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630 SECOND AVENUE
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YOUTH ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 28-29, 1975

HYATT HOUSE HOTEL
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 28

6:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Registration	Hotel Lobby
8:00 - 10:30 p.m.	First Assembly Session	Club Royale

Friday, August 29

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Second Assembly Session	Club Royale
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch	
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Third Assembly Session	Club Royale

There will be coffee breaks during the morning and afternoon sessions on Friday.

Delegates should make their own arrangements for breakfast and lunch on Friday.

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A G E N D A

1. Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Officers of the Assembly - Appointment of Parliamentarian
4. Introduction and Opening Remarks
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Adoption of Rules of Parliamentary Procedure
7. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
8. Primate's Address
9. Appointment of Committees (Proposals, Aims & Goals, Budget, Resolutions, and Nominating Committees)
10. Report of the Youth Director
11. Future Direction of the A.C.Y.O.A.
12. Chapter Reports
13. Committee Reports
 1. Nomination
 2. Aims & Goals
 3. Proposals
 4. Budget & Assessments
 5. Resolution
14. Selection of Assembly Site and Date
15. Adjournment and benediction

LIST OF PARTICIPATING DELEGATES

BOSTON

Susan Demirjian

CHICAGO

Michelle Babikian
Charles Babikian
John Paklaian

DETROIT

Fr. Paren Avedikian
Ron Godoshian
Marianne Hovsepian
Kerry Kayserian
Harry Kezelian, Jr.
Kathy Mekjian
Jim Stamboulian
Nancy Malkasian (sub)
Karen Messelian (sub)

EAST ST. LOUIS

Deacon Manoog Kelegian
Lisa Mooradian
Susan Norsigian

FAIR LAWN

Lyn Pinajian

LAWRENCE

Mark Kazanjian

LOWELL

David Onanian

HAVERTHILL

George Ohanian

MIAMI

Fr. Guregh Kalfayan
George Kalfayan
Karen Nanezian

NEW YORK

Elizabeth Balajian

PHILADELPHIA - NORTH

Fr. Arshen Aivazian

SPRINGFIELD

Fr. Nersess Jebejian
Anna Garabedian
Marian Orcutt

TORONTO

Abraham Kandaharian
Shahan Deirmendjian
Hratch Shishmanian

RICHMOND

Armen Sharigian
Susan Minassian

SOUTH MILWAUKEE

Fr. Arshag Khatchadourian

WATERTOWN

Linda Janikian
Deacon Arthur Saboonjian
Gregory Takvorian
Richard Takvorian

WESTCHESTER

Fr. Karekin Kasparian

PROPOSED BUDGET REPORT

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INCOME

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Anniversary Ball (3 regional)	1,500.00
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Diocese	28,500.00
Armenian Guardian	400.00
Dues	600.00

TOTAL \$57,500.00

DEFICIT \$1,000.00

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MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Thursday and Friday, August 28 and 29, 1975
Hyatt House Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida

I. FIRST SESSION

The first session of the Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America was called to order Thursday, August 28, 1975, at 8:30 p.m. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, presided, and led the attending delegates in prayer.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Father Nersess Jebejian, Diocesan Youth Director. At opening, a total of 24 delegates were present, of a total possible of 34, (list of participating delegates attached).

III. ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Conducting the election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, was Father Nersess. The following names were submitted for consideration.

Office of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Kerry Kaysserian	Detroit, Michigan
Deacon Arthur Saboonjian	Watertown, Massachusetts

Office of Secretary and Assistant Secretary

Susan Norsigian	East St. Louis, Illinois
Marianne Hovsepien	Detroit, Michigan

A voice vote was cast and the results of the election were reported by Father Nersess as follows:

Chairman	Kerry Kaysserian
Vice-Chairman	Deacon Arthur Saboonjian
Secretary	Susan Norsigian
Assistant Secretary	Marianne Hovsepien

The newly-elected chairman then appointed Charles Slagen, of Dallas, Texas, to the office of parliamentarian.

IV. WELCOMING ADDRESS

Father Guregh Kalfayan, pastor of the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, extended his greetings and introduced the program.

V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Father Paren Avedikian moved that the Assembly adopt the agenda as presented. Kathy Mekjian seconded the motion. The motion was passed by voice vote, and the agenda was adopted.

VI. ADOPTION OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Shahan Deirmendjian moved to adopt the Rules for Parliamentary Procedure as provided. The motion was seconded by Abraham Kandaharian. Discussion followed. A correction regarding the rules was made. The rules were approved as corrected.

VII. ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

A motion was made by Father Paren to strike Section "C" altogether. Jim Stambouljian seconded the motion, and after a count was called, a count of hands was taken, and the motion passed, 11 to 6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Rules of Procedure as corrected. The motion carried.

The first session recessed for five minutes.

As the meeting reconvened, Fr. Nersess requested that all delegates present their credentials to the Secretary.

VIII. APPOINTMENT OF THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE

The appointment of the Proposals Committee was announced by the chair and consisted of the following delegates:

Fr. Paren Avedikian	Detroit, Michigan
Kathy Mekjian	Detroit, Michigan
Richard Takvorian	Watertown, Massachusetts
Susan Minassian	Richmond, Virginia
Michelle Babikian	Chicago, Illinois

IX. APPOINTMENT OF THE AIMS AND GOALS COMMITTEE

The appointment of the Aims and Goals Committee was announced by the chair and consisted of the following delegates:

Fr. Karekin Kasparian	Westchester, New York
Ronald Godoshian	Detroit, Michigan
Lisa Mooradian	East St. Louis, Illinois
Shahan Deirmendjian	Toronto, Canada
Gregory Takvorian	Watertown, Massachusetts

X. APPOINTMENT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The appointment of the Budget Committee was announced by the chair and consisted of the following delegates:

X. APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE (cont'd)

Deacon Manoog Kelegian	East St. Louis, Illinois
Harry Kezelian	Detroit, Michigan
Hratch Shishmanian	Toronto, Canada
Anna Garabedian	Springfield, Massachusetts

XI. APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The appointment of the Nominating Committee was announced by the chair and consisted of the following delegates:

Fr. Guregh Kalfayan	Miami, Florida
Jim Stambouljian	Detroit, Michigan
Elizabeth Balaian	New York, New York
Marian Orcutt	Springfield, Massachusetts
Linda Janikian	Watertown, Massachusetts

XII. APPOINTMENT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The appointment of the Resolution Committee was announced by the chair and consisted of the following delegates:

Charles Babikian	Chicago, Illinois
Karen Nenezian	Miami, Florida
George Ohanian	Haverhill, Florida
Abraham Kandaharian	Toronto, Canada

The chairman announced that any proposals or any nominations to be made should be submitted to the appropriate committee.

XIII. REPORT OF THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

At the invitation of the chair, Fr. Nersess Jebejian, Youth Director, presented his report. Reflecting the A.C.Y.O.A.'s past, Fr. Nersess summarized the events that had transpired since the dissolution of the organization in May 1972. He reviewed the two major activities that have continued to take place on a national basis since 1972: the Armenian Studies Program and the Sports Week-end. Fr. Nersess reviewed the meetings, conferences and other steps taken to re-organize the A.C.Y.O.A.

XIV. MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE

Addressing the Assembly, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian stressed determination, commitment, and Christian faith as being among the primary sources of our endeavors.

Due to the extreme importance in the discussion of item 11 of the agenda, Future Direction of the A.C.Y.O.A., Fr. Paren moved that the Assembly adjourn and that item 12 of the agenda, Chapter reports, be given prior to item 11 at the Session. The motion was seconded by Ron Godoshian. There followed some discussion, after which a vote was taken. The motion carried.

The First Session of the Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m. with a prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

SECOND SESSION

The Second Session of the Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America was opened at 9:30 a.m. Friday, August 29, 1975, with a prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Roll call was taken by Fr. Nersess and a total of 26 delegates were present.

XV. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION

The Secretary, Susan Norsigian, read the minutes of the First Session. After the minutes were read, Hratch Shishmanian suggested that highlights of the addresses made by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Fr. Nersess be incorporated in the minutes.

Fr. Paren moved that the Assembly accept the minutes as corrected, and Lisa Mooradian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

XVI. CHAPTER REPORTS

Chapter reports were delivered to the Assembly by the following delegates:

Lisa Mooradian	East St. Louis, Illinois
Greg Takvorian	Watertown, Massachusetts
Fr. Arshag Khatchadourian	South Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Hratch Shishmanian	Toronto, Canada
George Ohanian	Haverhill, Massachusetts
Marian Orcutt	Springfield, Massachusetts
David Ohanian	Lowell, Massachusetts
Elizabeth Balaian	New York, New York
Mark Kazanjian	Lawrence, Massachusetts
Susan Minasian	Richmond, Virginia
Ronald Godoshian	Detroit, Michigan
Michelle Babikian	Chicago, Illinois
Fr. Karekin Kasparian	Westchester, New York

During the reading of the Chapter Reports, delegates Mark Kazanjian of Lawrence and David Ohanian of Lowell, entered the meeting. Mark Kazanjian was added to the list of delegates.

Fr. Karekin commented on the chapter reports, suggesting that greater care be taken in the future in notifying the chapters of their due reports, and in the preparation of the reports to be delivered at the General Assemblies.

The Second Session of the Assembly recessed at 10:40 a.m.

Upon reconvening at 10:50 a.m. on Friday, August 29, roll call was taken by the chair and the number of delegates present was recorded at 22.

At this time Fr. Nersess introduced and welcomed to the Assembly Ms. Syraun Palvetzian, executive secretary to His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

The chair then requested that any chapters wishing to bid for the 1975 General Assembly be prepared to do so in time for the taking up of item 14 of the Agenda, the selection of the Assembly site and date. He also announced that the matter of holding the Sports Weekend and General Assembly separately or in conjunction with one another would be taken up at the time of the bidding.

A motion, however, was made at this point by Hratch Shishmanian, that the discussion regarding the Assembly and Sports Weekend be discussed now. The motion was seconded by Shahan Deirmendjian. Discussion followed, and the motion was defeated by a majority vote.

XVII. AIMS AND GOALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The first committee to deliver its report was the Aims and Goals Committee, presented by Fr. Karekin Kasparian. In the report the ultimate goals of the A.C.Y.O.A. as interpreted by the Committee were stated in five objectives, three of which are found in the Constitution. They are:

1. Religious and spiritual fulfillment: Among the mentioned related activities were retreats, scholarship funds, the Armenian Studies program, and the support of the theological programs.
2. Cultural and educational fulfillment: Among those projects discussed were monthly chapter publications containing educational articles beneficial to the youth; an enlargement of the Armenian Studies program; the increase in special programs geared toward the interests of the youth; the publication of brochures and pamphlets containing answers to youth-guided questions; ecumenical-natured programs, including inter-church and inter-denominational programs.
3. Social fulfillment: Such related activities are Sports Weekend, dances, social gatherings, etc.
4. Recreational and Sports Activities: Such activities as Sports Weekend, and local involvement in sports leagues,
5. Furthering Service Objectives: Among the discussed projects were a Mission Program, (rejuvenation of the dissolved chapter of which the total expense to be borne by the Diocese), the appointment of Youth Workers to chapters; special activities designed for students away at college; encouragement of youth to join the Church; ministering to the aged; support of the choir and Church School.

Two new projects introduced by the Aims and Goals Committee are:

- a. the celebration of the coming U.S. Bicentennial, and
- b. a program to celebrate the visit of His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, designed especially for ACYOA participation.

After the report was given, much discussion ensued regarding ACYOA's aims and goals, and the newly-ratified Constitution. The question of the possibility of amending the Constitution was raised. At this point Hratch Shishmanian moved that Assembly devote up to one hour for this discussion, instead of moving on to the scheduled committee reports. Kathy Mekjian seconded the motion, and it passed 17 to 1. There followed more discussion during which the purposes and aims of ACYOA were debated and reviewed and the ratified Constitution was compared to the original Constitution which was ratified in Philadelphia.

A motion was made by Fr. Karekin that the discussion be terminated, and Susan Minassian seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 13 to 1.

Kerry Kaysserian moved the Assembly recess for lunch and David Ohanian seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote and the Assembly recessed at 1:05 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m. the meeting reconvened and roll call was taken. The number of delegates recorded present was 23.

At the opening of the meeting, Lisa Mooradian moved that the Assembly continue to follow the agenda, and take up the issue of Constitutional amendments at a later time. The motion was seconded by Susan Norsigian, and was passed 10 to 6.

XVIII. BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Budget Committee presented its report at this time. Speaking for the Committee was Deacon Manoog Kelegian. (Attached is a copy of the Budget Committee Report).

After the delivering of the report. Fr. Karekin inquired as to who will provide the salary of the Executive Secretary. The answer was given by Fr. Nersess that the new Central Council would approach the Diocesan Council for the necessary subsidy.

The chair then called for a vote to adopt the Budget Committee Report as presented. The report was adopted, 14 to 1.

At this time Fr. Karekin raised a question as to the whereabouts of the treasury money and other income held in escrow since the dissolution of ACYOA. Fr. Nersess then proceeded to summarize the expenses and income that had been entrusted to the Diocese from 1972 to 1975. The summary given was as follows:

In 1972, at the time of dissolution, the monies on hand amounted to \$21,288.66 in stocks, bonds, cash and dividends. The current amount is \$21,999.76. Of this total, Fr. Nersess added, one major disbursement was not included in the calculations -- the donation to the Catholicos regarding the Armenian Studies Program.

After much discussion, Fr. Nersess moved that the Central Council be delegated the power to study the possibilities of reinvesting the money in the Endowment Fund, or in the ACYOA's best interest, with the aim of producing better returns. Greg Takvorian seconded the motion, and it passed, 14 to 0.

A five minute recess followed.

At 3:35 p.m. the meeting reconvened, and roll call was taken. Present were 28 delegates. After the roll call was taken, the names of two delegates were added to the list. These were Susan Dimerjian of Boston and Lynn Pinajian of Fair Lawn, bringing the total number of delegates to the convention at 37.

XIX. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Jim Stambouljian. The report made known the names the Committee had decided upon for election to Central Council. The nominees for Central Council are as follows:

David Ohanian	Lowell, Massachusetts
Anna Garabedian	Springfield, Massachusetts
Richard Takvorian	Watertown, Massachusetts
Edward Kaiserian	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Hratch Shishmanian	Toronto, Canada

The nominees' qualifications were read by Linda Janikian.

At this time the chair requested five nominations for Central Council positions from the floor. Those nominated were as follows:

<u>Name, Chapter</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Lisa Mooradian (East St. Louis)	Deacon Manoog Kelegian	Deacon Arthur <i>Subrajan</i>
Charles Slagen (Dallas)	Lisa Mooradian	Abe Kandaharian
Susan Dimerjian (Boston)	Greg Takvorian	Rich Takvorian
Elizabeth Balaian (New York)	Lynn Pinajian	S. Deirmendjian
Mark Kazanjian (Lawrence)	Susan Minassian	Greg Takvorian
Kenny Hagopian (Watertown)	Mark Kazanjian	Greg Takvorian

Deacon Arthur moved the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Hratch Shishmanian. The motion carried by a vote of 17 to 2.

At this time some discussion took place concerning the nominating of more than one person to Central Council from a chapter. A motion to amend the voting procedure was made by Greg Takvorian that two persons be allowed to run for Central Council from a chapter, and that the member receiving the higher vote of the two be elected to Central Council.

The motion was seconded by Ronald Godoshian, but Mr. Godoshian added the recommendation of a friendly amendment, which would change the wording to state "more than one member."

Mr. Takvorian accepted the friendly amendment, and the amended motion was seconded by Mr. Godoshian. The motion was passed, 10 to 3, and the amendment was adopted.

A summary of the candidates' backgrounds was then read.

Lisa Mooradian then moved that the persons receiving the top 3 votes serve two-year term, and the remaining two serve one-year term. The motion was seconded by David Ohanian. The motion was carried, 15 to 0.

Deacon Arthur Saboonjian moved that the Assembly amend the voting procedure, applying the amendment only to this particular Assembly. The amendment was to omit a primary vote for Central Council positions, and move to a final vote. The motion was seconded by Lisa Mooradian and passed, 17 to 0.

XX. ELECTION OF CENTRAL COUNCIL

Ballots were cast for the five positions on Central Council. As the chair read the names of the delegates, the ballots were collected by Jim Stambouljian. Final results of the election were reported as follows:

For two-year term: Edward Kaiserian
 Lisa Mooradian
 David Ohanian

For one-year term: Anna Garabedian
 Richard Takvorian

The five alternate positions for Central Council are as follows: Charles Slagen, Hratch Shishmanian, Elizabeth Balaian, Ken Hagopian and Mark Kazanjian.

XXI. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolutions Committee Report was delivered by Charles Slagen, in the absence of the Committee spokesman. (The report is attached.)

Fr. Karekin moved that the Resolutions Committee Report be accepted as given. David Ohanian seconded the motion. It passed by a majority vote.

XXII. PROPOSALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee announced that no proposals were submitted.

XXIII. ASSEMBLY SITE AND DATE

Moving to the issue of the Assembly Site and Date, Lisa Mooradian moved that in future the General Assembly and Sports Weekend be held at separate dates. Susan Minassian seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was defeated by a majority show of hands.

After more discussion Susan Minassian moved that the General Assembly meetings be held two days prior to Sports Weekend. Shahan Deirmendjian seconded the motion. The motion passed, 18 to 0.

Fr. Nersess then moved that the 1976 Sports Weekend and General Assembly be held over Labor Day Weekend. The second was made by Greg Takvorian. The motion passed, 18 to 0.

At this time the floor was opened for bids for the site of the 1976 Sports Weekend and General Assembly. Bids were made by the following delegates from the following chapters:

Greg Takvorian	Watertown, Massachusetts
David Ohanian	Merrimack Valley (Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill)
Hratch Shishmanian	Toronto, Canada

Ballots were cast, and collected by Arthur Saboonjian. Merrimack Valley was selected to be the 1976 site of the General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

XXIV. DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

At this time, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian requested discussion regarding the special projects which were presented by the Aims and Goals Committee. With regard to the Visit by the Catholicos, David Ohanian moved that a mass youth rally be held in Philadelphia or New York, upon the Catholicos' arrival. Susan Minassian seconded the motion, and it carried, 16 to 0.

After discussion relating to the celebration of the Bicentennial, Richard Takvorian moved that the Bicentennial project be organized by Central Council. Greg Takvorian seconded the motion, and it passed, 16 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

XXV. INITIATION FEES AND ANNUAL DUES

Deacon Arthur quoted the Constitution under Article V, sections one and two, as stating that the General Assembly is responsible for establishing the initiation fee and annual dues.

Deacon Arthur moved to set the initiation fee at \$1.00. Fr. Karekin seconded the motion which carried, 14 to 0.

Rich Takvorian moved that the annual ACYOA dues be \$5.00. Deacon Arthur seconded the motion, which carried, 12 to 3.

XXVI. CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACYOA

In reference to Article X, section 12, sub-section D, which reads that the General Assembly is responsible for the determination of the "manner and the amount of contributions which each chapter will make to the ACYOA", Fr. Nersess

moved that 10% of the net profits of each chapter be turned over to the Central Council at the end of the 1975-76 fiscal year. There was no second.

Deacon Arthur moved to table the issue of contributions until the next General Assembly. Susan Minassian seconded the motion. Discussion followed, after which a question was called by Kathy Mekjian, and the motion was passed, 16 to 1.

XXVII. ELECTION OF NOMINATING AND AUDITING COMMITTEES

Referring to Article X, section 12, sub-section F, which states that the General Assembly be held responsible for electing members of the "Central Council, the Nominating Committee, the Auditing Committee, and other standing committees it may create," Fr. Nersess moved that the new Central Council be held responsible for appointing those committees. David Ohanian seconded the motion. The motion was passed, but Parliamentarian Charles Slagen objected, stating that the move was in violation of the Constitution, Article 10, section F.

At this time Deacon Manoog moved that the committees be elected at this point. Greg Takvorian seconded the motion, and it passed. After extensive discussion and some difficulty in obtaining nominees, Harry Kezelian moved that the nominating and auditing committees be elected at the opening of the 1976 General Assembly, and that anyone interested in running for a committee submit his name to the Central Council before the Assembly date. The motion was seconded by David Ohanian, and it passed, 17 to 0.

XXVIII. CONCLUSION OF THE YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Deacon Manoog Kelegian moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Lisa Mooradian. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

The Assembly of the ACYOA adjourned with a closing prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Norsigian
Secretary

Marianne Hovsepian
Assistant Secretary

Date: 1975
Sept.

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REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Members: Susan Demirjian - Cambridge
Janet Takvorian - Bayside
Carolyn Vranian - Richmond
Lisa Mooradian - Central Council

WHEREAS, we extend our most humble and sincere greetings to His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, and whereas His Holiness is celebrating his 20th consecration this year, be it resolved that on this occasion we extend our best wishes and renew our deep respect and allegiance to His Holiness the Catholicos, and to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

WHEREAS, our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian has shown through his many services the able leadership as the President of the ACYOA, be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its gratitude and respect to him and pledges continued support and cooperation.

WHEREAS, the Diocesan Council and the 1976 Diocesan Assembly declared their interest and pledged their support to the ACYOA, be it resolved that the ACYOA is grateful for their support and will continue to grow and be an honor to the Church.

WHEREAS, Miss Syraun Palvetzian, Executive Director of the Diocese, through her tireless efforts has given invaluable assistance to the ACYOA, be it resolved that the ACYOA wishes to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation for her services.

WHEREAS, in this Bicentennial year of the United States of America the ACYOA is celebrating its 30th anniversary and its national reorganization, be it resolved that the efforts and commitments of the ACYOA be continued in accordance with the ACYOA Constitution and the teachings of the Armenian Church.

WHEREAS, the United States is celebrating the 200th Anniversary of its independence, be it resolved that the ACYOA extends to President Gerald R. Ford its good wishes for his health and continued successful leadership.

WHEREAS, this Assembly is being held in the City of Boston in the State of Massachusetts, be it resolved that the ACYOA sends warm regards to Governor Michael Dukakis and Mayor Kevin White.

WHEREAS, the Very Rev. Ghevant Samoorian, Pastor of St. Vartanantz Armenian Church of Lowell, Massachusetts, and President of the Lowell chapter of the ACYOA has welcomed the ACYOA to his parish and guided the Lowell chapter to a successful weekend, be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its gratitude for his hospitality.

WHEREAS, the Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian, Pastor of St. John the Divine Armenian Church of Springfield, Massachusetts, gave of himself during his tenure as interim youth director, and again capably served as managing director of the 1976 Armenian Studies Program, be it resolved that the ACYOA is grateful for his services.

WHEREAS, Fr. Ghevant Samoorian, Lowell; Fr. Vasken Keshishian, Lawrence; Fr. Nersess Jebejian, Springfield; Fr. Dajad Davidian, Watertown; Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Worcester; Fr. Karekin Kasparian, and Deacon Arthur Saboonjian, Westchester; Fr. Haik Donikian and Deacon Michael Chevian, Providence; Fr. Carnig Hallajian, Bayside; and Fr. Arshen Aivazian, Philadelphia, have shown a sincere interest in the ACYOA by their attendance, be it resolved that the ACYOA expresses its appreciation for their interest.

WHEREAS, the ACYOA acknowledges services rendered to the organization by the two outgoing members of the Central Council, Anna Garabedian and Richard Takvorian, on the occasion of the completion of their term of office, be it resolved that appreciation is expressed to them for their devoted services and accomplishments.

WHEREAS, the Lowell Parish and Parish Council under the able leadership of Parish Council Chairman Harold Maloomian have extended their hospitality to the ACYOA, be it resolved that this Assembly expresses appreciation to them.

WHEREAS, the 1976 General Assembly and Sports Weekend of the ACYOA is being hosted by the Greater Lowell Chapter, be it resolved that this Assembly expresses thanks and appreciation to that chapter.

WHEREAS, Deacon Arthur Saboonjian of Westchester, New York, Kerry Kaysserian of Detroit, Michigan, Debbie Boghosian of Watertown, Massachusetts, Susan Minasian of Richmond, Virginia, and Tom Malkasian of Detroit, Michigan, the Executive Committee of this Assembly, have conducted, in an exemplary fashion, this Assembly, be it resolved that the ACYOA expresses its appreciation for their services.

WHEREAS, the Hotel Marriott has provided excellent accommodations for the ACYOA, this Assembly extends its sincere appreciation to the Hotel Management and Staff.

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Parliamentary Procedure

1. Where there exists any conflict between the Parliamentary Rules and the Constitution or Rules of Procedure, the Constitution will be upheld.
2. Rules of Conduct
 - a. A member should raise his/her hand and speak only after being acknowledged by the Chair.
 - b. All remarks should be addressed to the Chair.
 - c. Each member has the right to speak once before any member can speak twice.
 - d. The person introducing the motion has the right to speak first and last on the motion.
 - e. A member may not speak more than twice on the same motion.
 - f. Individual speeches on a motion are limited to 5 minutes.
3. Motions
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote
4. Withdrawing Motion
 - a. Motion--No Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority
 1. A stated and seconded motion becomes the property of the meeting.
 2. Introducer may withdraw motion if no one objects to the request of withdrawal.
 3. If there is an objection to motion of withdrawal, motion is acted upon unless another member makes a motion that member who made original motion be allowed to withdraw it.
5. Objection to Consideration of a Motion
 - a. Motion--No Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Two Thirds Vote
 1. The member need not be recognized by the Chair, but may get up at any time before the debate is well underway and state his motion.
6. Amendments
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote
 1. Amendment may be for or against motion.
7. Close Debate
 - a. Motion--Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Two Thirds Vote
 1. Motion to close debate on an amendment applies only to amendment.

8. Refer to a Committee

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11. Take from the Table

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8/18/75

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Ruben Fuentes, Convention Manager

SUBJECT: ACYOA ASSEMBLY
(In conjunction with Armenian Church
Youth Organizations of America)

IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS: Fr. Nersess Jebejian Arr. August 27th
Diocese of the Armenian Church
620 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

ATTENDANCE: Rooms Committed: 25 ASSIGN 4th-5th-6th
FLOORS IF POSSIBLE

ARRIVAL: THURSDAY, August 28, 1975

DEPARTURE: FRIDAY, August 29, 1975
(Majority of attendees will stay over for
Sports Weekend)

RESERVATIONS: Individually by reservation cards.

COMPLIMENTARY: None committed.

BILLING: Please refer to special billing
memorandum dated August 18th for details.

P R O G R A M

THURSDAY, August 28, 1975

Arrivals.

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Registration Lobby
(Set up 1 - 8' draped
table, chairs, extension
cord, house phone).

Joe Meluskey: Please post sign saying "Registration ACYOA
Assembly".

8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Meeting Club Royale
(Set up one head table (ringside)
for 6 on platform,
plus 50 chevron-style,
podium & mike, standing mike,
pads, pencils, ashtrays, glasses,
ice-water on tables, BBCE.

Evening

Dinner at leisure.

Continued

FRIDAY, August 29, 1975

Morning	Breakfast at leisure.	
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Meeting (same setup)	Club Royale
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break (Catering to handle.)	Club Royale
12:00 noon	Lunch at leisure.	
1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Meeting Resumes (same setup)	Club Royale
3:00 p.m.	Coffee Break (Catering to handle.)	Club Royale

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August 26, 1975

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Rules of Procedure

Section A:

1. There shall be no absentee voting. Voting shall be on individual basis; however, each Chapter shall report its total affirmative and negative votes at one time.
2. Only those delegates present during the discussion of an Amendment, Proposal and/or Resolution shall be allowed to vote on the consideration.
3. A roll call shall be taken on the demand of one member when seconded by at least five members.

Section B:

1. The Nominating Committee shall submit twice the number of nominees as there are vacancies to be filled to the Central Council.
2. An unlimited number of nominations may be made from the floor to the Assembly.
3. In the event the nominees total to more than twice the number of vacancies, a primary vote shall be taken. Each delegate must cast no more than two votes for each of the vacancies. The individuals with the highest votes equaling twice the number of vacancies will be retained; the other(s) will be dropped.
4. After the primary vote is taken (if any) voting shall take place as follows: each delegate will cast one vote for each vacancy; candidate(s) receiving the majority vote for the office shall be elected.

Section C:

1. ~~Official Theological students of the Diocese may have voice, but no vote, unless they come as President of the Chapter or as official representative of the head of the Chapter, in which case, they may vote.~~
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