegate handed in their vote as his/her name was called.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

The first proposed change brought to the floor was concerning Article 11, Section 2 of the ACYOA Constitution and was submitted by the Cleveland and Detroit chapters. (See Appendix "H").

Sara Andonian (Detroit) read the proposed change and discussion followed.

Council members expressed their feelings and concerns on the issue. Questions were raised regarding the wording of the proposed change and how the amendment, if passed, would affect the budget. A question was also raised regarding whether or not, if passed, the two additional members would be elected for this year or next year. The Primate stated that no decision can be implemented before it is approved. Therefore, even if this amendment passed, it would not take effect until September, 1990.

Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) made a motion to refer the amendment back to the Constitutional Amendments Committee for rewording; seconded by Charlie Shooshan (Hartford). The motion carried.

Charlie Shooshan (Hartford) stated that changes in Article 11, Section 1 and Article 11, Section 4 might be necessary.

The Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester) pointed out that those two sections were not submitted 60 days in advance. The Chair stated that a 3/4 vote would allow for consideration.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECTIONS:

Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) reported that another run-off is needed to fill the third and final position on the Nominating Committee. The fourth ballot presented to the delegates was as follows:

Vasken Babigian (Watertown)
Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
John Megrdochian (Providence)
Laura Negosian (Detroit)

A secret ballot vote was taken. Each delegate handed in their vote as his/her name was called.

RECESS:

Tom Kasparian (Tenafly) made a motion to recess; seconded by Steve Megrdochian (Providence). The motion carried and the Assembly recessed for lunch at 1:28 p.m.

FIFTH SESSION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1989

The Fifth Session of the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly was called to order by Assembly Chairman, Greg Arpajian, at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Lisa Manookian (Central Council) called the roll. 63 delegates were present (including chapter chairmen and clergy).

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECTIONS:

Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) reported that another run-off was needed to fill the third and final position on the Nominating Committee. The fifth ballot presented to the delegates was as follows:

Vasken Babigian (Watertown)
Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
John Megrdochian (Providence)

Each delegate handed in their vote as his/her name was called.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

Sara Andonian (Detroit) passed out a revised proposed change to Article 11 of the ACYOA Constitution. (See Appendix "I").

As the revised proposal contained information which was substantially different than what was submitted sixty (60) days prior to the Assembly, a 3/4 vote was necessary to allow for discussion. A vote was taken and a 3/4 vote was received. Discussion followed.

Sara Andonian (Detroit) read the revised proposed change. The Chair asked for questions. Discussion followed.

Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) made a motion to close debate; seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). The motion carried.

The Chair asked for a vote on the proposed change by a show of hands. (Note: A 2/3 vote was needed). The vote carried 38-13.

Charlie Shooshan (Hartford) made a motion to elect the two additional Council members next year; seconded by the Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester). The motion carried.

Questions regarding the vote were raised; therefore, a roll call vote was taken. Each delegate voted "yes" or "no" as his/her name was called. (See Appendix "J").

[Note: The following proposed changes to the ACYOA Constitution were not submitted to the Central Council sixty (60) days prior to the General Assembly. Therefore, a 3/4 vote was needed to allow for discussion.]

The second proposed change brought to the floor was concerning Article 10, Section 3 of the ACYOA Constitution and was proposed by Susan Kapilian (Watertown). A motion to discuss was made and seconded. A 3/4 vote needed to consider the proposed change was not received. Therefore, no discussion took place.

The third proposed change brought to the floor was concerning Article 13, Section 6 of the ACYOA Constitution and was proposed by Paul Andonian (Detroit). A motion to discuss was made and seconded. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposed change defeated. (See Appendix "K").

The fourth proposed change brought to the floor was concerning Article 10, Section 4 of the ACYOA Constitution and was proposed by Susan Kapilian (Watertown). A motion to discuss was made and seconded. A 3/4 vote needed to consider the proposed change was not received. Therefore, no discussion took place.

The fifth proposed change brought to the floor was concerning Article 10, Section 12(g) of the ACYOA Constitution and was proposed by Cheryl Arslanian (Cleveland). A motion to discuss was made and seconded. A 3/4 vote needed to

consider the proposed change was not received. Therefore, no discussion took place.

The sixth proposed change brought to the floor was concerning the creation of a new amendment to the ACYOA Constitution, to be Article 14, Section 5, and was proposed by Scott Najarian (Central Council). A motion to discuss was made and seconded. A 3/4 vote needed to consider the proposed change was not received. Therefore, no discussion took place.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECTIONS:

Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) reported that another run-off is needed to fill the third and final position on the Nominating Committee. The sixth ballot was presented to the delegates as follows:

Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
John Megrđichian (Providence)

A secret ballot vote was taken. Each delegate handed in their vote as his/her name was called.

CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL PROPOSALS:

The first proposal brought to the floor was concerning the re-editing and re-publishing of Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church and was submitted by Cambridge. Discussion. Vote. Proposal defeated. (See Appendix "L").

[Note: The following proposals were not submitted to the Central Council sixty (60) days prior to the General Assembly. Therefore, a 3/4 vote was needed to allow for discussion.]

The second proposal brought to the floor was a recommended change to the first proposal and was submitted by the Proposals Committee. A motion to discuss was made and seconded. A 3/4 vote needed to consider the proposal was not received. Therefore, no discussion took place.

The third proposal brought to the floor was another proposal concerning the re-publishing of Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church and was proposed by Charlie Shooshan. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposal passed. (See Appendix "M").

The fourth proposal brought to the floor was the proposal concerning an ACYOA blueprint for the nineties and was proposed by Brian Bogosian (Lawrence). A 3/4 vote needed to consider the proposal was not received. Therefore, no discussion took place.

The fifth proposal brought to the floor was the proposal concerning "Bibles for Armenia" and was submitted by the Religious Programming Committee. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposal passed. (See Appendix "N").

The sixth proposal brought to the floor was the proposal concerning the "Ecumenical Youth Fellowship and Dialogue" and was submitted by the Religious Programming Committee. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposal passed. (See Appendix "O").

The seventh proposal brought to the floor was the proposal concerning an annual "Social Service Project" and was submitted by the Religious Programming Committee. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposal passed. (See Appendix "P").

The eighth proposal brought to the floor was the proposal concerning "Bible Study Outlines" and was submitted by the Religious Programming Committee. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposal passed. (See Appendix "Q").

The ninth proposal brought to the floor was the proposal concerning a national membership drive and was submitted by the Programming Committee. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposal defeated. (See Appendix "R").

The tenth proposal brought to the floor was the proposal concerning a Diocesan-wide collection drive of materials to be sent to Armenia and was submitted by the Earthquake Relief Committee. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposal passed. (See Appendix "S").

The eleventh proposal brought to the floor was the proposal concerning quarterly press releases re: the current situation in Armenia and was submitted by the Earthquake Relief Committee. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposal passed. (See Appendix "T").

The twelfth proposal brought to the floor was the proposal concerning a national event in commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day and was submitted by the 75th Anniversary for the Commemoration of Martyrs' Day Committee. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposal defeated. (See Appendix "U").

The thirteenth proposal brought to the floor was the proposal concerning the appointing of a committee to develop guidelines and instructions for the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Armenian Martyrs' Day and was submitted by the 75th Anniversary for the Commemoration of Martyrs' Day Committee. 3/4 vote to discuss passed. Discussion. Vote. Proposal passed. (See Appendix "V").

The Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian (Fair Lawn) made a motion to not consider any additional proposals brought off the floor; seconded by Richard Mardirosian (Hartford). The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL BUDGET:

Melina Spinuzza (Central Council) presented the 1990 National Budget.

Discussion followed and changes were made.

Charlie Shooshan (Hartford) made a motion to accept the cash budget with the noted changes; seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). The motion carried. (See Appendix "W"). (Note: The Appendix contains the cash budget with all the noted changes).

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND COURTESIES:

Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet) presented the report of the Resolutions and Courtesies Committee. Corrections and additions were made. Vasken Babigian (Watertown) made a motion to accept the report with the changes and additions; seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). (See Appendix "X").

The Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian (Fair Lawn) presented a separate resolution concerning His Eminence, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) made a motion to accept the resolution; seconded by Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton). The motion carried unanimously. (See Appendix "Y").

Richard Mardirosian (Hartford) made a motion to accept two resolutions concerning "Inter-Diocesan Activities"; seconded by Greg Saraydarian (Bayside). The motion passed. (See Appendix "Z").

ELECTION RESULTS:

Richard Mardirosian (Hartford), Nominating Committee member, presented the election results [(*) Elected; (**) Alternate]:

Central Council	Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)*	[49]
	Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)*	[32]
	Greg Saraydarian (Bayside)*	[31]
	Beth Bilbilian (Worcester)**	[27]
	Rena Jebejian (Boca Raton)**	[14]
	Sonya Gasparian (Providence)**	[12]
Auditing Committee	Charlie Shooshan (Hartford)*	[49]
	Lisa Najarian (Worcester)*	[43]
	Sara Andonian (Detroit)*	[33]
	Susan Kapilian (Watertown)**	[21]
	Lisa Vartabedian (Fair Lawn)**	[18]
	Ani Kantzabedian (Dallas)**	[11]
Nominating Committee	Scott Najarian (Worcester)*	[38]
	Stephanie Masoian (Providence)*	[35]
	Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)*	[30]
	John Megrdochian (Providence)**	[24]
	Vasken Babigian (Watertown)	
	Laura Negosian (Detroit)	
	Gary Alexander (Cambridge)	

Susan Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
Steve Megrdochian (Providence)
Christine Shooshan (Hartford)

[Note: There were six ballots for the Nominating Committee. Scott and Stephanie were elected as of the first ballot. Lynda's and John's tallies were as of the sixth ballot. As there were so many ballots, it was impossible to come up with a set number of votes for each of the remaining individuals. Therefore, the votes for the remaining individuals are not included above.]

CONSIDERATION OF THE NEXT ASSEMBLY SITE:

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

Vasken Babigian (Watertown) presented a bid on behalf of the Watertown chapter. Leslie Bagdasarian, Greg Arpajian, and Cheryl Arslanian (Cleveland) presented a bid on behalf of the Cleveland chapter.

A secret ballot vote was taken. Each delegate handed in a ballot as his/her name was called.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Various closing remarks were made re: the Assembly proceedings, the officers, and the Central Council.

PRESENTATION OF HOST BANNERS:

Brian Bogosian (Lawrence), Assembly Vice Chairman, announced that Cleveland has been chosen as the site for the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

The Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) presented the banners to Leslie Bagdasarian (Cleveland).

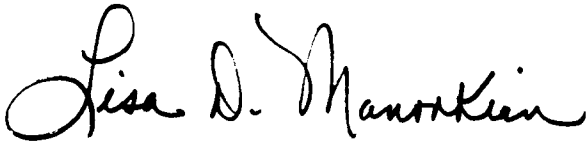
PRIMATE'S BLESSING OF OUTGOING AND INCOMING CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The Primate blessed the outgoing and incoming Central Council members. The "Hayr Mer" was then sung by everyone.

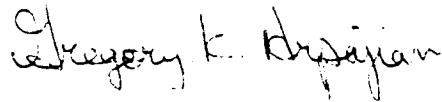
PRAYER AND BENEDICTION/ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the proceedings. The motion carried and the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly was adjourned with a prayer at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



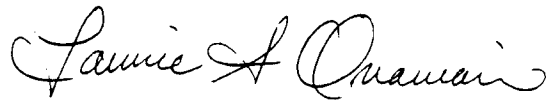
Lisa D. Manookian
Central Council Chairman
and Assembly Secretary



Gregory Arpajian
Assembly Chairman



Lisa Najarian
Assembly Secretary



Laurie Onanian
Assembly Secretary

APPENDIX "A"

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(*) Indicates Committee Chairman.

Budget Committee

Maritza Armagan (Greenfield)
Cheryl Arslanian (Cleveland)
Anthony Barsamian (Cambridge)
Leslie Kalayjian (Westchester)
*Nora Ovassapian (Evanston)
Melina Spinuzza (Central Council)

Inter-Diocesan Committee

Lynn Arslanian (Cleveland)
Suzie Ashjian (Central Council)
Very Rev. Fr. Hovnan Derderian (Canada)
Tom Kasparian (Tenafly)
*Richard Mardirosian (Hartford)
Charlie Shooshan (Hartford)

Religious Programming Committee

Leslie Bagdasarian (Cleveland)
*Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian (St. Nersess)
Greg Doudoukjian (Tenafly)
Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton)
Lisa Vartabedian (Fair Lawn)
Alice Zarzatian (Wynnewood)

Constitutional Amendments Committee

*Sara Andonian (Detroit)
Sonya Gasparian (Providence)
Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge)
Debra Tavitian (Providence)

Proposals Committee

Paul Andonian (Detroit)
Haig Derderian (Greenfield)
Jay Kapur (Worcester)
Papken Maksoudian (Watertown)
*Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)
Steve Megrdochian (Providence)
Rachel Onanian (Cambridge)

Programming Committee

*Beth Bilbilian (Worcester)
Susan Kapilian (Watertown)
Kathy Keusey (Bayside)
Denise Meshejian (Bayside)
Patty Toofangjian (Fair Lawn)
Chuck Tutunjian (Watervliet)

75th Anniv. of Martyrs' Day Comm.

Susan Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)
Melanie Mikaelian (Boca Raton)
Gary Mousigian (Detroit)
*Laurie Onanian (Central Council)
Gail Tashjian (San Antonio)

Earthquake Relief Efforts Committee

Vasken Babigian (Watertown)
Raymond Davidian (Watertown)
Ani Kantzabedian (Dallas)
*Stephanie Masoian (Providence)
Greg Saraydarian (Bayside)
Christine Shooshan (Hartford)

Resolutions and Courtesies Committee

Raffi Caloustian (Houston)
John Diradourian (Bayside)
George Karibian (Houston)
John Megrdochian (Providence)
Rafi Topalian (Watervliet)
*Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACYOA
CENTRAL COUNCIL AND
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



1988-1989

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL
TO THE DELEGATES OF THE 1988 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 1, 1988 - JUNE 30, 1989**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) presents the following report of the functions and programs of the ACYOA.

Members of the ACYOA Central Council this year were:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate and ACYOA National President

Mr. Scott Najarian (Worcester)	Chairman
Miss Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)	Vice-Chairman
Miss Melina Spinuzza (Evanston)	Treasurer
Miss Laurie Onanian (Watertown)	Recording Secretary
Miss Suzie Ashjian (Bayside)	Corresponding Secretary

Miss Syraun Palvetzian assisted the Central Council in her capacity as The Diocesan Director.

Mr. Douglas Tashjian completed his second year as the ACYOA Executive Secretary.

Scott Najarian and Melina Spinuzza have completed their second two year terms in office. Lisa Manookian has completed her two year term.

2. MEETINGS

The Central Council held five meetings during the past year:

September 2nd, 1988	Providence, Rhode Island
October 21st and 22nd, 1988	Diocesan Center, New York City
January 14th and 15th, 1989	Diocesan Center, New York City
April 8th and 9th, 1989	Cleveland, Ohio
June 17th and 18th, 1989	Sandwich, Massachusetts

The Council extends its gratitude to both the staff of the Diocesan Complex and to the Cleveland ACYOA for their gracious hospitality during our meeting dates.

In an effort to create a better understanding of how the Central Council functions and the duties it performs, a summary of each Council meeting is provided below.

September: The Council met briefly to discuss transitional procedures for the new year. This included the election of Central Council Officers and selection of Regional and Program Assignments. 1989 National Sports Weekend, 1989 Archbishop's Tournament, Review of Proposals and Amendments passed at 1988 Assembly, Cultural Day Program, Leadership Conferences, Retreats, National Publication, Membership Handbook, Cultural Committee, Fundraising and Identification of Priority Chapters. Discussions on an Inter-Diocesan meeting with the Canadian Diocese and the possibility of hosting a second trip to Armenia were held.

October: The Council met for two full days in New York City. Agenda items focused on the recently held General Assembly and Sports Weekend. A preliminary report on the Sports Weekend was received and reviewed. Assembly minutes were reviewed for accuracy. Several hours were spent correcting these minutes due to many inaccuracies. The revival of a National Publication became a top priority of the Council. During this meeting an Editor, as well as a Central Council Coordinator were approved. Other significant Agenda items included: 1989 Archbishop's Tournament, Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF), Chapter "A"/ Assistance Program, 1989 General Assembly and Sports Weekend, New England

Regional Committee Report, Review of National Calendar of Events, Purchase of ACYOA computer, National Mailing List Revision, Review and Revision of Chapter Chairman and Contact Listing, , Fund Raising Proposals, Cultural Weekend, Leadership Seminar, Young Adult Sunday, Regional Retreats, Anniversary Ball Bidding.

January: The Council reviewed and discussed the effects the recent earthquake in Armenia would have on both the local and national levels. This led to the research of a possible relief effort from the ACYOA. A review of the following occurred: Complete Status report of the National Publication and Membership Handbook Revision, Christian Leadership Seminar(Greenfield), Hye Christian Encounter(Watertown), Eastern/Western Diocese Camp Program, Report from members attending Western Diocese Assembly, Membership Directory, Regional Meetings, Inter-Diocesan Meeting, Cultural Weekend, Sports Weekend, Anniversary Ball, Archbishop's Tournament, Diocesan Assembly, ACEF/Mardigian Donation, Youth Forum, Mailing List Revision, Status of Funds Due from National Events, New England Regional Committee Report, Fundraising Programs and Committee, Armenian Martyrs' Day Program, Chapter "A" Assistance Program(Boca Raton), Armenian Cultural Weekend(New York City), Review of Standing Committees(Auditing Guidelines, Cultural and Religious Program), Hiring of College Program and Juniors Directors and DRE/ACYOA hosted programs.

April: The Cleveland ACYOA invited the Council to hold it's April meeting in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of the St. Gregory of Narek Parish. Council members attended the Anniversary Banquet, as well as the Divine Liturgy and Luncheon on Sunday. During Saturday's meeting the following topics were discussed: Approval of Computer Purchase, Presentation and Discussion by Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian on the Status of 1989 Sports Weekend, Anniversary Ball Updates, Report of Cultural Weekend, Archbishop's Tournament Update, Chapter "A" Award Point Standings, New Membership Handbook, Creation of Guidelines for submitting Proposals to the General Assembly, Chapter Resource Handbook, Christian Leadership Day(Westchester) Report, Categorization of Chapters(Active/Inactive), Review of Current "A" Award Point Standings, Cultural Weekend(N.Y.C.) Report, **Hye Hokin** Report, Fundraising, Collection of Funds Overdue from Program Host Chapters, New England Regional Committee Report, Progress Reports for Upcoming Programs, Earthquake Relief Team, and Inter-Diocesan Council Meeting.

June: Regional Balls, Archbishop's Tournament, National Mailing List, New England Regional Committee, Dues Paid Membership Directory, Standing Committees (auditing, nominating), Revision of Chapter Handbook, Status of Membership Handbook, Inter-Diocesan Camp Program, Selection of Recipients for the Chapter "A" Award, Outstanding Chapter Awards, Sam Nersesian Award and Sam Nersesian Scholarship. Report of Fundraising Committee, 1989 Sports Weekend and General Assembly, Creation of Calendar for 1989-1990 Fiscal Year and General Assembly Preparation (Central Council Annual Report, Budget, Assembly Agenda, Itinerary for Assembly, Proposal and Amendments, Chapters in Good Standing, Outstanding Event Reports). Proposals and Amendments to 1989 Assembly, 1990 Sports Weekend Bids, and Pension Plan for Retiring Central Council Members. Also a review of all other programs and events in planning stages or recently held.

All meetings included reports from the Treasurer, Executive Secretary and Administrative Reports from all Council members concerning correspondence, visitations, new chapters, etc.

The Primate presided over most meetings in his capacity as ACYOA President. His Eminence's counsel was often sought during difficult deliberations.

3. CENTRAL COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

Regional and Parish Assignments

SCOTT NAJARIAN

OVERSEER

MELINA SPINUZZA

MIDWEST REGION

**Belleville, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit,
Evanston, Greenfield, Palos Heights,
Racine, S. Milwaukee and Waukegan**

LISA MANOOKIAN

SOUTHERN REGION

**Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Memphis,
Miami, Ocala, Orlando, San Antonio,
South Florida, St. Petersburg**

SUZIE ASHJIAN

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

**Bayside, Binghampton, Cheltenham,
Elberon, Fairlawn, Livingston,
Manhattan, Tenafly, Union City,
Washington, Woodside, Richmond,
Westchester, Wynnewood**

LAURIE ONANIAN

NEW ENGLAND REGION

**Cambridge, Chelmsford, Hartford,
Haverhill, Lawrence, New Britain,
Providence, Springfield, Trumbull,
Watertown, Watervliet, Worcester**

Additional Assignments

-these assignments were given in addition to the regular duties of a Council Officer and Regional Contact. In some cases more than one member has been given the same assignment.

SCOTT NAJARIAN

*1989 SPORTS WEEKEND/GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
*COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

LISA MANOOKIAN

*FUNDRAISING SUB-COMMITTEE
*HYE HOKIN COORINATOR
*CHAPTER RESOURCE HANDBOOK
*MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK
*GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSAL
GUIDELINES
*1989 SPORTS WEEKEND/GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
*1988 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
REVIEW AND PREPARATION
*CHAPTER "A"/ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
*EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION PACKET

MELINA SPINUZZA

*MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
*CHAPTER RESOURCE HANDBOOK
*MEMBERSHIP

LAURIE ONANIAN

*CULTURAL DAY
PROGRAM(WASHINGTON, D.C.)
*RETREAT(WATERTOWN)
*CHAPTER "A"/ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
*NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL
COMMITTEE

SUZIE ASHJIAN

- *1989 ARCHBISHOP TORKOM
MANOOGIAN INVITATIONAL
TOURNAMENT
- *CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DAY
(WESTCHESTER)
- *EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION
PACKET
- *CHAPTER RESOURCE HANDBOOK
- *MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

4. REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The following Regional Conferences were held this year:

New England	August	Providence, RI.
	October	Springfield, MA.
	December	Providence, RI.
	February	New Britain, CT.
	April	Worcester, MA.
Mid-Atlantic	June	Cambridge, MA.
Northern New Jersey	January	Fairlawn, NJ.
Mid-Atlantic	May	Fairlawn, NJ.

5. PROGRAMS

1988 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

August 31-September 2, 1988

The Annual General Assembly convened at the Marriott Inn in Providence, Rhode Island on August 31, 1988.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Acting Vicar General, Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian presided over the Assembly.

Assembly officers were: Chairman: David Onanian (Houston), Vice-Chairman: Richard Mardirosian (Hartford), Sergeant-at-Arms: Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet), Parliamentarian: Michael Yapchaian (Watertown), Assistant Parliamentarians: Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) and Armand Paboojian (Watertown). The host chapter obtained the services of Laurie Batek as Assembly Secretary.

Seventy-one delegates participated in the Assembly from the following chapters: Bayside, Boca Raton, Cambridge, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Evanston, Greenfield, Hartford, Houston, Northern New Jersey, Providence, Washington, D.C., Watertown, Watervliet, Westchester, Western Queens, Worcester and Wynnewood. Special guests included Western Diocese Central Council Chairman Paulette Kasparian and a delegation of Central Council members. The Canadian Diocese was represented by the Very Reverend Father Hovnan Derderian. Both Fr. Derderian and Paulette addressed the Assembly inviting members to participate in each of their respective ACYO's programs.

Many significant topics were discussed during the Assembly. A summary of those Proposals and Constitutional Amendments that passed are as follows:

- Acceptance of Regional Anniversary Ball Guidelines
- The Rules of Parliamentary were changed to charge the Central Council with selecting two or more additional sites for the General Assembly to convene, in addition to those chapters that have bid 60 days in advance of the Assembly. The General Assembly will then vote on all the sites offered.

- The National Sports Weekend Rules were changed to include an Eligibility Package Plan consisting of a Saturday evening dance and a Sunday Awards Banquet and dance.
- The Central Council was directed to form an Ad-Hoc committee to create a set of guidelines for program reporting procedures necessary for the use of the Central Council and Auditing Committee.
- The Annual Archbishop's Essay Contest was re-established.
- Seed money of \$1,000.00 (American) will be offered to the host chapter of the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament.
- The report of the Religious Programming Committee shall supercede all other Committee reports during the General Assembly.
- A "Last Supper" dinner or a Closing Worship Service shall be added to the General Assembly.
- A contest in an area of Church Tradition and Bible shall be added to the National Sports Weekend.
- The Fiscal Year of the ACYOA was changed to January 1st through December 31st.
- Membership dues become delinquent at the start of the Fiscal Year.
- The Executive Secretary shall have a non-transferable right of voice at the General Assembly.
- The Initiation Fee for membership has been eliminated.
- The Central Council has been charged with investigating the possibility of re-instituting a two week trip to Armenia.
- The Central Council has been charged with researching the feasibility of implementing crash courses in the Armenian

Language.

- The Constitution was amended to eliminate a specific reference to Canada.**
- The Constitution was amended to include spiritual, religious and cultural education among the purposes of the ACYOA.**
- The Constitution was amended to require host chapters to submit a complete report to the Central Council 90 days after the event.**
- The Houston Chapter of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church presented a successful bid for the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend.**

A fine presentation by Greg Arpajian (Cleveland) on "Challenge for ACYOA Leaders: Attracting and Motivating Volunteers" was given on Thursday morning.

Social highlights included a mixer at the hotel and an evening dinner cruise of Newport Harbor.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian hosted a luncheon Friday afternoon. Delegates were given a opportunity to ask the Primate questions regarding issues of spirituality, culture and language.

1988 ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND

September 3-5, 1988

The Annual ACYOA National Sports Weekend was held in Providence, Rhode Island immediately following the General Assembly.

Events were held at the Marriott Inn, Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church and Rocky Point Paladium.

Over 300 athletes from 14 chapters, as well as participants from the Canadian and Western Diocese competed in sports competition. This particular weekend attracted one of the largest crowds in recent times. 1100 members, guests and alumni participated in social activities and banquets during the weekend. Over 450 package plans were purchased and 225 of the Marriott Inn rooms were booked.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presented an the 1988 ACYOA Alumni Award to Julia H. Tashjian, Secretary of State of Connecticut.

A series of "Insights" lectures were held consisting of the following topics: Cross-Cultural Marriage (Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian), The Relevance of the Divine Liturgy in Our Daily Lives (Dn. Norman Odabashian), The Present Situation in Karabagh (Dr. Dennis Papazian).

Major sporting awards were given as follows:

Babayan Cup: Evanston

-most total points, chapter

Masis Cup: Cleveland

-most points per individual, chapter

Kuhlanjian Cup: Cleveland

-sportsmanship, chapter

Yaghoobian Cup: Gregory Arpajian(Cleveland)

-sportsmanship, individual

The Providence Chapter offered a special discount package plan and Armenian dance for those ACYOA Alumni that attended.

Host Committee Chairman and Executive Chairman were Stephanie Masoian and Linda Minassian respectively.

**1989 ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN INVITATIONAL
TOURNAMENT**
May 5-7, 1989

The annual tournament was once again held in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly. The host parish was St. Stepanos Armenian Church in Elberon, New Jersey.

Twenty-two teams competed in Men's basketball and Co-ed Volleyball. A total of 250 ACYOA members participated.

The weekend activities included a day trip to nearby Atlantic City and a dance on Friday night. Saturday was spent in athletic competition and ended with a banquet and dance in the evening. A farewell luncheon was held following church services on Sunday. Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) chaired the event with the assistance of the youth of the St. Stepanos parish.

ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

As a result of the earthquake in Armenia, the annual Armenian Studies Program has been postponed until the summer of 1990. The Council and Executive Secretary believed that it was necessary to continue to send young Armenian-Americans on this annual pilgrimage. However, we were faced with the reality that it would be impossible to provide the same type of program this year, as we had in the past. In consultation with His Holiness Vasken I and His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, we decided to send a team of young Armenians to build a housing unit in Stepanavan.

In just several months Douglas Tashjian completely organized the logistics, as well as financing and donations for the journey of the relief team. On May 13th a detailed, day long, orientation meeting was held at the Diocesan Complex.

Dr. Edgar Housepian, Chairman of the Diocesan Medical Relief Committee, discussed the medical conditions in Armenia and care for the ACYOA team should any problems arise. Mr. Monteford Ricketts, a construction engineer, assigned to the team by Kevork Hovnanian, reviewed the building project. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Mr. Jack Antreassian spoke on the current living conditions in Stepanavan and what to expect when arriving in Armenia.

Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian briefed the team members on local customs and language. Fr. Karekin also informed the participants of what to be aware of in social contacts with the Stepanavan community.

A complete review of the itinerary was made, as well as a division of responsibilities such as laundry, cooking, etc.

At the time of this writing the group is in Armenia. The material, as well as the design of the unit has been donated by Kevork Hovnanian. Mr. Hovnanian also provided two construction experts to supervise the work. In order not to burden the local community, many supplies and food were shipped in advance.

The Very Reverend Fr. Houssig Bagdasarian of St. Mary Armenian Church, Livingston, New Jersey accompanied the group as it's spiritual leader.

The ACYOA group was also scheduled to visit Yerevan and several religious and cultural sights. Their journey also consisted of an audience with His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

The following ACYOA chapters generously contributed toward this relief effort:

Cambridge	\$500.00
Fairlawn	\$711.00
Hartford	\$1,000.00
Springfield	\$1,000.00

1988 ACYOA NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY BALL-Watervliet, NY.
July 22-24,1988

This was the first national event hosted by the Watervliet Chapter. 300 people attended the Saturday night banquet and dance, 100 of these were out of town ACYOA members. Saturday morning and afternoon were spent in the Lake George area. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presided over the celebration. Central Council Chairman Scott Najarian and Executive Secretary Douglas Tashjian addressed those attending the banquet. Scott presented the Watervliet Chapter with a new charter in recognition of the recent formation of their chapter. A picnic was held Sunday afternoon on church grounds.

ACYOA/Diocesan Educational Programs

At the 1988 General Assembly in Providence, much interest was expressed in educational programs in Armenian religion, culture, and language.

The ACYOA, in conjunction with the Diocesan Department of Religious Education(DRE) and the Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center(ALLARC), offered the following programs:

The Sources of Our Faith

A program designed for those who want to understand the Christian faith according to the teachings of the Armenian Church. Participants will look at the church's liturgical and sacramental life, the place of Holy Tradition and Scripture, and their own privileges and responsibilities as members of the Armenian Church.

A Study of the Gospel of Mark

An in-depth study of the Gospel of Mark, the earliest Gospel and the closest to oral tradition, and perhaps the most effective picture of Christ. Participants will examine Mark's presentation of the divinity and humanity of Jesus and consider contemporary dilemmas and moral issues which derive their resolution from Mark's Gospel.

Armenian Language Crash Course

An intensive full-day of immersion in the Armenian language. Participants will learn the letters of the alphabet and at least 300 complete sentences in common usage. The program includes lectures on Armenian Church History.

Armenia: 10,000 Years of History in Ten Hours

An in-depth study of religion, history, language, and culture, from the ancient Urarians in 600 B.C. to the conversion to Christianity of King Tiridates II in 301 A.D., to the founding of Holy Etchmiadzin, to the Great Armenian Empire and the succession of invasions and to the Genocide by Ottoman Turks (1915-1923). A kaleidoscope of Armenology presented by noted authorities, all experts in their respective disciplines.

These programs are available, at no cost to all ACYOA chapters. Parish wide attendance is encouraged.

In 1989, the following chapters took advantage of these educational programs: Hartford, Providence, and Worcester (postponed).

CHAPTER "A" ASSISTANCE PROGRAM **January 27-29, 1989**

This year marks the first time that a Chapter "A" Award winning chapter has been sent as a team to assist a developing chapter. The Council believes this program serves a dual purpose. The "A" Award winning chapter is rewarded for its exemplary performance and the hosting chapter receives the benefits of the experience and expertise of a well organized chapter. This year's team consisted of members of the Watertown ACYOA Executive Board: George Tekeyan, Stephen Sarkisian, Daniel Shadbegian, Susan Kapilian and Susan Bergoudian. They were joined by Central Council members Lisa Manookian and Laurie Onanian, and Executive Secretary Douglas Tashjian. The host chapter was the Boca Raton, Florida ACYOA.

The team's efforts began with a training workshop on Youth Ministry held in Watertown. The ACYOA obtained the services of Mr. Joseph Moore, Director of New England Youth Ministry. Mr. Moore, Douglas Tashjian and

Watertown Youth Director, Randy Dagley organized the workshop. Five topics were reviewed:

-Community Building-Thought provoking role plays designed to simulate personal reflection towards understanding of oneself and the manner in which individuals relate to each other in groups.

-Individual Profile-How each person plays a vital role in their church community and ACYOA.

-Community Profile-How the organization fits into the church community and the roles members must play within this church family; and how to set goals and delegate responsibilities to people with the right talents.

-Prayer-An important part of everyday life and how it fits into the group as a family.

-ACYOA Organization-The procedures, programs, and activities which the ACYOA sponsors nationally and in the local parish.

Upon arriving in Florida the well prepared Watertown ACYOA found a receptive group eager to participate in the sessions which followed.

Both participating chapters have set a fine model for which future programs can emulate.

ARMENIAN CULTURAL WEEKEND. Diocesan Complex. New York City.

February 17-20,1989

Once again this extremely popular program was filled to capacity with 54 participants. The weekend began on Friday night with registration at the nearby Eastgate Hotel, followed by an evening reception. Early Saturday morning the group attended a Matins service at St. Vartan Cathedral.

The day's events began with lectures and language class. Dr. Dennis Papazian, Professor of History and Director, Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan spoke on "Armenians and the Soviet Ethnic Policy."

Armenian Language classes were divided into several groups based on individual proficiency.

The Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian, pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, spoke on "Jerusalem: The Holy Places and a History of the Armenians." Fr. Melkonian, a member of the St. James Brotherhood of Jerusalem, taught the participants the importance of the Armenian religion within the framework of Christianity through the ages.

"Finding Meaning and Life in the Divine Liturgy" was the subject of a lecture given by Mr. Michael Findikyan. At the time Mr. Findikyan was a fourth year student at the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. His talk highlighted the Divine Liturgy as a supreme, elegant and powerful expression of the Armenian Christian Faith which manifests itself through the active participation of the practitioner.

The day ended with an evening at South Street Seaport.

Participants attended Divine Liturgy Sunday morning. In the afternoon a lecture by Armenian Art scholar Lucy Der Manuelian of Tufts University. Dr. Der Manuelian's slide presentation "Lost Treasure: The Story of Armenian Art," described the castles and churches perched at the tops of mountains in historic Armenia, as well as Armenian illuminated manuscripts.

The Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, Canon Sacrist of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, spoke about the development of the Armenian Church. Fr. Papken reviewed four ecumenical councils: Nicea, Constantinople, Ephesus, and Calcedon.

The religious, political and cultural reasons for the development of the Armenian alphabet and the creation of Armenian literature were explored by The Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian. Fr. Barsamian serves as the Vicar General of the Diocese. The lecture reviewed the history of the Armenian language and it's importance in the preservation of our cultural identity.

Sunday evening ended with a visitation to St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in New Rochelle, New York.

Monday began with a discussion led by Dr. Richard Hovannisian, Professor of Armenian and Near Eastern History at UCLA. Dr. Hovannisian covered the topic of "Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Armenian-American Community." The discussion focused on the effects of immigration and assimilation in the community and how Armenian organizations can deal with these effects.

Participants included members from: Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, Evanston, San Antonio, Binghamton, Hartford, Haverhill, Lawrence, Providence, Springfield, Tenafly, Union City, Washington, Watertown, Westchester, Wynnewood, and New York City.

The Cultural Weekend was created in an effort to enable ACYOA members to experience the teachings of trained professionals in the fields of Armenian culture, language, arts, religion, etc. In some cases participating members have been exposed to this type of program for the first time. With each passing year we hope to improve this program through the valuable comments of the participants.

HYE CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER-Watertown, MA.

December 9-11, 1988

A Christian Retreat Weekend was held at the Grotonwood Retreat Center in Groton, MA. This particular weekend was designed to encourage and enrich personal reflection and understanding of ones spiritual life.

The theme of the retreat was "Walk with the Spirit," centering on the understanding of the presence of the Holy Spirit and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. The program included the following topics: The Holy Spirit in our Prayers, the World, the Bible, the Beauty of the Badarak, and in our image of God.

The retreat leader was Randy Dagley, Youth Director of St. James Watertown and the New England Region.

Dr. Charles Slagen was the featured speaker for the weekend. Dr. Slagen is President of Slagen and Associates: Management Consulting Firm

Administrator of Grace Chapel Counseling Center. Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian, Pastor of St. James Watertown, MA., was the attending priest.

The program was attended by twelve members.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE-Milwaukee, WI.
October 28-30, 1988

The Greenfield ACYOA of St. John the Baptist Armenian Church hosted a weekend seminar at the Archbishop Cousins Retreat Center in Milwaukee.

Rev. Fr. Vartan Kasparian of St. Mary's Armenian Church in Yettam, California discussed the priesthood in the Armenian Church. The discussion included the functions of a priest in performing sacraments, counseling, maintaining community relationships, and the caring of the faithful. Fr. Vartan also noted some specific church problems, such as the shortage of clergy and current attitudes toward church service.

Mr. Arthur Mardigian, a former Diocesan Council member and Parish Council member of St. John's Armenian Church in Detroit, spoke about the structure of the Armenian Church and the roles that lay people can undertake within the church. Mr. Mardigian made reference to his development as a church leader through his participation in the ACYOA.

Discussion sessions completed the weekend activities. The group was led by Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian, Pastor of the Greenfield parish, Mr. Dean Shahinian of Washington, D.C., a long time member and advisor to the ACYOA, and Mr. Douglas Tashjian, Executive Secretary. Discussions focused on how the ACYOA can better serve the Armenian church through changes to the organization's operations and how Armenian youth can be encouraged to become more involved in church leadership.

The conference had 11 participants from Racine, Detroit, Evanston, Washington, Watertown, New Jersey, New York, and Greenfield.

Dawn Maksud served as Host Committee Chairman.

HYE CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER-Cleveland, OH.

April 14-16, 1989

A Christian Retreat entitled "Issues Facing Armenian Youth Today" was hosted by the ACYOA of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church. Punderson State Park in Newbury, Ohio served as the location for the weekend. Topics included: "How to Keep Youth in the Armenian Church, Intermarriage, The Future of the Armenian Church, and The Conflict of Society's Material Values vs. Christ's Teachings."

Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Rector of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary served as Retreat Leader for the Weekend. Leslie Bagdasarian was Host Committee Chairman.

Twenty participants from Bayside, Cleveland, Detroit, Greenfield and Washington attended.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP-Westchester, NY.

March 11, 1989

The ACYOA chapter of St. James Armenian Church hosted a one day Leadership Workshop at the church facilities in Westchester.

Mr. Edward Chapien(Bayside), a Diocesan Council members spoke about leadership roles within the Armenian Church. The discussion specifically focused on the Diocesan structure and leadership positions.

Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, Pastor of the St. James(Westchester) parish, lectured on the responsibilities of preserving and propagating the Armenian faith.

Ms. Barbara Avery, Coordinator of Student Affairs at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY., reviewed contemporary leaders and role models in society.

The workshop was attended by 20 ACYOA members from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Ohio.

Suzie Ashjian, Diane Guderian and Douglas Tashjian organized the program.

Martyrs Day Program-New York City
April 22, 1989

The ACYOA presented a commemorative program at Kavookjian Auditorium for the 74th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

The program featured performances by young Armenian-Americans. The Karatsayn Singers, a group of young adults from St. George Armenian Church in Hartford, sang five pieces by Armenian composers.

Harold Hagopian, a young violinist, performed several pieces, by composers such as Kachaturian, Mozart, and Gomidas.

Shami Arslanian, a singer/songwriter, debuted a song she had written in honor of the Armenian earthquake victims. Entitled "Long Live Armenia," the piece was sung by Ms. Arslanian, accompanied by her husband Steven Weisbart on piano, Kim Nazarian, back up vocal, and Damin Meeter on saxophone.

A literature reading of "Men Without Childhood" by Andranik Zaroukian was given by actor/playwright Tom Mardirosian. Mr. Mardirosian's reading described in the first person two young Armenian boys orphaned and essentially left without childhood.

The Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General of the Armenian Diocese, and Douglas Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary, both added moving remarks.

A requiem service concluded the program.

6. SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The ACYOA offered six awards and one scholarship in 1989. These were:

The ACYOA Chapter "A" Award and Honorable Mention Award

The Chapter "A" Award is based on a point system, whereby the chapter accumulating the most total points receives the award (the second place chapter will receive the Honorable Mention Award). Chapters accumulating a pre-determined number of points shall receive an Achievement Award. Awarding of points will be based on performance of certain requirements to the National ACYOA, Local ACYOA Chapter, Local Parish and Community.

Point System

Delegation at General Assembly	20 Points
Representation at Regional Conference	10 Points
Representation at Archbishop's Tournament -at least one member attending	5 Points
Team Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	10 Points
Athletic Representation at Sports Weekend -at least one member attending	10 Points
Representation at Sports Weekend -at least one member attending	5 Points
Service to Parish/Armenian Community	0-50 Points
Service to Local Community	0-20 Points
ACYOA Day Recognized in Parish	20 Points
Educational/Cultural Program	10 Points

Submission of Monthly Fact Sheets -must be postmarked 15 days following reported month	2 Points/Month
Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing -must be postmarked by due date	20 Points
Submission of Chapter Membership Listing -must be postmarked by due date	20 Points
Executive Committee Listing w/Delegates -must be postmarked thirty days following elections	20 Points
Membership Dues/Renewal Form/ New Member Form -must be postmarked by due date	20 Points
Sam Nersesian Award Nomination -must be postmarked by due date	20 Points
Annual Chapter Report -must be postmarked by due date	20 Points
Spiritual Program	20 Points

Explanation of "A" Award Criteria

Delegation at General Assembly

Chapter must be represented at the Annual Assembly by at least the Chapter Chairman or an Elected Delegate as outlined in the ACYOA Chapter Handbook.

Representation at Regional Conference

At least one chapter representative must attend any regional conference held in their respective regions. These are held annually in the Fall and sometimes during the Spring.

Representation at the Archbishop's Tournament

At least one member from the chapter has attended the tournament, it is not necessary to participate in athletic events. A list of all purchasers of the package plan will be forwarded to the Central Council. For those who do not purchase a plan must provide the Central Council with a means of verification.

Team Representation at the Archbishop's Tournament

A minimum of one team from the chapter must participate in basketball and/or volleyball. Participation subject to the tournament regulations (revised 1987).

Representation at Sports Weekend

A minimum of one member from the chapter must attend the annual Sports Weekend held on Labor Day Weekend. It is not necessary to participate in athletic events. The same verification procedure for the Archbishop's Tournament also applies.

Athletic Representation at Sports Weekend

A minimum of two members from the chapter must participate in a minimum of one athletic event each. Participation subject to Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations.

Service to Parish/Armenian Community

Points will be awarded to each chapter based on the degree of service they bestow upon their respective Parish/Armenian Community. Chapters will be judged at the end of the fiscal year. The number and quality of programs

Service to the Local Community

The same criteria applies to this category as service to Armenian Community. This category includes projects such as "Toys for Tots", donation of Armenian related books to local library, blood drives, food banks, assistance the homeless, etc.

ACYOA Day Recognized in Parish

The chapter in conjunction with it's local parish must designate one day a year as ACYOA Day. Many chapters hold this annually on Palm

Sunday. Chapters have dinners with speakers, members act as parish council members for a day, sponsor a program for their parish, etc. It is not necessary to have this day on Palm Sunday, however it is highly recommended.

Educational/Cultural Program

The chapter must sponsor a minimum of one program that is educational and/or cultural. These programs may be open to the chapter, the Armenian Community or the general public.

Spiritual Program

The chapter must sponsor a minimum of one program that is spiritually related. These programs include religious retreats, Bible study, etc.

**The items listed below are further explained on the ACYOA " It's Due" Listing.

Submission of Monthly Fact Sheets

Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing

Submission of Chapter Membership Listing

Executive Committee Listing w/Delegates

Membership Dues/Renewal Form/New Member Form

Sam Nersesian Award Nomination

Annual Chapter Report

*** All references to member refers to a currently dues paid members of the ACYOA

*** Each program is eligible for only one category. For example a cultural program held on ACYOA Day will be counted only to ACYOA Day.

The ACYOA Chapter Achievement Award

This award recognizes chapters who have attained a certain level of points accumulated during the past year. This rewards and recognizes chapters that had outstanding years. This year's awards will be presented to all ACYOA Chapters exceeding 200 cumulative points. Four chapters qualified for the Achievement Award in 1989.

The Sam Nersesian Award

This award is given annually to an ACYOA member who best exemplifies the character of a true Christian and servant of the church. Recipients are nominated by their ACYOA Chapter. Selection is made by the Central Council.

Outstanding Young Christian Award

This is a new award in 1989. It is given to those individuals who are nominated by their chapter for the Sam Nersesian Award. It is the Council's belief that those who are singled out by their chapters as fine Christians are truly deserving of an award and should be recognized accordingly.

Certificates of Appreciation

These certificates are given to individuals who have served the National ACYOA with distinction. Recipients often include National Event Chairmen, Assembly Officers, etc. Certificates are awarded by the Central Council.

Sam Nersesian Scholarship

This Scholarship is given annually to applicants to attend the St. Nersess Summer Studies Programs. Applications are sent to all chapters and parishes. Recipients are selected by the Central Council.

1988 award recipients will be named at the ACYOA National Sports Weekend Awards Banquet in Providence. 1987 recipients were:

ACYOA Chapter "A" Award
Honorable Mention Certificate
Chapter Achievement Awards

Watertown
Providence
Cleveland
Detroit
Hartford
Worcester
Wynnewood
Susan Bergoudian(Watertown)
No applicants

Sam Nersesian Award
Sam Nersesian Scholarship

The Archbishop's Essay Contest

The Central Council has re-instituted the Archbishop's Essay Contest after a six year hiatus. The contest includes Armenian and English categories. Subjects are to be Armenian oriented, with the emphasis on writing style and literary ability. The winner in each category will receive a monetary award of \$150.00. The awards will be presented at the Annual Sports Weekend Awards Banquet. Two essays were submitted in 1989, one each in Armenian and English.

7. VISITATIONS

The following chapter visitations and program participations were made during the year.

July

Evanston: Attended Executive Board Meeting
Doug Tashjian

Toronto: Met with Executive Committee of local ACYOC and ACYOC
Central Council

August

Trumbull: Met with Executive Board and Pastor. Chapter has been
reactivated.
Doug Tashjian

Providence: New England Regional Committee Meeting.
Scott Najarian, Doug Tashjian

September

Inter-
Diocesan: Meeting with representatives of Canadian Diocese
Central Council, Doug Tashjian

Providence: Follow-Up meeting with Sports Weekend Committee
Doug Tashjian

Watertown: Spoke at Youth Sunday program, met with Executive
Board
Doug Tashjian

Inter-Collegiate Dinner
Scott Najarian, Doug Tashjian

Greenfield: Met with chapter members
Doug Tashjian

Racine: Met with chapter members
Doug Tashjian

W. Queens Met with chapter members
Doug Tashjian

October

Springfield: New England Regional Committee Meeting
Scott Najarian, Doug Tashjian

Greenfield: Christian Leadership Seminar
Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

November

ACYOA-WD ACYO-WD General Assembly, Yetem, California. Central Council Chairman addressed delegates, Executive Secretary addressed banquet. Attended all meetings.
Scott Najarian, Doug Tashjian

December

Watertown: Attended Collegiate Dinner sponsored by ACYOA.
Scott Najarian

Workshop held for chapter members participating in Chapter "A"/Assistance Program
Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

Hye Christian Encounter
Suzie Ashjian, Laurie Onanian

Providence: New England Regional Committee Meeting
Scott Najarian, Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

Livingston: Meeting with Parish Priests of Northern New Jersey
parishes.
Doug Tashjian

New
Rochelle: Attended evening session of St. Nersess Winter Studies
Program for college students.
Doug Tashjian

January

Bayside: Attended Chapter Meeting
Doug Tashjian

Boca Raton: Participated in Chapter "A"/Assistance Program
Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

Hartford: Attended Christmas Program/Dinner
Doug Tashjian

Fairlawn: Northern New Jersey Regional Meeting
Suzie Ashjian, Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian, Scott
Najarian, Doug Tashjian

February

Livingston: Meeting with Northern New Jersey Pastors
Doug Tashjian

Tenafly: Attended organizational meeting
Doug Tashjian

Cultural Weekend-New York City
Suzie Ashjian, Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian, Doug
Tashjian

Watertown: Collegiate Dinner
Scott Najarian

Providence: Chapter Visitation
Laurie Onanian

March

Elberon: Archbishop's Tournament/Diocesan Assembly Meeting
Doug Tashjian

Cambridge: Guest Speaker at ACYOA sponsored Lenten Dinner
Doug Tashjian

Providence: Updating of National Mailing List
Doug Tashjian

Guest Speaker at ACYOA sponsored Lenten Dinner
Doug Tashjian

Tenafly: Meeting with new Executive Board
Doug Tashjian

Attended and spoke at organizational meeting
Doug Tashjian

Chicago: Met with Parish Priest and Chapter Organizational
Committee.
Doug Tashjian

Milwaukee: Meeting with young adults
Doug Tashjian

Racine: Guest Speaker at ACYOA Day Banquet
Doug Tashjian

Westchester: Christian Leadership Conference
Suzie Ashjian, Doug Tashjian

April

Cleveland: Attended 25th Anniversary Banquet of Parish
Central Council, Doug Tashjian

Attended Hye Christian Encounter Weekend
Doug Tashjian

New York: ACYOA Martyr's Day Program
City Suzie Ashjian, Lisa Manookian, Doug Tashjian

Livingston: Meeting with Pastors of Fairlawn, Livingston and
Tenafly
Doug Tashjian

Westchester: Attended organizational meeting
Doug Tashjian

May

Westchester: Attended organizational meeting
Doug Tashjian

Tenafly: Attended Chapter meeting
Doug Tashjian

Fairlawn: Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference
Suzie Ashjian

Cambridge: Chapter Visitation
Laurie Onanian

Watertown: Chapter Visitation
Laurie Onanian

1989 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament-
Elberon.

Suzie Ashjian, Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

June

Cambridge: New England Regional Meeting
Laurie Onanian

Houston: Chapter Visitation/ Sports Weekend Meeting
Lisa Manookian

** Suzie Ashjian made chapter visitations to Bayside and Westchester during the year

8. INTER-DIOCESAN RELATIONS

Western Diocese

This year's Inter-Diocesan Central Council meeting with the Western Diocese was postponed. Due to the decrease in general fundraising activities, the Council concluded that this particular meeting should be sacrificed in order to fund other priority programming. Both Central Councils plan to meet in the near future.

Communication between each group during the year was frequent. In November, Doug and Scott attended the Western Diocese ACYO General Assembly held in Yettam, California. As always the ACYO members of

Western Diocese were gracious hosts. Scott addressed the Assembly on Saturday, reviewing the programs offered by our Diocese, as well as noting the differences and similarities of each youth group. Doug gave a well received address to the members and alumni attending the banquet Saturday evening. Doug focused on the roles that all generations can assume in enhancing our knowledge of Armenian language, culture and history.

The Western Diocese will host a summer retreat to be co-sponsored by both the ACYO and ACYOA. "East and West: One In Christ" is the theme of the retreat to be held from July 16-22 at the Western Diocese Camp in Dunlap, California. Rev. Father Vasken Movsesian will serve as retreat leader for the week. Activities are to include workshops and discussions designed to give participants the opportunity to learn more about the Armenian religion and their spiritual selves. Camp facilities include swimming, boating and horseback riding.

At the time of this report only several members of the Eastern Diocese have taken advantage of this program, while the Western Diocese has responded with a large group.

Canadian Diocese

The Central Council met with members of the newly elected Canadian Central Council following the 1988 General Assembly in Providence. Discussion focused on support of each others respective programs in the future.

Canada will once again participate in our Annual Sports Weekend in Houston. The Toronto Chapter is expected to have the larger number of athletes participating than any ACYOA or ACYO chapter.

10. ACYOA DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

The ACYOA continues a year long search for a full time position in the ACYOA office. Among the responsibilities of the Departmental Assistant will be the designing and implementing of programs specifically for college students. Ads have been placed in all major Armenian newspapers in addition to mailings sent to each parish and ACYOA member.

11. PUBLICATIONS

The Hye Hokin

During the Fall of 1988, after several months of study and analysis, the Central Council adopted plans for a new quarterly National publication. Lisa Manookian was appointed general coordinator for the publication. By January 1989 an Editorial Board had been chosen and approved by the Council. An exhaustive search for a name was also concluded at this time and *Hye Hokin* ("The Armenian Spirit") was chosen. The services of Karen Sirabian, an ACYOA alumnus, were obtained as a professional editor. Lucine Baronian(Bayside) was chosen to due design and layout.

Initially, the Council examined what the needs of the ACYOA are in terms of a publication. It was concluded that we fill the void left by many other publications in the coverage of youth related news and topics. With this in mind articles, editorials and news will be directed towards the perspective of young adults. For example, articles regarding the Armenian earthquake were directed toward what the Armenian youth were doing to relieve earthquake victims. In this manner, we believe the *Hye Hokin* serves as a unique periodical within the Armenian church.

After these concerns had been addressed, a lengthy production schedule was devised in order to satisfy the requirements of the many individuals involved in the production process. Submitted materials are reviewed and edited for accuracy and content by many individuals, including members of the Editorial staff, Central Council, Executive Secretary, Diocese, and Clergy.

The first issue of the *Hye Hokin* was distributed in March, 1989. This issue has been followed by a summer issue, available in August. The

August issue will be distributed at the General Assembly and Sports Weekend in Houston, as well as mailed to those on the National mailing list.

National Directory

A directory of all ACYOA dues paid members was issued in January, 1989. Copies were mailed to each dues paid member at the time of printing. Each individual was listed along with members of his/her chapter. This booklet has proven to be a popular and valuable resource to members. A third edition is scheduled for January, 1990.

Membership Handbook

The new Membership Handbook has been completed and printed. The Handbook contains the following information: An Organizational Overview, Listing of Chapter Chairman and Contacts, Listing of Parishes and Clergy, Description of all Programs, Calendar of Events, Constitution, Sports Weekend and Archbishop's Tournament Rules and Regulations, etc.

The Membership Handbook has been printed in a loose-leaf format and includes a binder. This will allow essential updating throughout the year.

Chapter Resource Handbook

During 1989 the Central Council has completely revised the ACYOA Chapter Handbook. A full revision of this book had not been done for ten years. Materials have been updated by Council members Suzie Ashjian and Lisa Manookian. Both members spent many months of research and editing the publication. The book is divided into 16 categories:

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| 1. Table of Contents | 10. Publicity |
| 2. Introduction | 11. Letters |
| 3. Organizational Overview | 12. Administrative Forms |
| 4. The Chapter Executive Committee | 13. Prayers |
| 5. Standing Committees | 14. Protocol |
| 6. Meetings | 15. Guidelines for submission
of proposals and
amendments to the General
Assembly |
| 7. Programs | 16. Rules of Parliamentary
Procedure |
| 8. Budgeting | |
| 9. Reports | |

The Resource Handbook has been completed and will be distributed to Clergy and Chapter Chairman at the 1989 General Assembly.

13. NEW ACYOA CHAPTERS

The ACYOA has steadily increased the number of active chapters during the past several years. 1989 proved to be similar with the addition of Chicago, Illinois, New Britain, Connecticut, Houston, Texas and San Antonio, Texas, and Western Queens, New York.

The Northern New Jersey ACYOA has been divided to establish four different chapters: Fairlawn, Livingston, Tenafly, and Union City.

14. ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

In addition to the Stepanavan Earthquake Relief Team, the following projects were accomplished by the ACYOA in order to assist victims.

ACYOA Volunteers Manage Storage Space at Kennedy Airport

Through the efforts of Executive Secretary Doug Tashjian, a team of ACYOA volunteers were assembled to prepare shipments from a 30,000 square foot storage facility at JFK Airport in New York City to Yerevan, Armenia.

Over a four week period, 200,000 pounds of relief supplies were unloaded, by hand, without forklifts, conveyors, or professional assistance. Mr. Tashjian quickly learned the field of receiving and warehouse management, spending countless hours at the storage building organizing this effort.

Volunteers, many college students home on Christmas vacation, came from the following Armenian churches: St. Leon's(Fairlawn), St. Thomas(Tenafly), St. James(Westchester), Holy Martyr's(Bayside), Holy Cross(Union City), and St. Nersess Armenian Seminary.

ACYOA Departmental Activities

- Letters sent to all members on National Mailing List informing them of what they could do as a group or chapter. This information included critical phone numbers where donations could be sent and sample letters for soliciting donations. The ACYOA was one of the first organizations in the country to have this information available.
- Conducted a phone-a-thon of New York Metropolitan area ACYOA members.
- Set up phone bank of 20 phones to handle incoming toll-free calls to the Diocese
- Obtained donation of a fax machine
- Worked with two New York television stations to produce public service announcements which ran daily for eight days.
- Obtained, free of charge, the use of two typewriters from IBM.
- Assisted in coordination of donations of relief supplies.
- Distributed, Diocesan wide, collection canisters to pastors and Parish Council Chairman for use in local businesses.

17. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

National Fundraising Committee

In the fall of 1988 the Central Council appointed the following ACYOA members to an ad-hoc National Fundraising Committee: Greg Arpajian(Cleveland), Chairman, Roseann Manoogian(Detroit), Treasurer, Nora Ovassapian(Evanston), Secretary, and Susan Brewster(Hartford), Advisor.

The goal of the committee is to develop and implement fundraising activities. With the delays due to the Armenian earthquake, progress has been slowed but will resume in the upcoming year.

Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF)

The ACYOA-ACEF account grew significantly in 1989 due to the major contribution of Mr. Edward Mardigian. Mr. Mardigian has increased his contributions to the ACYOA by \$50,000.00, for a three year total of \$100,000.

Through the use of letters and reports sent to his residences in both Michigan and Florida, the Central Council and Executive Secretary kept Mr. Mardigian well informed of the progress the organization has made since his initial donation. In increasing his contribution, Mr. Mardigian noted that the ACYOA has responded positively by creating new programs, new chapters, and increasing membership. He pledged to continue his support in future years.

It is significant to note that the interest generated from the ACEF account during 1989 will be almost equal to the entire annual ACYOA budget of 1984.

David Onanian 1988 General Assembly Challenge

At the conclusion of the 1988 General Assembly, David Onanian(Houston) challenged Assembly Delegates to make a donation to the ACYOA, which he would match, up to \$100.00 per delegate.

A committee was appointed by the Central Council to administer this fundraiser. Several mailings and phone solicitations took place over the year. The fundraiser will conclude at the 1989 Assembly. Greg Arpajian served as committee Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Najarian".

SCOTT NAJARIAN
CHAIRMAN,
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

APPENDIX "C"

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
Statement of Equity
For The Period: July 1 - December 31, 1988

Capital, July 1, 1988	\$ 108,869.68
Less: Net Loss	(-2,822.39)
Merrill Lynch Securities(A)	(313.00)
Capital, December 31, 1988	\$ 105,734.29 =====

(A) - Calculated as follows:

Market Value (6/24/88)	\$ 15,095.00
Market Value (12/30/88)	14,782.00
Decrease in Value	313.00

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 1988

ASSETS

Cash		
Checking Account	\$ 1,983.26	
Money Market	<u>27,659.98</u>	\$ 29,643.24
Merrill Lynch Securities Account (A)		14,782.65
ACEF: (B)		
Appropriated (C)	\$ 15,000.00	
Unappropriated	<u>50,000.00</u>	65,000.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Archbishop's Tournament 1988		<u>950.00</u>
		\$ 110,375.89 =====

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Accounts Payable:		
Sports Weekend Loan	\$ 1,000.00	
Chapter "A" Assistance	1,762.50	
Christian Retreat	879.10	
Archbishop's Tournament Loan	<u>1,000.00</u>	\$ 4,641.60
Equity		<u>105,734.29</u>
		\$ 110,375.89 =====

Notes: (A) - Market value as of 12/30/88.
 (B) - ACEF stands for Armenian Church Endowment Fund.
 (C) - Interest to go toward educational/cultural programs.

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
Income Statement
For the Period: July 1 - December 31, 1988

REVENUE

Membership Dues	\$ 2,197.50
National Sports Weekend	4,423.26
Dividends/Interest	1,761.94
Donations	400.00
Sports Weekend Loan	1,000.00
1988 Cultural Weekend	<u>1,077.82</u>

Total Revenue \$ 10,860.52

EXPENSES

Central Council Meetings	\$ 1,485.09
Central Council Administration	471.25
Chapter Visitations/Travel	12.00
General Assembly/Sports Weekend	1,848.82
Publications	1,193.34
Scholarships/Awards	720.00
Regional Conferences	58.85
Sports Weekend Loan	1,000.00
Central Council Committees	210.73
Leadership Weekends	1,000.00
Chapter "A" Assistance	1,762.50
Christian Retreat	1,879.10
Archbishop's Tournament Loan	1,000.00
Leadership Weekend 1988	498.46
Anniversary Ball 1988	67.10
Securities Reinvestment	472.56
Jr. Portion of Regional Ball Proceeds	<u>3.11</u>

Total Expenses \$ 13,682.91

NET LOSS (\$ 2,822.39)
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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
Budget Report
For the Period July 1 - December 31, 1988

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Membership Dues	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,197.50	\$ 302.50
Sports Weekend	10,122.83	4,423.26	5,699.57
Anniversary Ball	500.00	0.00	500.00
Archbishop's Tournament	950.00	0.00	950.00
Dividends/Interest	7,550.00	1,761.94	5,788.06
Donations	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
Armenian Studies Program	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Sports Weekend Loan	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00
Securities Liquidation	500.00	0.00	500.00
Transfer from Diocese	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Cultural Weekend	1,077.82	1,077.82	0.00
Archbishop's Tournament Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>\$ 32,200.65</u>	<u>\$ 10,860.52</u>	<u>\$ 21,340.13</u>
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<u>Disbursements</u>			
Central Council Meetings	\$ 2,840.00	\$ 1,485.09	\$ 1,354.91
Central Council Administration	1,250.00	471.25	778.75
Visitations/Travel	1,000.00	12.00	988.00
Inter-Diocesan Meetings	625.00	0.00	625.00
General Assembly/Sports Weekend	2,900.00	1,848.82	1,051.18
Publications	6,250.00	1,193.34	5,056.66
Scholarships/Awards	750.00	720.00	30.00
Regional Conferences/Activities	1,000.00	58.85	941.15
Sports Weekend Loan	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Central Council Committees	1,000.00	210.73	789.27
Archbishop's Tournament	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cultural Weekend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Leadership Weekends	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Armenian Christian Studies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chapter "A" Assistance	3,000.00	1,762.50	1,237.50
Christian Retreats	2,500.00	1,879.10	620.90
Mailing List	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Video Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Ministry Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer to Savings	2,520.09	0.00	2,520.09
Archbishop's Tournament Loan	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Leadership Weekend 1988	498.46	498.46	0.00
Anniversary Ball 1988	67.10	67.10	0.00
Securities Reinvestment	0.00	472.56	(472.56)
Jr. Portion of Reg. Ball Proceeds	0.00	3.11	(3.11)
	<u>\$ 32,200.65</u>	<u>\$ 13,682.91</u>	<u>\$ 18,517.74</u>
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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
Income Statement
For the Period: January 1 - July 31, 1989

REVENUE

Membership Dues	\$ 687.00
Sports Weekend	2,000.00
Dividends/Interest	7,151.35
Archbishop's Tournament Loan	1,000.00
Donation	<u>50,000.00</u>

Total Revenues \$ 60,838.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Central Council Meetings	\$ 2,914.64
Central Council Administration	1,648.91
Visitations/Travel	1,888.15
Inter-Diocesan Meetings	587.53
General Assembly/Sports Weekend	944.75
Publications	1,311.07
Regional Conferences/Activities	41.50
Leadership Weekend	1,785.51
Christian Retreat	1,414.00
Securities Reinvestment	<u>524.99</u>

Total Disbursements 13,061.05

NET INCOME \$ 47,777.30
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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
Budget Update
As of July 31, 1989

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Membership Dues	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 687.00	\$ 2,313.00
Sports Weekend	5,700.00	2,000.00	3,700.00
Anniversary Ball	500.00	0.00	500.00
Archbishop's Tournament	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Dividends/Interest	8,950.00	7,151.35	1,798.65
Donations	15,000.00	50,000.00	(35,000.00)
Armenian Studies Program	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Sports Weekend Loan	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fundraising	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Securities Liquidation	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Transfer from Diocese	15,300.00	0.00	15,300.00
Cultural Weekend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Archbishop's Tournament Loan	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	\$ 71,450.00	\$ 60,838.35	\$ 10,611.65
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<u>Disbursements</u>			
Central Council Meetings	\$ 5,680.00	\$ 2,914.64	\$ 2,765.36
Central Council Administration	2,500.00	1,648.91	851.09
Visitations/Travel	2,000.00	1,888.15	111.85
Inter-Diocesan Meetings	2,375.00	587.53	1,787.47
General Assembly/Sports Weekend	2,900.00	944.75	1,955.25
Publications	7,545.00	1,311.07	6,233.93
Scholarships/Awards	820.00	0.00	820.00
Regional Conferences/Activities	2,000.00	41.50	1,958.50
Sports Weekend Loan	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Central Council Committees	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Archbishop's Tournament	536.00	0.00	536.00
Cultural Weekend	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
Leadership Weekend	6,000.00	1,785.51	4,214.49
Armenian Christian Studies	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Chapter "A" Assistance Program	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Christian Retreats	5,000.00	1,414.00	3,586.00
Mailing List	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Video Library	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Youth Ministry Library	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Transfer to Savings	2,594.00	(50,000.00)	(47,406.00)
Archbishop's Tournament Loan	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Securities Reinvestment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>524.99</u>	<u>(524.99)</u>
	\$ 71,450.00	\$ 63,061.05	\$ 8,388.95
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Bayside	23	9	14	27
Boca Raton	0	5	24	17
Cambridge	20	25	12	29
Chicago	0	0	0	7
Cleveland	17	32	33	32
Dallas	0	0	0	5
Detroit	66	51	49	54
Evanston	17	39	37	38
Fair Lawn	0	0	0	35
Greenfield	0	7	4	12
Hartford	0	10	18	32
Houston	0	0	0	5
Lawrence	12	0	6	28
Lowell	7	9	0	0
New Britain	6	0	0	13
Northern New Jersey	39	40	71	0
Palos Heights	17	0	0	0
Providence	35	35	44	49
Racine	0	8	6	2
San Antonio	0	0	0	7
Springfield	0	0	0	10
Tenafly	0	0	0	3
Trumbull	0	0	0	6
Union City	0	0	0	4
Washington, D.C.	21	39	36	17
Watertown	22	62	55	36
Watervliet	0	21	28	2
Westchester	9	8	16	27
Western Queens	0	0	6	3
Wisconsin	32	0	0	0
Worcester	7	27	17	21
Wynnewood	25	40	29	18
Members-at-Large	0	0	3	10
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TOTALS	375	467	508	549

APPENDIX "D"

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee recommended acceptance of the Budget prepared by the ACYOA Central Council with few changes. [These changes were noted when the Central Council Treasurer presented them in a later session].

Proposals Committee

The Proposals Committee reviewed the proposal submitted by Cambridge regarding re-editing and re-publishing the Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church.

Proposal:

The Holy Trinity ACYOA proposes to re-publish and re-edit the Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church. The Holy Trinity ACYOA hopes to gain authorization from the ACYOA General Assembly for a committee to oversee and coordinate this project. Rev. Dr. Krikor Maksoudian has already accepted the position of Editor-in-Chief, pending Assembly approval.

Rationale:

The Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church had been published by the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America in 1956. It was regarded, at the time of publication, as the most comprehensive English manual dealing with the teachings of the Armenian Church.

The intent of this re-publishing and re-editing effort will be to preserve the scholarly quality of the out-of-print manual, while overhauling the format, layout, graphics, and pictorial elements, and adding new commentaries. The newly-produced book will be a comprehensive compilation that will attract all Armenians. The periodical and handbook will serve as a complete layman's resource of the Prayers, Teachings, and Sacraments of the Armenian Church.

Finally, this valuable text would be translated into Eastern and Western Ashkharapar, and will serve as a tool to spread the teachings of Armenian Christianity to the world Armenian community.

Disposition:

Rejected as stated. The Proposals Committee submits the following as an alternative:

The Holy Trinity ACYOA proposes to re-publish and re-edit the Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church. The Holy Trinity ACYOA hopes to gain

authorization from the ACYOA General Assembly for a committee to investigate the feasibility of this project, and will report its findings to the Central Council for appropriate action.

Constitutional Amendments Committee

The Constitutional Amendments Committee reviewed the proposed change to Article 11, Section 2, submitted by Cleveland and Detroit.

Presently:

The first General Assembly shall elect for the first ACYOA Central Council three members serving a two-year term and two members serving a one-year term. Thereafter, as terms of office expire, the vacancies shall be filled by members elected for two-year terms.

Proposed:

The ACYOA Central Council shall consist of seven (7) members elected by the General Assembly each to serve a two-year term. At the General Assembly held in conjunction with the adoption of this section, there shall be an election by ballot for five (5) members, four (4) of whom shall be elected for a term of two years and one (1) for one year. At each General Assembly thereafter, a number of members equal to that of those whose terms have expired shall be elected for the term of two years. At the expiration of any term, any member may be re-elected.

Additional:

If approved for 1989, the two present members of the Central Council whose terms are not expiring will complete their terms. The General Assembly will elect four members to serve a two-year term and the fifth person after balloting in complete (the fifth person who received the next highest number of votes) will serve a one-year term. Thereafter, as terms of office expire, the vacancies will be filled by members elected for two-year terms.

Rationale:

As the ACYOA increases in membership, chapters, and programs, the present five member Central Council cannot effectively serve the chapters and the members. The additional two members of the Council will allow for more chapter and regional contact, supervision, and representation. Additionally, members of the Council will not be limited to two consecutive terms in office.

Disposition:

The Constitutional Amendments Committee recommends the acceptance of the amendment with the following underlined change (last sentence):

The ACYOA Central Council shall consist of seven (7) members elected by the General Assembly each to serve a two-year term. At the General Assembly held in conjunction with the adoption of this section, there shall be an election by ballot for five (5) members, four (4) of whom

shall be elected for a term of two years and one (1) for one year. At each General Assembly thereafter, a number of members equal to that of those whose terms have expired shall be elected for the term of two years. No member shall hold office in excess of two consecutive terms.

Programming Committee

1. The ACYOA Programming Committee, in an effort to increase membership, would like the Central Council to institute a National Membership Drive. In coordination with the 75th Anniversary of Armenian Martyrs' Day, we suggest a goal of 75 new members per region. We would like to begin this program in September 1989 and reach our goal by April 24, 1990. The logistics would be worked out by a National Membership Committee appointed by the ACYOA Central Council. The regions are Mid-Atlantic, Mid-West, Southern and New England.
 2. In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's ordination, the ACYOA Programming Committee proposes that the name of the Armenian Studies Program be changed to the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program. We further propose that four scholarships be established (one in each region), with the amount being determined by the ACYOA Central Council. The program began 18 years ago under his direction and his dedication and support have made it one of our most successful programs.
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Religious Programming Committee

1. The Religious Programming Committee recommends continuation of the existing programs which include the Hye Christian Encounters and the Christian Leadership Seminars. Rationale: Committee participation in these programs has led to their success.
2. The Religious Programming Committee recommends that a "Bibles for Armenia" project be created in conjunction with the existing Diocesan plan. Each chapter would conduct a fundraiser, specifically for this, and all proceeds from that fundraiser would be used to purchase Bibles written in Eastern Armenian at an approximate cost of \$5.00 per Bible. Rationale: There is an extreme shortage of Bibles presently in Armenia. There is also a desperate desire to focus on the spiritual reconstruction after the earthquake, as well as the material reconstruction. The opportunity is apparent due to the current movement of Glasnost and the opening of Soviet society.
3. The Religious Programming Committee recommends that an "Ecumenical Youth Fellowship and Dialogue" program be created to include mainstream Christian churches (i.e. Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Episcopal Churches). Two to three members from five to six area churches would gather together in an informal presentation/open forum-type setting. Rationale: This would give us the opportunity to learn about other

faiths, activities of other youth, and how different denominations hand problems, issues, etc. This would also give us a chance to propagate ourselves as Armenians and show the community who we are as Armenians. This would be appropriate since we have been thrust into the public eye this year due to the earthquake.

4. The Religious Programming Committee recommends that a "Social Service Project" be held once a year by each chapter. This would be included as part of the annual chapter report. It should be designed to be an investment of time and talent, not just a monetary investment. This effort should be concentrated in the non-Armenian community. Rationale: This would help to raise the social consciousness in Armenian youth. The entire world gave us a quick and generous response and reminded us that perhaps we haven't done as much as we should have to offer ourselves to the less fortunate that are right around us.

5. The Religious Programming Committee recommends that the ACYOA publish a series of "Bible Study Outlines," which reflect the teachings of the Armenian Church, to be used on the local parish and regional levels. It should be designed to include biblical passages, background information, discussion questions, a bibliography and resources. Rationale: Some chapters have conducted Bible studies and they have been well received. We feel that if this material was made available to all chapters, it would prompt them to do likewise.

Inter-Diocesan Committee

1. Be it resolved that the Central Councils of the ACYOA, the ACYO-WD, and the ACYOC exchange names and addresses of all Central Council members and chapter chairpersons; that all Diocesan-wide mailings be sent to the other Dioceses' Central Council members and chapter chairpersons; and that such mailings indicate whether or not the activity is open for Inter-Diocesan participation.

2. Be it resolved that representatives of the ACYOA, the ACYO-WD, and the ACYOC Central Councils meet at least once annually, either in person or through teleconferencing.

Earthquake Relief Efforts Committee

1. The Earthquake Relief Efforts Committee would like the ACYOA Central Council to appoint a committee to organize a Diocesan-wide collection drive of specific items (i.e. toothbrushes, cough syrup, cold medicine, soap, sunglasses/visors/caps, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, boots/sneakers, antibiotic ointment, clothing (dark colors), winter clothing, cloth diapers, etc.) and prescription medications to be collected and stored throughout the year and sent to Armenia to be personally distributed with the next ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team (or ASP). The committee would be responsible for developing an operational plan to

consolidate and store all supplies as well as insure that the recipients are trained in their proper use.

2. The Earthquake Relief Efforts Committee would like the Central Council to appoint a committee to compile and distribute quarterly press releases describing the current situation in Armenia as well as efforts ongoing in the United States. This committee would consult with the Diocesan press office and the press releases would be distributed by the committee to the national media. In addition, the committee would seek the assistance of the Armenian Assembly on having the press releases distributed to the United States Congress and Senate. The committee would also distribute them to chapter chairmen who would send them to local television newspapers.

75th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day Committee

We propose one national event to be conducted by each chapter in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Armenian Martyrs' Day.

We propose a 75-hour "Feed the Homeless" program to be held in the parishes or in local soup kitchens. The event would begin on Saturday, April 21, 1990 at 9:00 p.m. and end 75 hours later at the end of the day on April 24, 1990.

Suggested fundraisers for this event include a walk-a-thon, a food drive, solicitation of food and monies from businesses, bake sales and car washes.

We leave it to the discretion of the Central Council to either appoint a committee to develop guidelines and instructions for this event or for Central Council to set the guidelines themselves.

In addition, other commemorative activities could include wearing black clothing on April 24th, fasting for the day, driving with car headlights for the entire day, and/or donating blood to blood banks in memory of the Armenian Martyrs.

We suggest that parishes gain media attention to ensure city-wide participation of these activities.

APPENDIX "E"

ADDRESS OF HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

It might seem that on December 7th of last year our lives were changed, our priorities shuffled, our perspective disturbed or restored, depending on our values. A great tragedy had after all struck our people, killing 65,000, actually a conservative figure; maiming and injuring many more; leaving half a million homeless; a million suffering the trauma of shock, personal loss of displacement; and devastating the northern tier of a tiny country.

In one sense, however, it may not have caused a change at all; it may have served more as a reaffirmation of our Christian faith, a reawakening of our feelings of brotherhood.

What better way is there to describe the response of our people here to the desperate needs of our people there?

The entire community rose, not as one perhaps, but even separately, concentrating its energies and resources on meeting this emergency. And the young people of our Church, sometimes on the periphery, sometimes at the forefront, became an integral part of this superhuman effort, an inspiration to the rest of us; came of age, so to speak, as a leadership element of the community.

The ACYOA immersed itself in this work from the very first days following the earthquake. The three shipments of Diocesan medical supplies to Armenia would not have been possible without the vigor and dedication of our young people who packaged the material and loaded them onto the aircraft. The ACYOA arranged for and managed essential storage space at JFK Airport in New York, a base of operations that turned into a fledgling relief center.

The culmination of ACYOA efforts came this past July with the construction of a one-family home in Stepanavan. It was the current project of the organization's Armenian Studies Program, and will stand as a heartwarming symbol of the devotion, will and determination of our young people. The project was far more complicated than might appear on the surface, but it was put together effectively and efficiently, largely through the efforts of Kevork Hovnanian and his company and Douglas Tashjian. The ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team was assembled, 25 strong, who went to Stepanavan, built the home, and in the process created an environment of mutual trust and affection with the people of the city. They encountered difficulties, and we knew that they would; and they overcame them, as we were sure they would; to gain an experience it will not be easy to duplicate in a lifetime.

This particular structure is more than a home for a single family; it is the forerunner of the vast project the Diocese is undertaking, concerning which announcements have already been made. The ACYOA served as advanced elements to ease the way for increased work and presence. We will no longer be strangers to the people in Stepanavan, thanks to the ACYOA, the work they did, and the spirit of love they communicated.

Although the earthquake continues to occupy much of our attention, work remains to be done here as well. If we do not strengthen ourselves, we will be less able to help others. Here programs have been presented to fortify our Christian faith, so inextricably linked to our heritage. Our seminars have elicited greater interest since the earthquake, as though the disaster served as a stern reminder of neglected values. A cultural weekend at the Diocesan complex offered young people instruction in religion, literature, history, and music. Such programs help sustain a sense of identity, both as Armenians and as Christians.

The ACYOA must continue to work to keep its chapters active and productive, and to form new chapters in new Armenian communities. In April, for example, the Watertown mission team went to the St. David Armenian Church in Boca Raton, Florida, to assist the ACYOA chapter there, stressing the significant role of individual faith and involvement in the Church.

The Church remains our enduring inspiration. New religious impulses are being felt in Armenia. Even in Karabagh, where the troubles continue, seven churches are being reopened after having been shut down for more than half a century. In their extremely trying circumstances, they struggle to keep their faith with God. In the freedom our society assures us, can we do less?

Can you do less? You have long since proved your devotion to your Church, your people, your community, and most recently, with your splendid response to the disaster in Armenia. It is a devotion, we pray, that will lead to assuming responsible roles, as individuals and as an organization, in that Church and in that community, for the benefit and welfare of that people.

May God bless you and continue to guide you in your service and fellowship.

APPENDIX "F"

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

After a compilation and review of the Central Council books and the financial reports of all National programs and events, we have found the books to be in order with the following exceptions:

1. The report of the ACYOA Christian Leadership Seminar held in Greenfield, Wisconsin was incomplete with respect to itemized and detailed receipts.
2. The 1988 Anniversary Ball report was not submitted.
3. The report of the ACYOA Hye Christian Encounter in Watertown, Massachusetts was not submitted.
4. The report of the 1989 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament was not submitted.
5. The report of the 1988 Armenian Studies Program was not submitted.
6. The report of the 1988 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament was incomplete with respect to receipts and disbursements.

The following should also be noted with respect to the Central Council books:

\$8,903.11 was disbursed for the 40th Anniversary portrait. This item was reflected as an accounts payable item on the 1987-88 financial report.

Respectfully submitted,

1988-89 ACYOA Auditing Committee

Sara Andonian (Detroit)
Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland)
Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)

APPENDIX "G"

AUDITING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

1. If revenue and expenses greater than \$5,000.00 are expected, a separate checking account must be opened and maintained.
2. Deposits and withdrawals to the checking account must be itemized.
3. Receipts for expenses, deposit slips, cancelled checks, and bank statements must be kept.
4. A balanced financial report must be submitted to the Central Council and the Auditing Committee within ninety (90) days following the event. This may be extended to an additional ninety (90) days. (See Article 12, Section 5 of the ACYOA Constitution).
5. The number of participants in the event and a breakdown of the registration/participation fee are to include:
 - a. event fee
 - b. membership dues
 - c. refunds
6. Event reports not received by the Central Council and the Auditing Committee by August 1st may not be audited for the General Assembly.
7. Each check should designate the expense for which it is written or receipts should indicate the check number.
8. Seed money forwarded to any chapter by the Central Council must be returned in full to the Central Council within thirty (30) days of the event.

A ninth item was added prior to acceptance and reads as follows:

"When working with a third party, the third party should be treated as a vendor."

APPENDIX "H"

Proposed Change
Article 11, Section 2
ACYOA Constitution

Presently:

The first General Assembly shall elect for the first ACYOA Central Council three members serving a two-year term and two members serving a one-year term. Thereafter, as terms of office expire, the vacancies shall be filled by members elected for two-year terms.

Proposed:

The ACYOA Central Council shall consist of seven (7) members elected by the General Assembly each to serve a two-year term. At the General Assembly held in conjunction with the adoption of this section, there shall be an election by ballot for five (5) members, four (4) of whom shall be elected for a term of two years and one (1) for one year. At each General Assembly thereafter, a number of members equal to that of those whose terms have expired shall be elected for the term of two years. At the expiration of any term, any member may be re-elected.

Additional:

If approved for 1989, the two present members of the Central Council whose terms are not expiring will complete their terms. The General Assembly will elect four members to serve a two-year term and the fifth person after balloting in complete (the fifth person who received the next highest number of votes) will serve a one-year term. Thereafter, as terms of office expire, the vacancies will be filled by members elected for two-year terms.

Rationale:

As the ACYOA increases in membership, chapters, and programs, the present five member Central Council cannot effectively serve the chapters and the members. The additional two members of the Council will allow for more chapter and regional contact, supervision, and representation. Additionally, members of the Council will not be limited to two consecutive terms in office.

Disposition:

Referred back to Constitutional Amendments Committee for rewording.

APPENDIX "I"

Presently:

Section 1 - From among the members of the ACYOA, the General Assembly shall elect five members to constitute the ACYOA Central Council. Only one person from any Chapter may be elected to the ACYOA Central Council in any given year. The ACYOA Central Council term of office shall commence following the confirmation of the election by the Primate and Diocesan Council.

Section 2 - The first General Assembly shall elect for the first ACYOA Central Council three members serving a two-year term, and two members serving a one-year term. Thereafter, as terms of office expire, the vacancies shall be filled by members elected for two year terms. No member shall hold office in excess of two consecutive terms.

Section 4 - In case of a vacancy in the ACYOA Central Council created by resignation or otherwise, the ACYOA Central Council shall invite the individual who received the next highest number of votes short of election at the last General Assembly to fill the vacancy. This member shall serve until the following General Assembly. In the event that the first alternate is unable to fill the vacancy, the second alternate shall be invited to fill the position. Should no alternates be available, the ACYOA Central Council shall select an ACYOA member in good standing to fill the vacancy with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as the elected National Committee members.

Proposed:

Section 1 - From among the members of the ACYOA, the General Assembly shall elect seven members to constitute the ACYOA Central Council. Only one person from any Chapter may be elected to the ACYOA Central Council in any given year. The ACYOA Central Council term of office shall commence following the confirmation of the election by the Primate and Diocesan Council.

Section 2 - As the ACYOA Central Council terms of office expire, the vacancies shall be filled by members elected for two-year terms. If the total number of members of Central Council is changed by amendment, the General Assembly at which the amendment is adopted shall decide how best to accommodate the change so as to keep alternate year elections as even in number as possible. No member shall hold office in excess of two consecutive terms.

Section 4 - In case of a vacancy in the ACYOA Central Council created by resignation or otherwise, the ACYOA Central Council shall invite the individual who received the next highest number of votes short of election at the last General Assembly to fill the vacancy to complete the term of office. This member shall serve until the following General Assembly. In

the event that the first alternate is unable to fill the vacancy, the second alternate shall be invited to fill the position. Should no alternates be available, the ACYOA Central Council shall select an ACYOA member in good standing to fill the vacancy with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as the elected National Committee members.

Rationale:

As the ACYOA increases in membership, chapters, and programs, the present five member Central Council cannot effectively serve the chapters and the members. The additional two members of the Council will allow for more chapter and regional contact, supervision, and representation.

Disposition:

Passed.

APPENDIX "J"

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR APPENDIX "I"

Legend: Y = Yes
 N = No
 A = Abstained
 NR = Not in Room
 NV = No vote allowed (was not in room when motion was on floor)

Scott Najarian (Central Council)	A
Lisa Manookian (Central Council)	Y
Melina Spinuzza (Central Council)	A
Laurie Onanian (Central Council)	Y
Suzie Ashjian (Central Council)	Y
Gary Alexander (Cambridge)	NR
Paul Andonian (Detroit)	Y
Sara Andonian (Detroit)	Y
Maritza Armagan (Greenfield)	N
Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)	Y
Cheryl Arslanian (Cleveland)	Y
Lynn Arslanian (Cleveland)	NR
Vasken Babigian (Watertown)	NV
Leslie Bagdasarian (Cleveland)	Y
Anthony Barsamian (Cambridge)	N
Beth Bilbilian (Worcester)	Y
Brian Bogosian (Lawrence)	Y
Richard Bohajian (Union City)	Y
Raffi Caloustian (Houston)	NR
Lynda Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)	Y
Susan Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)	N
Raymond Davidian (Watertown)	Y
Haig Derderian (Greenfield)	N
John Diradourian (Bayside)	Y
Greg Doudoukjian (Tenafly)	Y
Sonya Gasparian (Providence)	Y
Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton)	Y
Leslie Kalaydjian (Westchester)	Y
Ani Kantzabedian (Dallas)	Y
Susan Kapilian (Watertown)	N
Jay Kapur (Worcester)	NR
George Karibian (Worcester)	NR
Tom Kasparian (Tenafly)	N
Kathy Keusey (Bayside)	Y
Papken Maksoudian (Watertown)	Y

Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)	Y
Richard Mardirosian (Hartford)	N
Edward Marootian, Jr. (Cambridge)	NR
Stephanie Masoian (Providence)	Y
John Megrdochian (Providence)	NV
Stephen Megrdochian (Providence)	N
Denise Meshejian (Bayside)	Y
Melanie Mikaelian (Boca Raton)	Y
Gary Mousigian (Detroit)	Y
Lisa Najarian (Worcester)	A
Laura Negosian (Detroit)	Y
Rachel Onanian (Cambridge)	N
Nora Ovassapian (Evanston)	A
Greg Saraydarian (Bayside)	Y
Charles Shooshan (Hartford)	Y
Christine Shooshan (Hartford)	Y
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Patricia Toofangjian (Fair Lawn)	N
Rafi Topalian (Watervliet)	Y
Chuck Tutunjian (Watervliet)	Y
Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet)	Y
Gail Tashjian (San Antonio)	Y
Lisa Vartabedian (Fair Lawn)	N
Alice Zarzatian (Wynnewood)	N
Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian (Fair Lawn)	Y
Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian (St. Nersess)	NR
Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston)	NR
Very Rev. Fr. Nourhan Manougian (Springfield)	NR
Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian (Worcester)	N

TOTALS:

Yes	36
No	14
Abstained	4
Absent	10

APPENDIX "K"

Proposed Change
Article 13, Section 6
ACYOA Constitution

Presently:

Half of the net proceeds from national functions and one-quarter of the proceeds from regional functions shall be sent to the ACYOA Central Council by the sponsoring chapters.

Proposed:

Half of the net proceeds from national functions and one-quarter of the proceeds from regional functions shall be sent to the ACYOA Central Council by the sponsoring chapters. For all national and regional functions with expenditures greater than \$1,000.00, a detailed budget must be sent by the host chapter to the ACYOA Central Council for approval. Any expenditures not approved by the ACYOA Central Council will not be included in the net proceeds calculations under this Section.

Rationale:

The Central Council has a right and an obligation to guide a host chapter to ensure that all funds are being properly spent.

Disposition:

Defeated.

APPENDIX "L

General Proposal

Proposal:

The Holy Trinity ACYOA proposes to re-publish and re-edit the Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church. The Holy Trinity ACYOA hopes to gain authorization from the ACYOA General Assembly for a committee to oversee and coordinate this project. Rev. Dr. Krikor Maksoudian has already accepted the position of Editor-in-Chief, pending Assembly approval.

Rationale:

The Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church had been published by the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America in 1956. It was regarded, at the time of publication, as the most comprehensive English manual dealing with the teachings of the Armenian Church.

The intent of this re-publishing and re-editing effort will be to preserve the scholarly quality of the out-of-print manual, while overhauling the format, layout, graphics, and pictorial elements, and adding new commentaries. The newly-produced book will be a comprehensive compilation that will attract all Armenians. The periodical and handbook will serve as a complete layman's resource of the Prayers, Teachings, and Sacraments of the Armenian Church.

Finally, this valuable text would be translated into Eastern and Western Ashkharapar, and will serve as a tool to spread the teachings of Armenian Christianity to the world Armenian community.

Disposition:

Defeated.

APPENDIX "M"

General Proposal

Proposal:

That the General Assembly authorize the Cambridge ACYOA Seniors to represent the interests of the ACYOA and aid the Diocese in its efforts to re-publish the Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church.

Rationale:

To ensure that the book is re-published and to allow the Cambridge ACYOA Seniors to provide any assistance necessary, since they have expressed a genuine desire to do so.

Disposition:

Passed.

APPENDIX "N"

General Proposal

Proposal:

A "Bibles for Armenia" project shall be created in conjunction with the existing Diocesan plan. Each chapter will conduct a fundraiser, specifically for this project, and all proceeds from that fundraiser will be used to purchase Bibles written in Eastern Armenian at an approximate cost of \$5.00 per Bible.

Rationale:

There is an extreme shortage of Bibles presently in Armenia. There is also a desperate desire to focus on the spiritual reconstruction after the earthquake, as well as the material reconstruction. The opportunity is apparent due to the current movement of Glasnost and the opening of Soviet society.

Disposition:

Passed.

APPENDIX "O"

General Proposal

Proposal:

An "Ecumenical Youth Fellowship and Dialogue" program shall be created to include mainstream Christian churches (i.e. Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Episcopal Churches) whereby two to three members from five to six area churches would gather together in an informal presentation/open forum-type setting.

Rationale:

To give us the opportunity to learn about other faiths, activities of other youth, and how different denominations handle problems, issues, etc. This would also give us a chance to propagate ourselves as Armenians and show the community who we are as Armenians. This would be appropriate since we have been thrust into the public eye this year due to the earthquake.

Disposition:

Passed.

APPENDIX "P"

General Proposal

Proposal:

A "Social Service Project" shall be held once a year by each chapter. This would be included as part of the annual chapter report. It will be designed to be an investment of time and talent and not just a monetary investment. The effort will be concentrated in the non-Armenian community.

Rationale:

To help raise the social consciousness in Armenian youth. The entire world gave us a quick and generous response and reminded us that perhaps we haven't done as much as we should have to offer ourselves to the less fortunate that are right around us.

Disposition:

Passed.

APPENDIX "Q"

General Proposal

Proposal:

The ACYOA shall publish a series of "Bible Study Outlines," which reflect the teachings of the Armenian Church, to be used on the local parish and regional levels. The Outlines will be designed to include biblical passages, background information, discussion questions, a bibliography and resources.

Rationale:

Some chapters have conducted Bible studies and they have been well received. We feel that if this material was made available to all chapters, it would prompt them to do likewise.

Disposition:

Passed.

APPENDIX "R"

General Proposal

Proposal:

In an effort to increase membership, the ACYOA Central Council shall institute a National Membership Drive in coordination with the 75th Anniversary of Armenian Martyrs' Day. The goal shall be 75 new members per region. The program will begin in September 1989 and we should reach our goal by April 24, 1990. The logistics shall be worked out by a National Membership Committee appointed by the ACYOA Central Council. The regions are Mid-Atlantic, Mid-West, Southern and New England.

Rationale:

To do something in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary and rejuvenate the organization through a keener sense of Armenian pride.

Disposition:

Defeated.

APPENDIX "S"

General Proposal

Proposal:

The ACYOA Central Council shall appoint a committee to organize a Diocesan-wide collection drive of specific items (i.e. toothbrushes, cough syrup, cold medicine, soap, sunglasses/visors/caps, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, boots/sneakers, antibiotic ointment, clothing (dark colors), winter clothing, cloth diapers, etc.) and prescription medications to be collected and stored throughout the year and sent to Armenia to be personally distributed with the next ACYOA Earthquake Relief Team (or ASP). The committee would be responsible for developing an operational plan to consolidate and store all supplies as well as insure that the recipients are trained in their proper use.

Rationale:

To assist in earthquake relief efforts through a special project of our own.

Disposition:

Passed.

APPENDIX "T"

General Proposal

Proposal:

The Executive Secretary's office shall compile and distribute quarterly press releases to the national media describing the current situation in Armenia as well as efforts ongoing in the United States.

This committee would consult with the Diocesan press office and the press releases would be distributed by the committee to the national media. In addition, the committee would seek the assistance of the Armenian Assembly on having the press releases distributed to the United States Congress and Senate. The committee would also distribute them to chapter chairmen who would send them to local television newspapers.

Rationale:

To let the public know what is going on from our standpoint.

Disposition:

Defeated.

[ACYOA Executive Secretary, Doug Tashjian, informed everyone that he will distribute information compiled by the Diocese to all chapters on a periodic basis]

APPENDIX "U"

General Proposal

Proposal:

One national event shall be conducted by each chapter in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Armenian Martyrs' Day. We shall implement a 75-hour "Feed the Homeless" program to be held in the parishes or in local soup kitchens. The event shall begin on Friday, April 20, 1990 at 9:00 p.m. and end 75 hours later at the end of Monday, April 23, 1990. We shall implement fundraisers for this event, which may include a walk-a-thon, food drive, bake sales, and car washes.

Rationale:

To arouse awareness of the Genocide among Americans and non-Americans since this is a very important event in our history.

Disposition:

Defeated.

APPENDIX "V"

General Proposal

Proposal:

The Central Council shall appoint a committee as soon as possible to develop guidelines and instructions to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day.

Rationale:

To create a collective national event sponsored by all chapters.

Disposition:

Passed.

APPENDIX "W"

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
Cash Budget
For The Year Ending December 31, 1990

Receipts

Membership Dues	\$ 3,000.00
National Sports Weekend	0.00
Anniversary Balls	750.00
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament	500.00
Dividends/Interest	9,450.00
Donations	500.00
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Armenian Studies Program	0.00
National Sports Weekend Loan	1,000.00
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament Loan	1,000.00
Fund Raising	<u>26,910.00</u>
	\$ 43,110.00
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Disbursements

Central Council Meetings	\$ 5,830.00
Central Council Administration	3,160.00
Chapter Visitations/Travel	2,750.00
Inter-Diocesan Meetings	2,525.00
General Assembly/National Sports Weekend	3,000.00
Publications	1,625.00
Scholarships/Awards	820.00
Regional Conferences/Activities	2,000.00
National Sports Weekend Loan	1,000.00
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament Loan	1,000.00
Central Council Sub-Committees	1,000.00
Leadership Weekends	6,000.00
Christian Retreats	5,000.00
Chapter "A" Assistance Program	3,000.00
Securities Reinvestment	900.00
Computer	<u>3,500.00</u>
	\$ 43,110.00
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APPENDIX "X"

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS AND COURTESIES COMMITTEE

Whereas His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, travelled to this Country to encourage continued support for the rebuilding of our stricken homeland; Thereby be it resolved that on this occasion we pledge our obedience, love, and support to His Holiness and to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

Whereas our Primate, His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the President of the ACYOA, has shown his support, guidance, and love for the Armenian Church and her people; Thereby be it resolved that the members of the ACYOA extend their deepest respect and appreciation to him and pledge their continued support and loyalty to His Eminence and to our Diocese.

Whereas the United States has become the home of many, including those of Armenian ancestry; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its best wishes to the Government of the United States and to President George Bush.

Whereas the 1989 General Assembly was a most productive one; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA is greatly appreciative to all Clergy, Chapter Chairmen, and Delegates for their service and participation therein.

Whereas our Homeland was devastated by a tragic earthquake which resulted in the loss of many lives and homes; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA will continue to support the ongoing effort to rebuild our Homeland.

Whereas our people and our Homeland have been torn by the strife over the Armenian territorial grounds in Azerbaijan; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA supports the people in our Homeland for the return of the region of Nagorno-Karabagh to the Armenian Republic.

Whereas the Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian has served the Armenian Church for over forty years, most recently St. Peter Armenian Church in Watervliet, New York; and whereas the Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian has served the Armenian Church for over forty years, most recently as the Canon Sacrist of the St. Vartan Cathedral; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA wishes them continued success, good health, and prosperity during their retirement.

Whereas Scott Najarian, Melina Spinuzza, and Lisa Manookian have completed their terms in office and have given their time and energy in order to make the ACYOA a strong and successful organization; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends their appreciation for all their hard work and dedication.

Whereas the 1989 General Assembly and National Sports Weekend is being hosted by the Houston chapter; thereby be it resolved that this Assembly wishes to thank the Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian, the Parish Council of St. Kevork Armenian Church, and the Sports Weekend Executive Committee of the Houston chapter, led by Monica

Feredjian and Annabella Sahakian, for their efforts in making this year's Assembly and Sports Weekend a successful one.

Whereas the parish of St. Kevork Armenian Church in Houston contributed greatly towards the preparation for the 1989 General Assembly and Sports Weekend; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA expresses its sincerest thanks to its members for their contributions towards the success of the weekend.

Whereas the ACYOA organized and sponsored a relief team to travel to Armenian and assist in the rebuilding of the earthquake-stricken nation; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA thanks the relief team for a job well done.

Whereas Mr. Kevork Hovnanian provided the materials and engineers to build a single family home in Stepanavan; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its thanks to him for his support and generosity.

Whereas Douglas Tashjian, the ACYOA Executive Secretary, has devoted a great deal to the organization; Thereby be it resolved the ACYOA thanks him for his continued efforts on its behalf.

Whereas our supporters in the United States Congress have drafted a resolution to recognize April 24th as a National Day of Remembrance for all Armenians commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Genocide; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA thanks and supports them for their efforts on behalf of our people.

Whereas the ACYOC Central Council members, accompanied by the Very Rev. Fr. Hovnan Derderian, and the ACYO-WD Central Council members have participated throughout these proceedings; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its appreciation to them for their continued interest and support therein.

Whereas the clergy of our Diocese have continued to support the ACYOA, both in their respective parishes and at this Assembly; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends their deepest respect and appreciation to them.

Whereas His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian has celebrated his 50th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA congratulates His Eminence and wishes him continued health, success, and prosperity.

Whereas Edward and Helen Mardigian, sponsors and major contributors of the ACYOA, have donated \$50,000.00 to the ACYOA, through the Armenian Church Endowment Fund; Thereby be it resolved that we express our sincere thanks to them for their continued support.

Whereas Greg Arpajian has done an outstanding job as Chairman of this Assembly; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its sincere thanks to him for his contribution.

Whereas Charlie Shooshan, Aren Jebejian, and John Diradourian have done an outstanding job as Parliamentarians and Seargent-at-Arms, respectively; Thereby

be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its sincere thanks to them for their contributions.

Whereas Lisa Najarian, Laurie Onanian, and Lisa Manookian have painstakingly recorded the minutes of these Assembly proceedings; Thereby be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its sincere thanks to them for their contribution.

APPENDIX "Y"

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP TIRAN NERSOYAN

Whereas during the course of the 1989 General Assembly the news was received of the death of His Eminence Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, the former Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (1944-1954); and

Whereas the late Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan was the founder of the ACYOA in 1946; and

Whereas the late Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan was the founder and the first Dean of the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary; and

Whereas, at the 40th Anniversary celebrations of the founding of the ACYOA in 1986, the late Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan was duly honored and recognized;

Be it resolved that the delegates gathered at the 1989 General Assembly express their sympathies and sorrow to the Primate, His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, to the clergy of the Diocese, and to the members of his family. We offer our prayers for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to all who share the loss of this great servant of the Gospel and the Armenian Church.

Be it further resolved that this Assembly requests that His Eminence the Primate consider any measures that he deems necessary and appropriate to change and alter the celebrations planned for this weekend in sharing and observing the loss of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan.

Be it further resolved that the 1989 General Assembly requests that the Primate designate an appropriate date in the near future and direct all ACYOA chapters to sponsor a program in their respective parishes to recognize and highlight the life of the late Primate and his efforts on behalf of the Armenian Church and his accomplishments in the U.S.

APPENDIX "Z"

Be it resolved that the Central Councils of the ACYOA, the ACYO-WD, and the ACYOC exchange names and addresses of all Central Council members and chapter chairpersons; that all Diocesan-wide mailings be sent to the other Dioceses' Central Council members and chapter chairpersons; and that such mailings indicate whether or not the activity is open for Inter-Diocesan participation.

Be it resolved that representatives of the ACYOA, the ACYO-WD, and the ACYOC Central Councils meet at least once annually, either in person or through teleconferencing.

APPENDIX "AA"

DELEGATES TO THE 1989 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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