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SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 31, 1977

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Registration - Hotel Lobby
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	First Business Session
10:00 p.m.	Coffee and Registration
	First Committee Session

Thursday, September 1, 1977

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. to Noon	Second Business Session
Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Second Committee Session
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Third Business Session
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Third Committee Session (if necessary)
8:00 p.m.	Fourth Business Session

Friday, September 2, 1977

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. to Noon	Final Business Session

MINUTES OF THE 1977 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

August 31, September 1, 2, 1977
Michigan Inn, Southfield, Michigan

Host Chapter: Detroit

I FIRST SESSION

The First Session of the 1977 General Assembly of the ACYOA was called to order on Wednesday, August 31, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. At this time, Edward Kaiserian, Central Council Chairman, noted the insufficient number of delegates present and recessed the meeting until 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, presided and led the attending delegates in the invocation.

A roll call, conducted by Brian Bogosian, showed 15 delegates 8 chapter chairmen, and 3 Central Council members present. Noting that a quorum wasn't present, the Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian moved that we follow Article 17 of the Diocesan By-Laws until such time that a quorum was present. The Very Reverend Father Arshen Aivazian seconded the motion. The motion was defeated.

Fr. Paren then moved that this meeting be adjourned until such time that a quorum could be sustained. Deacon Arthur Sabounjian seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Central Council Chairman Ed Kaiserian called for an adjournment until 9:00 a.m. Thursday.

Surpazan Hayr led the assembly in a closing prayer.

II SECOND SESSION

The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m. with a prayer by Surpazan Hayr.

Janet Takvorian read the minutes, which were accepted as read.

Roll call showed 24 chairmen and delegates, 3 Central Council members and 3 Clergymen present. Chapters not registered and not called in the roll call were asked to come forward and present credentials to the Secretary (a list of participating delegates is attached to these Minutes as Appendix #1). It was found that a sufficient number of delegates was present for a quorum (34 present, 32 needed).

Central Council Chairman Ed Kaiserian conducted the election of Assembly Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The following names were submitted:

Office of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Deacon Arthur Sabounjian Westchester, New York
Richard Takvorian - Watertown, Massachusetts

Office of Secretary and Assistant Secretary

Five people were nominated. All declined.

A voice vote was taken for the office of Chairman with the following results:

Chairman - Deacon Arthur Sabounjian, Westchester, New York
Vice-Chairman - Richard Takvorian, Watertown, Massachusetts

Central Council Chairman Ed Kaiserian appointed the following:

Secretary - Karen Basmajian, Westchester, New York
Assistant Secretary - Debbie Boghosian, Watertown, Massachusetts

The newly elected Chairman Deacon Arthur Sabounjian then appointed Michael Yapchaian, Watertown, to the office of Parliamentarian.

III ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Deacon Arthur entertained a motion to adopt the Agenda (attached to these minutes as Appendix #2). Fr. Paren made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Fr. Arshen seconded the motion. Discussion followed at which time Michael Zeytoonian proposed an alternate Agenda with the following reasons: to allow for the Old Business section to include proposals from committees; to include a Good and Welfare discussion in the Chapter Reports section (this alternate Agenda appears as Appendix #3 at the end of these Minutes).

Fr. Arshen moved the question. Motion on the floor to accept the old Agenda proposed by Central Council. Motion defeated.

Michael Zeytoonian made a motion to accept the new Agenda. Roz Hewsenian seconded. Discussion followed during which the Reverend Father Nersess Jebejian proposed to amend the Agenda by putting section V at the end of New Business (in accordance with the Primate's wishes), and that section Xa. be changed to read Good and Welfare.

Motion from the floor to accept proposed Agenda with the above amendments was carried.

IV ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1976 MINUTES

Assembly recessed for 5 minutes to read the Minutes. Debbie Boghosian presented the corrections which appear as Appendix #4 of these minutes.

Roz Hewsenian moved to accept the 1976 Minutes as corrected. Sue Minasian seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

V WELCOMING ADDRESS

Brian Yazejian, Chairman of the Detroit Sports Weekend Committee, extended greetings on behalf of the Detroit Chapter and itemized the program.

VI ADOPTION OF RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Rules of Parliamentary Procedure are attached to these minutes as Appendix #5.

Roz Hewsenian moved to adopt the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. Michael Zeytconian seconded the motion. Discussion followed whereupon Marianne Hovsepian moved to delete section 2e (members can't speak twice in the same session). Kathy Mekjian seconded. Motion defeated. Motion to accept Rules of Parliamentary Procedure carried.

VII ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rules of Procedure appear as Appendix #6.

Karnig Durgarian moved to accept the Rules of Procedure. Mark Kazanjian seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Deacon Arthur appointed David Onanian as Sergeant-at-Arms to insure that the Rules of Procedure would be followed.

VIII APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Committee assignments appear at the end of these Minutes as Appendix #7.

Nominations were accepted to fill two vacancies on the Auditing Committee, and one on the Nominating Committee. Chairman Deacon Arthur asked the Assembly to accept all the nominations, and a vote was taken with the following unanimous results:

Nominating Committee - Michael Zeytoonian, Westchester, New York

Auditing Committee - Roz Hewsenian, Westchester, New York
Brian Yazejian, Detroit, Michigan
Alex Kouyoumdjian, Watertown, Massachusetts

Point of Clarification regarding when the committees would meet
It was determined that the committees would meet after the report
of Central Council.

Michael Zeytoonian moved to recess for five minutes. Seconded.
Motion defeated.

IX

CHAPTER REPORTS/ GOOD & WELFARE

Paul Pogharian, Watertown, opened the discussion of Good and Welfare with an explanation of purpose. The intent of the Good and Welfare section, he said, was to ascertain how each Chapter was with regard to problems, to further communication between Chapters, and in a larger sense, to discuss the question of where the ACYOA as a whole was heading. Below are some of the more salient points brought out in the discussion.

Richard Takvorian, Watertown, felt that the ACYOA hadn't been achieving its aims, or growing as it should be. Michael Zeytoonian, Westchester, felt that there should be more of a focus on program orientation; that the ACYOA should have more national programs.

Central Council Chairman Ed Kaiserian stated that he felt the discussion was proceeding without basis; that it should continue after the report of the Central Council.

Roz Hewsenian moved to suspend discussion until after Central Council's report. Michael Zeytoonian seconded. Motion carried.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL - YEAR IN REVIEW

Central Council Chairman Ed Kaiserian spoke at this time regarding the ACYOA's progress in 1976. He identified some of the more serious problems the organization was having, and emphasized the need for a greater responsibility on the part of Chapter Chairmen, and Executive Boards and membership in general. The Central Council Report appears as Appendix #8 of these minutes.

Following his report, Ed introduced Mr. George Tashjian, the new Youth Director of the ACYOA. Mr. Tashjian commended Ed on putting the Assembly in perspective, and went on to detail his position as Youth Director, the goals he hoped to attain, and the manner in which he would be working with the Chapters in the organization.

At this time, His Grace Archbishop Tor Kom Manoogian addressed the delegation, with a clarification of the purpose of the ACYOA, and a setting forth of the goals this organization should be working toward.

As there were no further questions on the report by Central Council, the discussion on Good and Welfare was reopened.

XI REOPENING OF DISCUSSION ON GOOD & WELFARE

Chairman Deacon Arthur stipulated that each person would be limited to speaking two minutes, in the interest of time.

Each Chapter Chairman presented a report on his or her respective Chapter, with emphasis on any problems that Chapter had incurred during the year (e.g., bringing out membership, active involvement of members, etc.).

At 1:00 p.m., Chairman Deacon Arthur recessed the meeting for lunch.

XII THIRD SESSION

The Third Session of the 1977 General Assembly of the ACYOA was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Deacon Arthur asked to have a recount of the 'major needs' which had been brought out in the Good and Welfare discussion. A list of these 'major needs' follows:

1. Communications: Newsletter or magazine
2. National Deacons workshop
3. More National events/programs
4. Winter Weekend
5. Regionalization
6. More input with the Juniors
7. Intra-chapter communication
8. More emphasis on Church affiliation
9. National Public Relations program
10. Pamphlet for fund raising management
11. Inter-ethnic activity
12. Local Youth Directors/ Use of Clergy and Parish Councils

Chairman Deacon Arthur then assigned each of these 'needs' to a committee with the following breakdown:

1. National Events Committee - Newsletter, Winter Weekend, Public Relations
2. Central Council - Intra-chapter communication, Juniors, Inter-ethnic activity
3. Proposals - Deacon's workshop, Church affiliation, Local Youth Directors/ Clergy
4. Constitution - Regionalization
5. Budget - Fund raising management

XIII QUESTIONS ON FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report appears as Appendix #9 at the end of these minutes.

Brian Bogosian, Treasurer of the Central Council presented the Financial Report. Questions on the report included outstanding debts owed by the Toronto and Detroit Chapters, and questions on the Armenian Studies Program statement.

Discussion on the Toronto debt was tabled (as it is being handled by Central Council).

Fr. Paren Avedikian stated that the amount owed by the Detroit Chapter (heretofore withheld pending clarification of certain questions on the part of the Chapter) would be forthcoming later in the Assembly.

Questions on the statement of the Armenian Studies Program could not be answered by Mr. Bogosian, as the report was drawn up by Father Karekin Kasparian. It was decided that future Armenian Studies Program finances would come under jurisdiction of Central Council Treasurer, so as to avoid confusion.

Point of Clarification - Central Council Chairman Ed Kaiserian, with reference to committee assignments, stated that immediately following the recess of the session, delegates would break up into their respective committees to discuss the regular business of those committees as well as the 'major needs' assigned to them from the previous Good and Welfare discussion. A final typed report from each committee, including each committee's recommendations, would be presented at the next session.

Assembly recessed at 2:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. sharp, during which time committees were to meet.

XIV FOURTH SESSION

The Fourth Session of the ACYOA 1977 General Assembly was called to order at 8:40 p.m.

Roll call was taken with 36 delegates present.

XV NATIONAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the National Events committee appears as Appendix #10 of these minutes. Michael Zeytoonian, Westchester, presented the report.

Item I. - Winter Weekend

Fr. Paren Avedikian moved that the ACYOA accept the policy of having a Winter Weekend. Kathy Mekjian seconded. Motion carried.

Fr. Arshen Aivazian moved that the Assembly should assign a committee from a region where Winter Weekend could be held, the responsibility of that committee being to spell out all details of that Weekend for presentation to the next General Assembly. Kathy Mekjian seconded. Motion defeated.

Paul Pogharian, Watertown, moved that Central Council entertain bids from Chapters interested in hosting Winter Weekend, and have them (Central Council) make the decision. Alex Kouyoumdjian seconded. Motion carried.

Item II.

John Malool, Bayside, made a motion to accept Item II as written. Roz Hewsanian seconded. Motion carried.

Item III.

John Malool moved to accept Item III. Deacon Michael Chevian, Providence, seconded. Motion carried.

Item IV.

Roz Hewsanian moved to accept Item IV. Greg Ajemian, Bayside, seconded. Motion carried.

Item V.

Fr. Arshen moved to accept Item V. Deacon Michael Chevian seconded. Motion defeated.

Item VI.

Kathy Mekjian, Detroit, moved to accept Item VI. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Item VII.

Held off for Proposals Committee

Item VIII.

Linda Minassian, Providence, moved to accept Item VIII. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

NATIONAL EVENTS - REGIONAL BASIS

Item I.

Richard Takvorian, Watertown, moved to accept Item I. Deacon Michael Chevian seconded. Motion carried.

Item II.

Karnig Durgarian, Springfield, moved to accept Item II. John Malool seconded. Motion carried.

NATIONAL EVENTS - LOCAL BASIS

Item I.

Karnig Durgarian moved to accept Item I. Alex Kouyoumdjian seconded. Motion carried.

Point of Clarification - Fr. Arshen Aivazian noted that some of the items voted on were more in the line of 'votes of confidence' in the ideas of the Assembly, or endorsements of preferred policy, rather than being binding requirements (e.g., Post-Sports Weekend Booklet, Armenian Studies Program).

XVI CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Constitution Committee's report appears as Appendix #11b of these Minutes.

Prior to the Constitution Committee's report, Richard Takvorian, moved for a roll call. Motion was seconded by Susan Minassian, Paul Pogharian, Roz Hewsenian, Joanne Dorian, and Jim Kazarian.

Roll call showed 34 delegates present.

Michael Yapchaian, Watertown, presented the Constitution Committee report. All items in Appendix #11a were voted on with the following results:

Article 3, Section 4 - Fr. Paren Avedikian moved to delete. Kathy Mekjian seconded. Motion defeated.

Article 4, Section 1 - Kerry Kaysserian moved to accept as amended. Susan Minasian seconded. Motion defeated.

Article 4, Section 6 - Motion to accept defeated.

Article 5, Section 3 - Deacon Michael Chevian moved to accept with addition. Karnig Durgarian seconded. Motion carried.

Article 8, Section 5 - Motion to delete same defeated.

Article 8, Section 6 - Motion to accept defeated.

Article 9, Section 3 - Recommendation unanimously rejected.

Article 11, Section 1, Proposal 1 - Motion to accept defeated.

Article 11, Section 1, Proposal 2 - Motion to accept defeated.

Motion from the floor for a roll call. Seconded by Alex Kouyoumdjian, Gary Tateosian, Roz Hewsensian, Greg Ajemian, Karen Basmajian.

Roll call showed 32 delegates present.

Ed Kaiserian made a motion to reconsider Article 11, Section 1, Proposal 1. Motion seconded. Motion passed with 23 in favor.

Article 11, Section 1, Proposal 1 - Reconsideration motion to accept carried.

Article 11, Section 3 - Motion to accept defeated.

Article 11, Section 4 - Motion to accept defeated.

Article 4, Section 5 - To be considered under new article "National Functions" discussion.

Article 16, New Section 3 - Motion to accept carried.

Chairman Deacon Arthur called for a 10 minute recess. Meeting reconvened with a continuation of voting on Amendments.

Article 11, Section 15 - Deferred.

Article 7, Section 1-9 - Unanimously rejected.

Article 8, Section 1 - Unanimously rejected.

Article 8, Section 6 - Unanimously rejected.

Article 11, Section 1 - Previously decided.

Article 11, Section 15 - Unanimously rejected.

Article 12 - Ed Kaiserian moved to accept Article 12, deleting Sections 5, 6, and 7. Motion seconded. Motion passed (26 in favor), i.e., Sections 5, 6, and 7 rejected; Sections 1-4 accepted.

Article 5, Section 2 - Unanimously rejected.

Article 11, Section 1a - Unanimously rejected.

Article 11, Section 2a - Unanimously rejected.

Article 11, Section 3 - Motion to accept carried.

Article 11, Section 9 - Tabled by a stay in voting.

Article 15, Section 1 - Motion by Roz Hewsanian to table the amendment until next year's General Assembly. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Article 8, Section 3 - Motion to accept carried.

Article 12, Section 1 - Motion to accept defeated.

Motion made for a roll call. Seconded by Deacon Michael Chevian, Karen Basmajian, Linda Minassian, Roz Hewsanian, Susan Minassian. Roll call showed 25 delegates present. Central Council Chairman Ed Kaiserian called for a re-vote on Article 12, Section 1, as the previous vote taken was based on a 2/3 count of 43 delegates. Re-vote taken. Motion to accept Article 12, Section 1 again defeated.

Article 11, Section 1 - Motion to accept addition carried.

Motion was made to reconsider Article 5, Section 3. Seconded. Motion to reject Article 5, Section 3 was carried.

Article 5, Section 2 - Motion to accept was carried.

Article 11, Section 1, Alternative No. 1 - Unanimously rejected.

Article 11, Section 1, Alternative No. 2 - Unanimously rejected.

Article 11, Section 10 - Unanimously rejected.

Article 11, Section 9 - Previously tabled. Already covered by existing section.

The Fourth Session of the 1977 ACYOA General Assembly recessed at 1:30 A.M.

XVII FIFTH SESSION

The Fifth Session of the 1977 ACYOA General Assembly opened at 9:30 A.M., Friday morning. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presided and led the delegates in a short worship service.

Chairman Deacon Arthur took the floor and called for the report of the Sports Weekend Study Committee.

XVIII SPORTS WEEKEND STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Sports Weekend Study report appears as Appendix #12 of these Minutes. Stefanie Madanian, Watertown, presented the report.

A motion was made to accept the report of the Sports Weekend Committee as revised. The motion was seconded and carried.

At this time, Stefanie Madanian presented three proposals from the committee, to be acted upon by the Assembly. The proposals and the action taken upon each, follow.

Proposed:

1. That those bidding to host the Sports Weekend in 1979, examine the feasibility of selecting a religious retreat site, or college campus site on which to have the Weekend, and present their findings to the Assembly.
Motion to accept carried.

2. That the Sports Weekend Study Committee investigate the possibility of leasing, renting, or purchasing a Diocesan Youth Camp, also to be used as the national site for Sports Weekends in the future.
Motion to accept defeated.

3. That the Sports Weekend Study Committee investigate the possibility of moving the General Assembly to an April weekend in conjunction with Armenian Martyr's Day.
Motion to accept defeated.

The following motion was passed by the Assembly: The Sports Weekend Study Committee is duly commended for its work of one year. This committee will continue to operate for one additional year.

XIX AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Anna Garabedian, Springfield, presented the report of the Auditing Committee, which appears as Appendix #13 of these Minutes.

Michael Zeytoonian moved that the Assembly accept the report of the Auditing Committee and its recommendations. The motion was seconded and carried.

Chairman Deacon Arthur called for a ten minute recess at 12:30 P.M.

The Assembly reconvened at 12:50 P.M.
Roll was called showing 36 delegates present.

XX REPORT OF THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE

The report of the Proposal's Committee was presented by Roz Hewsian, and appears as Appendix #14b of these Minutes.

Voting on the Proposals (Appendix #14a) and the Committee's recommendations (Appendix #14b) was conducted with the following results:

From the 1976 General Assembly (voting on items from Appendix 14a):

- Proposal #1 - Accepted
- Proposal #2 - Accepted
- Proposal #3 - Tabled
- Proposal #4 - Rejected
- Proposal #5 - Rejected
- Proposal #6 - Accepted as revised
- Proposal #7 - Already covered by National Events
- Proposal #8 - Rejected
- Proposal #9 - Accepted as revised

From 1976 Special Assembly

Cheltenham Chapter:

- Proposal #1 - Accepted
- Proposal #2 - Already covered by National Events

Watertown Chapter:

- Proposal #3 - Rejected

At this time, Central Council Chairman Ed Kaiserian, noting that he would not be in order to bring up Amendment 8 (Article 12, Section 1) for reconsideration, stated that it would be proper for a member from the prevailing side to do so. Jim Kazarian, Bayside, made a motion to reconsider Amendment 8. Karen Basmajian seconded.

Point of Information - Michael Yapchaian, Parliamentarian, stated that a majority vote was needed in order to reconsider.

Motion passed. Amendment 8 was brought up for reconsideration (Fiscal Year).

Chairman Deacon Arthur called for a roll call. Roz Hewsenian, Michael Zeytoonian, Greg Ajemian, Joanne Dorian, Deacon Michael Chevian seconded. Roll call showed 36 delegates present.

Michael Zeytoonian moved that Amendment 8 (Article 12, Section 1) be accepted. Karen Basmajian seconded. Motion to accept passed by 2/3 (24) vote. Report of the Proposal's Committee was then resumed.

- Proposal #4 - Rejected
- Proposal #5 - Rejected

Central Council:

- Proposal #6 - Accepted
- Proposal #7 - Already covered
- Proposal #8 - Accepted
- Proposal #9 - Accepted

From 1977 Proposals Committee (Voting on items from Appendix 14b):

Proposal #12 - Rejected
Proposal #13 - Accepted

Chairman Deacon Arthur called for a recess for lunch at 1:30 P.M. until 2:30 P.M. at which time the Assembly would reconvene.

The Assembly reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

XXI REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee report was presented by the Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian, Detroit. The report appears as Appendix #15 of these Minutes.

Alex Kouyoumdjian moved that Cash on Hand be removed from the Budget. Michael Zeytoonian seconded. Motion carried.

Ed Kaiserian moved that the Cash on Hand figure of \$640.00 be put as a footnote, and also included in the Assessment to Chapters figure, changing that figure to \$1,269.76. Motion was seconded and carried.

Michael Zeytoonian moved that the Assembly accept the amended Budget and Financial Statement. Kathy Mekjian seconded. Motion carried.

Voting on the Budget Committee's recommendations was conducted with the following results:

Recommendation #1 - Accepted
Recommendation #2 - Rejected
Recommendation #3 - Rejected
Recommendation #4a - Accepted
Recommendation #4b - Accepted

Motion to reconsider #2 was defeated.

XXII NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

At this time the Nominating Committee presented its slate for the Central Council elections. Nominations were also accepted from the floor. The slate was as follows:

<u>From Nominating Committee</u>		<u>From the Floor</u>	
Ron Godoshian	- Detroit	Stefanie Madanian	- Watertown
Brian Bogosian	- Lawrence	Linda Minassian	- Providence
Paul Pogharian	- Watertown	Ken Hagopian	- Watertown
Susan Minasian	- Richmond	Debbie Boghosian	- Watertown
Michael Zeytoonian	- Westchester	Melanie Mamishian	- Watertown

Father Paren Avedikian moved that Michael Zeytoonian's nomination not be considered. Motion was seconded. Motion defeated.

Motion from the Chair to give a brief synopsis of each candidate. Motion was seconded, and carried.

Roll was called for collection of ballots.

The Nominating Committee then presented its slate for Nominating Committee. Nominations were also taken from the floor.

From Nominating Committee

Susan Norsigian - E. St. Louis
Michelle Babikian - Chicago
Linda Minassian - Providence
Joanne Dorian - Bayside

From the Floor

Debbie Stepanian - Evanston
Karen Messelian - Detroit
Nancy Malkasian - Detroit
Debbie Boghosian - Watertown

Nominees for the Auditing Committee were as follows:

From the Nominating Committee

Michael Yapchaian - Watertown
Brian Yazejian - Detroit
Christine Mooradian - E. St. Louis
Harry Tavitian - Westchester
Anna Garabedian - Springfield

From the Floor

Roz Hewsenian - Westchester
Karnig Durgarian - Springfield
Alex Kouyoumdjian - Watertown

The following was recommended to be brought up at next year's General Assembly: That Nominees for the Auditing Committee come from one general area or region, in order to facilitate the work of that committee.

Motion was made to have three members elected to the Auditing Committee at this Assembly. Motion was seconded, and carried.
Motion was made to elect three members to the Nominating Committee at this Assembly. Motion was seconded, and carried.

Ballots were handed out, and roll was called to collect the ballots.

While members of the Nominating Committee counted the ballots, the Resolutions Committee was called upon for its report.

XXIII RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Deacon Michael Chevian, Providence, presented the Resolutions Committee report, which appears as Appendix #16 of these Minutes.

A motion to accept the Resolutions Committee report, with its additions was seconded and carried.

At this time, the results of the elections for Central Council were presented:

XXIV CENTRAL COUNCIL: Susan Minasian (2 yr. term); Brian Bogosian (2 yr. term); Michael Zeytoonian (2 yr. term); Paul Pogharian (1 yr. term); Ron Godoshian (1 yr. term)

Alternates: (tie for 1st) Stefanie Madanian, Linda Minassian.

Chairman Deacon Arthur called upon the Watertown Chapter to present its bid for Sports Weekend in 1978. Richard Takvorian and Paul Pogharian presented the bid for Watertown.

Following the presentation of the Watertown bid, Roz Hewsenian moved to suspend the Rules of Procedure for the Nominating Committee elections only. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Ed Kaiserian moved to accept the findings of the vote (for Nominating Committee) as cast. Motion seconded and carried. The following were elected to the Nominating Committee:

XXV NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nancy Malkasian (Detroit); Debbie Boghosian (Watertown); Debbie Stepanian (Member-at-Large; Evanston)

1st Alternate - Linda Minassian (Providence)

Brian Boghosian moved to suspend the Rules of Procedure for the Auditing Committee elections. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion was made to accept the findings of the vote as cast. Motion was seconded and carried.

Elected to the Auditing Committee were the following:

XXVI AUDITING COMMITTEE: Brian Yazejian (Detroit); Anna Garabedian (Springfield); Roz Hewsenian (Westchester)

1st Alternate - Alex Kouyoumdjian (Watertown)

The Chairman Deacon Arthur called upon the Providence Chapter to present its bid for Sports Weekend in 1978. Gary Tateosian and Linda Minassian presented the bid for the Providence Chapter.

Voting on the 1978 Bids was held by secret ballot. Roll was called to collect the ballots.

While delegates assigned by the Chair counted the ballots, the Assembly proceeded with its unfinished business.

It was noted that the Constitution Committee's recommendations be entered in these Minutes for consideration at the next General Assembly. (See Appendix #17)

Motion was made to reconsider Proposal #9 (amended version). Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Ed Kaiserian moved to table Proposal #9. Motion was seconded and carried. It was further stipulated that said proposal be put in the Minutes. It appears in Appendix #14b, Number Nine.

A motion was made to reconsider the Mission Program under the National Events Committee. Motion to reconsider seconded and defeated.

The results of the voting on the Bids was presented. Providence was selected to be the site of the 1978 General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

XXVII PRIMATE'S ADDRESS

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian addressed the Assembly, in closing.

It is indeed a pleasure for me to be with the young people of our church, especially the young people of the present generation who have a special concern for the future welfare of their organization, as well as for the welfare of the community in which they live. They want to be counted as significant factors in the development of community life and they are ready to commit themselves to the best interests of that community. These are essential elements in the foundation -- that is necessary for constructive action of any kind. We are fortunate to have this foundation. It is a firm and enduring one. That our youth are here, that they are concerned, that they want to be of service, and that they have committed themselves is gratifying. But how are we to build on this foundation, what is going to be the shape and the style of the structure? On this matter there are and there will continue to be differences of opinion, of approach, and of philosophy, requiring whatever resolution our intelligence and our energy can provide.

We commend both the energy and the intelligence of our Central Council of the past few years. Its achievements in the past two years are all the more impressive when we consider that the Council has been constrained to function without a Youth Director that we had budgeted for and actively sought, but failed to produce. Those who will be serving in the coming year will be more closely aware of the problems of our organization, and even the difficulties they will be facing in solving the problems, but I'm sure they will be as energetic and concerned as the past Council members have been.

Of course, we are happy that this particular lack of a Youth Leader has been resolved. With the appointment of a dynamic Youth Director, George Tashjian, we feel strongly that the constraints we have had to endure for so long will be removed, and that we'll be able to build on the firm foundation of commitment a structure appropriate to our needs.

PRIMATE'S ADDRESS (Con't):

Adding to what I said at our first meeting, I think it is very important that we organize more Senior chapters; we should organize them for the sake of the Juniors. If you listened to some of the reports, you will remember how the Juniors, who are growing in age and are will to continue serving, are sometimes lost because there is no room for them in our parishes -- because there is no Senior organization in some of our parishes. These Juniors, at the present time, are as energetic as the Seniors. They are eager to belong to the church in which they were born and baptized, they are eager to continue to serve, but they find themselves in a vacuum. It is the responsibility of the Senior organization to care for the Juniors -- they are also part of the community. I was happy to hear that a Parish Priest in another city had said that our youth are not our future hope. That is what I have stressed. Our youth are not the group that we wait for. They are here, they are present, they are participating, they are active; therefore we have to do everything we can in order to help them organize themselves, so that in an organized manner they can contribute to the welfare of the community. This feeling of belonging is essential to the well-being of any individual. You know how unhappy some people are when they realize that they don't belong to any family, not even to the broken home of their own physical family. How miserable they feel when they realize that they almost serve no purpose; they don't have a goal for their being and existence. The case becomes the same for many of our young people if the church-family fails in creating the proper atmosphere for her children.

The Church is our spiritual fountainhead. But even apart from the church we require spiritual fulfillment, consciously or otherwise, in almost everything we do. We must find meaning and joy in the various elements that occupy our time. That is the secret of success for individuals and the secret of survival for communities.

I am optimistic about the future growth of our ACYOA and of our church and people in the United States and Canada. I am optimistic only because you are here, only because you are real, only because you are the foundation. You have the valuable elements that make a foundation strong, and the structure beautiful.

We shall always remember that the present generation leans on the past, and looks forward towards the future, enriched with the wealth of our cultural and spiritual heritage.

I pray that God will bless everyone of you -- everyone of us -- so that we may not fail in our mission of being in service to our Lord first, because he is the source of all the strength, the wisdom, the grace, and then to our people, our present generation, which is the hope of fulfillment of the church-family life.

PRESENTATION OF HOST BANNER

Ed Kaiserian gave a final address and presented the Host Banner to the Providence delegation for the 1978 General Assembly and Sports Weekend. Ed Kaiserian also thanked the Detroit Chapter for their efforts in hosting the 1977 General Assembly.

Ed Kaiserian moved to adjourn the meeting. Karen Basmajian seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

The final session of the 1977 General Assembly adjourned with a closing prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Basmajian
Secretary

APPENDIX #1

LIST OF PARTICIPATING DELEGATES

BAYSIDE, NEW YORK

Jim Kazarian (Chairman)
Greg Ajamian
Denise Derdarian
Joanne Dorian
John Malool (Alternate)

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Susan Dermirjian

CHELTENHAM, PENNSYLVANIA

Very Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
Gary Reizian (Chairman)
Ron Godos
Marianne Hovsepian
Kathy Mekjian
Karen Messelian
Nancy Malkasian
Brian Yazejian
Edward Carmen (Alternate)

LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

Mark Kazanjian (Chairman)

NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT

Gary Hovhannessian (Chairman)
Craig Simonian
Guy Simonian

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Gary Tateosian (Chairman)
Linda Minassian
Joyce Minassian
Deacon Michael Chevian

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Susan Minasian

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian
Karnig Durgarian
Anna Garabedian

WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Alex Kouyoumdjian (Chairman)
Paul Pogharian
Richard Takvorian
Michael Yapchaian
Glen Keshgegian

WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

Roz Hewsenian (Chairman)
Karen Basmajian
Michael Zeytoonian
Deacon Arthur Sabounjian
Roseanne Shegirian (Alternate)

WISCONSIN

Myron Mikaelian
Nick Agulian

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Edward Kaiserian
Kerry Kaysserian
Janet Takvorian
Brian Bogosian

APPENDIX #2

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUGUST 31,
SEPTEMBER 1 and 2, 1977

MICHIGAN INN
Southfield, Michigan

AGENDA

- I. Invocation
- II. Roll Call
- III. Election of Assembly Officers-Appointment of Parliamentarian
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Welcoming Address
- VI. Adoption of Rules of Parliamentary Procedure
- VII. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
- VIII. Appointment of Committees
 - A. Budget
 - B. Proposals
 - C. Resolutions
 - D. Constitutions
 - E. National Events
 - F. Reading of the Minutes
- IX. Address of Central Council Chairman
- X. Address of the Primate
- XI. Report of the Reading of Minutes Committee
- XII. Old Business
 - A. Chapter Reports
 - B. Central Council - Year In Review
 - C. Financial Reports
 - D. Report of the Auditing Committee
 - E. Report of the Sports Weekend Study Committee
 - F. Report of the Constitution Committee
 - G. Report of the Proposals Committee
 - H. Report of the National Events Committee
- XIII. New Business
- XIV. Report of the Budget Committee
- XV. Report of the Nominating Committee
 - A. Election of Central Council
 - B. Election of the Nominating Committee
 - C. Election of the Auditing Committee
- XVI. Report of Resolution Committee
- XVII. Selection of General Assembly/Sports Weekend site and date.
- XVIII. Presentation of Host Banner
- XIX. Adjournment
- XX. Benediction

APPENDIX # 3

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUGUST 31,
SEPTEMBER 1 and 2, 1977

MICHIGAN INN
Southfield, Michigan

AGENDA

- I. Invocation
- II. Roll Call
- III. Election of Assembly Officers - Appointment of Parliamentarian
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
- V. Acceptance of the 1976 Minutes
- VI. Welcoming Address
- VII. Adoption of Rules of Parliamentary Procedure
- VIII. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
- IX. Appointment of Committees
 - A. Budget
 - B. Proposals
 - C. Resolutions
 - D. Constitutions
 - E. National Events
 - F. Reading of the Minutes
- X. Old Business
 - A. Chapter Reports (to discuss Good and Welfare)
 - B. Central Council - Year In Review
 - C. Questions on Financial Report
 - D. Auditing Committee Report
 - E. Constitution Committee Report
 - F. Sports Weekend Study Committee Report and Proposals
 - G. Proposal Committee Report and Proposals
 - H. National Events Committee Report and Proposals
- XI. New Business
 1. Report of Budget Committee
 2. Report of Nominating Committee
 - a. Election of Central Council
 - b. Election of Nominating Committee
 - c. Election of Auditing Committee
 3. Report of Resolutions Committee
 4. Selection of General Assembly/Sports Weekend site and date.
- XII. Primate's Address
- XIII. Presentation of Host Banner
- XIV. Adjournment
- XV. Benediction

APPENDIX #4

CORRECTIONS FOR 1976 MINUTES

Debbie Boghosian presented the following corrections:

1. Appendix #8 Proposals: "and that a glossary and index be added to the Constitution" should be added to this Proposal.
2. Page 1 - Carolyn Varanyan (Richmond) should be spelled with a "y".
3. Throughout the minutes Sue Minasian's name should be spelled with one "s".

APPENDIX #5

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 under way and state his motion.
6. Amendments
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote
 1. Amendment may be for or against motion.

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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
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote
 1. Motion can be made while motion or amendments are being debated.
 2. Removes whole subject from the floor--motions and amendments.
9. Postponed to a Definite Time
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote
10. Tabling of Motion
 - a. Motion--Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
 1. Whole matter is tabled--motions and amendments.
11. Take from the Table
 - a. Motion--Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
12. Recount of Vote
 - a. Motion--Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
13. Reconsideration
 - a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
 1. Motion can be made only by a member who voted on the winning side of the original motion (i.e., the prevailing side).
 2. Debate may cover motion to reconsider and the original motion.
 3. Motion may be made regarding the main motion or an amendment which has been passed.
 4. Motion must be introduced at the same meeting or the motion has not been taken.
 5. Action on motion being reconsidered is suspended until vote or reconsideration is taken.
 6. Motion is debatable or not debatable according to the original motion at the time it was voted on.

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7. Debate on a debatable motion can be closed.
8. Motion to reconsider may interrupt business and can be made even after motion of adjournment is adopted but meeting has not been declared closed by Chair.
9. Passing of motion does not permit revocation of action or commitments already taken.

14. Informal Consideration

- a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote

15. Repeal or Rescind Motion

- a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Two-Thirds Vote

1. If notice of proposed action has been made to members prior to meeting, only a majority vote is necessary.
2. If no notice has been given, a two-thirds vote is necessary.

16. Expunge from Record

- a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Two-Thirds Vote of Entire Membership.

1. If the motion is passed, a line is drawn through the record and a notation made to explain action. The record must not be destroyed.

17. Questions of Privilege

- a. Motion--No Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote

1. The motion takes precedence over all other business.
2. The motion cannot be postponed, referred to a committee, or tabled.

- b. Examples:

1. Reputation of the member
2. Rights of the Organization
3. Voting rights of the members
4. Comfort of the members

18. Recess

- a. Motion--Second--Debatable--Amendable--Majority Vote

1. Motion must include length of time and reason.

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19. Adjournment

- a. Motion--Second--Not Debatable--Not Amendable--Majority Vote
 - 1. Motion may be debated except
 - a. When relating to the conduct of a member
 - b. While voting is being taken
 - 2. A tie vote sustains the Chair

20. Miscellaneous

- a. Offensive remarks
 - 1. Offended person may object to remarks of a personal nature. Offender must apologize. If he does not, Chair may deny the offender the floor during debate on the question.
- b. Majority equals one more than half of the votes cast.
- c. Two-thirds means two-thirds of the votes cast unless otherwise stated.
- d. The Chair votes only in case of a tie vote.
- e. If the Chair takes part in the discussion on the floor, the Chair remains on the floor until the question is disposed of.
- f. If there are no objections raised, the Chair may state
 - 1. Minutes are approved
 - 2. Report of the Committee accepted, etc. - to eliminate unnecessary voting.
- g. Point of Information
 - 1. A member may at any time during the course of the meeting take the floor without permission from the Chair when the member states "Point of Information." The Chair must grant the speaker the floor.
- h. Point of Order
 - 1. Point of Order takes precedence over point of information.

21. Definitions

- a. Majority Vote - More than half of the votes cast ignoring blanks at a legal meeting where a quorum is present, unless a larger vote for its adoption is required by the Constitution of the Assembly

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b. Two-Thirds Vote - Means two-thirds of the votes cast, ignoring blanks. This must not be confused with a vote of two-thirds of the members present, or two-thirds of the members.

APPENDIX #6

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Rules of Procedure

SECTION A:

1. There shall be no absentee voting. Voting shall be on an 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. Past Central Council members may have voice, but no vote.

APPENDIX #7

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

BUDGET

Very Reverend Paren Avedikian - Detroit
Kathy Mekjian - Detroit
Ron Godoshian - Detroit
Jim Kazarian - Bayside
Dn. Arthur Sabounjian - Westchester
Susan Minassian - Richmond
Glen Keshgegian - Watertown

MINUTES READING

Debbie Boghosian - Watertown
Susan Minassian - Richmond
Marianne Hovsepian - Detroit
Dn. Arthur Sabounjian - Westchester

AUDITING

Anna Garabedian - Springfield
Alex Kouyoumdjian - Watertown
Roz Hewsensian - Westchester
Brian Yazejian - Detroit

CONSTITUTION

Marianne Hovsepian - Detroit
Very Reverend Arshen Aivazian - Cheltenham
Joyce Minassian - Providence
Michael Yapchaian - Watertown
Susan Demirjian - Cambridge
Nick Ak.gulian - Wisconsin

NOMINATING

Debbie Boghosian - Watertown
Marianne Hovsepian - Detroit
Michael Zeytoonian - Westchester

NATIONAL EVENTS

Greg Ajemian - Bayside
Michael Zeytoonian - Westchester
Brian Yazejian - Detroit
Karnig Durgarian - Springfield
Mark Kazanjian - Lawrence
Gary Tateosian - Providence
Paul Pogharian - Watertown
Myron Mikaelian - Wisconsin

RESOLUTIONS

Dn. Michael Chevian - Providence
Denise Derdarian - Bayside
Alex Kouyoumdjian - Watertown
Gary Reizian - Detroit

PROPOSALS :

Karen Basmajian - Westchester
Roz Hewsensian - Westchester
Karen Messelian - Detroit
Joanne Dorian - Bayside
Rev. Nersess Jebejian - Springfield
Linda Minassian - Providence
Richard Takvorian - Watertown

APPENDIX #8

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

January 1 to August 19, 1977

presented to the
1977 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Southfield, Michigan
August 31, September 1, 2, 1977

The Central Council of the ACYOA has met four times thus far in 1977. These meetings included two sessions at Diocesan Headquarters in New York City, one session held in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly in Providence, Rhode Island, and one session held in Detroit, Michigan.

At the first meeting, held January 14, 15, 16, 1977, the Council welcomed Mr. Brian A. Bogosian who was invited to join the Council, filling a vacancy which had been created by resignation. The Central Council elected its officers as follows:

- Chairman Edward P. Kaiserian
- Vice Chairman Kerry Kaysserian
- Recording Secretary Lisa A. Mooradian
- Corresponding Secretary . . Janet Takvorian
- Treasurer Brian A. Bogosian

Chapters were informed of the newly elected Council Officers in a mailing which also defined Chapter Representation.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, presided over the Central Council meetings whenever his schedule permitted. In His Eminence's absence, Ms. Syraun Palvetzian, Diocesan Director, served as Diocesan representative. The Central Council and the Diocesan Council have also continued to maintain close and cordial relations in 1977.

MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER STATUS

Five chapters complied with the June 30 membership deadline established by the Council with two chapters having been granted extensions. By July 15 a total of eight chapters had satisfied their obligations. As of this writing (August 19, 1977) sixteen of twenty possible chapters had supplied current membership information. Only these chapters and their members, as well as the current members-at-large, will be eligible for Sports Participation in this years Sports Weekend. The following statistics are only for information purposes:

- 294 of 394 members renewed membership
- 216 new members
- 3 of 23 members-at-large renewed membership
- 2 new members-at-large

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- 14 of 18 existing chapters renewed standing
- 2 new chapters
- 41 delegates + 16 chapter chairmen + 5 Central Council
= 62 possible GA votes + any clergy attending

Four of the possible chapters supplied absolutely no information whatsoever; one of these, for the second straight year. Of the sixteen chapters which responded, only six returned Chapter Report Forms for 1976.

Chapters which have not complied as of this date, must still comply with all requirements for 1977 before they may begin satisfying any 1978 obligations. It is the responsibility of the chapters to insure their members organizational rights and privileges by complying with established Council deadlines.

PARISH VISITATIONS

The Central Council, having been pleased with the success of parish visitations of the previous year, continued this program. Council members have visited fifteen parishes thus far and are already planning a number of visits for this fall.

Visitations this year have not necessarily been limited to parishes where there was no ACYOA program. They also included visitations to parishes with either new or established groups.

CHAPTER REPRESENTATION

The Council has continued, in 1977, to attempt to make decisions in the best interest of every member. This desire for representative decision-making led the Council to again divide the Diocese geographically with each member responsible for contacts in his area. It is the Council's belief that chapters still are not taking advantage of this system and keeping the lines of communication open.

MARTYR'S DAY COMMEMORATION

This year for the nationally sponsored Martyr's Day Commemoration, the Council wanted to do something that would have more meaning than a march. Many groups sponsor marches which after a while lose their significance.

The Central Council chose to sponsor the performance of The Armenian Question - written by William Rolleri and Anna Antaramian - a play dealing with the 1915 Genocide. The cast was comprised primarily of professionals including five Armenians.

The play was directed by Anna Antaramian and produced by Elise Antreassian. It appeared at the Diocese for three shows during the Martyr's Commemoration and then at the Title Theatre off-Broadway.

All the performances were received with excellent reviews.

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DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY AND CHAIRMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

For the second year, the Central Council sponsored a Chairmen's Roundtable. This year the meeting was held in conjunction with the 1977 Diocesan Assembly in Providence, Rhode Island.

The program was divided such that during the morning session the chapters exchanged ideas on programs and operations with a short report from the Council. The afternoon was to be devoted to a study of the issues to be considered at the General Assembly.

The afternoon session was quite diverse and included a visit from His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Mr. Edward Hordigian, President of the AGBU in America. The group was also addressed by Dr. Vasken Parsegian of Troy, New York and saw a presentation by the Detroit representatives on the upcoming Sports Weekend '77.

Those in attendance seemed to feel that the discussions were helpful and that the forum should be continued in 1978 in Detroit.

The Council members also participated in the Diocesan Assembly's Parish-Diocese Relationships panel. Edward P. Kaiserian was spokesman for the ACYOA and fielded many questions from the delegates on the programs and direction of the ACYOA. The Council's attendance at these events is important for the youth program.

ACYOA SECURITIES AND ENDOWMENT FUND

The Central Council continued to investigate the possibilities of reinvesting our present holdings for greater returns.

Investigations have found that the present financial uncertainty of the ACYOA prevents us from making any long term commitment with our funds. However, the Council endorses the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) and believes that a major drive should be undertaken in behalf of the youth of our Diocese. These funds should be placed into the endowment fund to guarantee the financial future of the ACYOA and all programs - both present and yet to be designed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Council has continued to actively pursue securing the services of a full time Executive Director.

The Central Council in cooperation with the Diocesan Council has been successful in their search and will be able to present the new Director at the 1977 General Assembly.

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1977 ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

This year the Eighth Annual Armenian Summer Studies Program was held under the able direction of the Managing Director - Fr. Karekin Kasparian - and the Educational Director - The Very Reverend Father Arshen Aivazian.

The tour took place from June 13, to July 14, 1977. The group spent some time touring both Leningrad and Moscow. Accommodations in Armenia were provided by His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of all Armenians, at his summer home.

The Council has not yet received any of the required return evaluations from the participants. These are all necessary feedback to be used in planning next years program. We have also not received the report of the directors and thus may be unable to provide the Auditing Committee with the Studies Program financial report.

The Central Council has recommended Father Arshen Aivazian of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania to the position of Managing Director for the 1978 Armenian Studies Program. The Educational Director has yet to be named.

REGIONAL RETREATS

The 1976 General Assembly National Events Committee recommended that the Central Council organize and execute programs for Regional Retreats. These retreats, to be hosted by the chapters, with the program designed by the Council are to be held in 1977.

Thus far the Council has developed, with the help of many experts in the Diocese, three retreat programs.

Remaining, is the need to acquire retreat leaders and chapters that are willing to organize the accommodations and acquire the retreat sites.

1977 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 1977 General Assembly will be held at the Michigan Inn, Southfield, Michigan, August 31, September 1,2, 1977 and hosted by the Detroit Chapter.

The deliberations will determine the direction of the ACYOA in 1978. Discussions will be centered on many issues which were tabled at the last General Assembly.

All the positions on the Central Council will be presented for election.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL SPORTS WEEKEND

Following the General Assembly the Detroit Chapter will host the 1977 Sports Weekend. Council members have visited Detroit three times since the awarding of the bid to offer any assistance and/or guidance the chapter desired. The Council has also maintained steady communications by telephone.

From the plans presented as of this writing, the weekend promises to be well organized and enjoyable for all in attendance.

CONCLUSIONS

Two years ago a new Constitution was accepted to govern the ACYOA. A new Central Council was elected to guide that organization. The new Council was to start fresh without the precedents of past Councils to channel their thinking. The new Central Council was smaller than previous councils by six and in principle had much less authority than the previous "Central Advisory Council."

The organization was also established with the belief that the chapters all had an interest in a national organization. Of course, the chapters could survive on their own. They had done it for three years. But there was a desire for some national bond. The new Constitution and arrangement was to fill the gap. And the long sought Executive Director would aid the stability. This was the culmination of a dream of many youth who had met in "good faith" for the good of all.

But, what has happened in the last two years?

Granted, there has been no Executive Director, Is that any justification for why five have now been expected to do the work that eleven could not handle? Is that why chapters have asked for deadlines to be established and then ignored them? Is that why chapters have to be told more than once what they should be doing?

From whence has this air of complacency appeared? Since when are we able to begin shrugging our shoulders and saying that "Someone else will do the work if I don't."? Since when have we decided that we don't ALL have a stake in the success or failure of the ACYOA? We are all responsible for the outcome. Without some strong COMMITMENTS from both chapters and members real soon, we will be able to expect no more successes but only mediocrity.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Kaiserian
Chairman

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ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

September 1 to December 31, 1976

presented to the
1977 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
August 31, September 1, 2, 1977

NOTE: This report serves as the update and conclusion to the report of the 1976 fiscal year. The original report for 1976 may be found in Appendix #7 of the 1976 General Assembly minutes.

The members of the Central Council, elected in Miami in 1975 continued to serve through the end of 1976. The Council decided that their term of office for 1976 should coincide with the fiscal year in order to avoid any confusion at the scheduled Special General Assembly.

The Council met twice as a body in the four months covered by this report. Both meetings included the two members-elect from the General Assembly. The first was held in Newton, Massachusetts during the Sports Weekend. The second session was held in October, 1976 at Diocesan Headquarters, New York City. This meeting was designated as the transition meeting at which time the two new Council members were officially welcomed and installed. In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, Council members involved in assorted projects met independently.

Following the October meeting, Mr. David Onanian submitted his resignation: to be effective with the close of the Special General Assembly and the election of someone to complete his term. The resignation became effective immediately upon cancellation of the Special General Assembly. Soon thereafter, Mr. Brian A. Bogosian of Lawrence, Massachusetts - first alternate from the Newton General Assembly - was invited to fill and accepted the position until the next General Assembly.

At year end there were nineteen (19) organized ACYOA chapters and 417 dues paid members (including twenty-three members-at-large). A complete membership list was compiled and distributed to every member.

1976 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly developing the budget and programs of the ACYOA for 1977 was held in Newton, Massachusetts, September 1, 2, and 3, 1976. His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, presided over all the deliberations. Seventeen of nineteen chapters were represented by

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40 delegates and nine clergymen. Also in attendance were the five Central Council members bringing the number of voting representatives to fifty-four.

The deliberations of the Assembly can be reviewed in the minutes included in the packet.

A technicality made it unable for the Assembly to act on any proposals or amendments and thus all these deliberations were tabled until the next General Assembly. Due to the impasse and the conscientiousness of those in attendance, a Special General Assembly was created and overwhelmingly accepted. This Special General Assembly was to be held prior to the end of 1976 on a date which would guarantee the presence of the Primate. The Council, in consultation with the Primate, set the date of the Special Assembly for December 10, 11, 12, 1976 in New York City.

The 1976 General Assembly did not set the date and times for the 1977 General Assembly. The Central Council determined in January 1977 that the 1977 General Assembly would be held in Detroit, Michigan, August 31, September 1, and 2, 1977.

SEVENTH ANNUAL ACYOA SPORTS WEEKEND

The 1976 Sports Weekend was hosted by the Greater Lowell Chapter and centered around the Marriott Hotel complex in Newton, Massachusetts. According to the report of the weekend General Chairman, Mr. David Onanian, there were 334 registrants, 274 of which were athletic participants.

Financially, the Sports Weekend '76 stands to suffer a substantial loss as evidenced in the financial report submitted by Mr. Onanian. However, these claims cannot be substantiated by the Central Council Treasurer since no records were provided by the Greater Lowell Chapter for auditing.

Significant achievements include the introduction of events not strictly sports oriented. Thus a conscious attempt was made to appeal to a broader public. The souvenir booklet, compiled following the weekend is a tribute each registrant will cherish.

The bid for the 1977 Sports Weekend was secured by the Detroit Chapter during the 1976 General Assembly.

1976 SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The need for a Special General Assembly was established at the 1976 General Assembly in Newton, Massachusetts. During the 1976 General Assembly, the Greater New York City Area Chapters were commissioned to host the Special General Assembly. These chapters, in

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consultation with the Central Council, made all the arrangements for the successful execution of the Special Assembly.

There was no need for the event to be well publicized as the Special Assembly was merely to be a continuation of the General Assembly. Thus, all those who attended the General Assembly would represent their chapters at the Special Assembly. Nevertheless, the Central Council made three mailings and the New York Area Chapters made two mailings for the weekend.

Ten days prior to the start of the weekend and over two weeks past the advertised deadline -- the absolute latest date that the hotel would accept the room reservation figure -- only seven reservations had been received. The Council, unable to guarantee a quorum, decided that this response could not justify continuing the event and risking the possibility of an enormous financial loss on the part of the New York Area Chapters. These uncertainties made it impossible for the Council to do anything else but cancel the weekend.

In the few days following their decision and prior to its publication in letter form on December 2, 1976, no additional reservations forms were received; further supporting the Council's decision.

CONCLUSIONS

The motivation and spirit that the organization showed up to the General Assembly/Sports Weekend was admirable and exciting. The chapters showed a cohesiveness and singleness of purpose and a spirit of conscientiousness that one would think would insure an excellent year in 1976.

But it seems that the spirit stayed in Newton after the chapters, delegates, athletes, and members returned home. From the peak in September, we reached a new low in December.

Where did the answer for recovery lie??

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Kaiserian
Chairman

APPENDIX #9

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1/1/76 - 12/31/76

REVENUES

Sports Weekend '75	\$2,648.66
Dues	982.00
Interest from stocks & bonds	231.25
Chapter obligations (Anniv. Ball)	76.29
Diocese	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,939.20

DISBURSEMENTS

*Central Council Meetings	\$2,191.08
*Sports Weekend Meetings '76	256.52
*Central Council Admin. Expense	333.91
*Chapter Visitations	437.46
*Chairmen's Roundtable	695.96
*Office Supplies, Stationary, Membership Cards	808.51
*General Assembly	511.39
*Special Assembly	318.88
*Sports Weekend Meetings '77	116.75
Postage	<u>160.90</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,831.36

NET AMOUNT IN CHECKING AS OF 12/31/76 107.84

90 DAY SAVINGS ACCOUNT
ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM \$1,159.24

NOTE: DAVID HAS NOT SUBMITTED ANY INVOICES FOR HIS EXPENSES SINCE MARCH OF 1976 NOR HAS THE POSTAGE MATTER BEEN SETTLED WITH THE DIOCESE.

* Breakdown on continuation sheet.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS - \$2,191.08

Travel	\$1,420.72
Accomodations	497.88
Telephone	243.98
Meals	28.50

SPORTS WEEKEND '76 - \$256.52

Telephone	23.32
Travel	233.20

CENTRAL COUNCIL ADMIN. EXPENSES - \$333.91

Telephone	151.03
Travel	172.88
Accommodations	10.00

CHAPTER VISITATIONS - \$437.46

Telephone	72.33
Travel and Meals	365.13

PHILADELPHIA CHAIRMEN'S ROUNDTABLE - \$695.96

Accommodations	245.76
Travel	343.20
Meals	69.00
Telephone	38.00

SUPPLIES - \$808.51

Stationary, envelopes, etc.	417.85
Membership cards & Applications	215.00
Coversheet for Constitution	85.00
Miscellaneous	90.66

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - \$511.39

Telephone	36.20
Travel	308.19
Accommodations	--
Minutes, producing & collating	167.00

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - \$318.88

Telephone	220.36
Travel	98.52

SPORTS WEEKEND '77 - \$116.75

Travel	116.75
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FINANCIAL REPORT

1/1/77 - 6/30/77

REVENUES

Sports Weekend (Lowell - 1976)	\$ 000.00
Anniversary Ball (3 Regional)	000.00
Diocese	2,000.00
Stocks and Bonds (interest)	000.00
Savings (interest)	14.36
Armenian Guardian	000.00
Dues	<u>000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,014.36

DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Secretary	\$ 000.00
Secretary	000.00
Executive Travel	000.00
Sports Weekend Committee	53.50
Central Council Meetings	1,412.39
Administrative Expenses	18.36
Sports Weekend Meetings	17.75
Armenian Guardian Quarterly	000.00
Chairman's Roundtable	609.07
Chapter Visitations	145.14
Special Assembly	<u>115.28</u>
**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,371.49

**See breakdown on next page.

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8th
ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1977

REVENUES

PARTICIPANTS CHARGE
12 @ \$1005.00; 3 @ \$1105.00; 1 @ \$1265.00 \$15,630.00

DONATIONS

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TOTAL REVENUES \$15,630.00

DISBURSEMENTS

ANNIVERSARY TOURS
12 @ \$776.00; 3 @ \$850.00; 1 @ \$956;
\$776.00 - Fr. Aivazian; \$406.00 - Fr. Kasparian;
One night hotel in Erevan \$425.00 \$14,443.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
Fr. Kasparian - \$159.96 (Postage, telephone,
Secretary, travel and duplicating)
Fr. Aivazian - \$70.00 (Program booklet,
telephone and folders) 226.96

STIPEND SUBSTITUTE CLERGY 300.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$14,964.96

BALANCE \$ 665.04

* There is an outstanding debt of \$3200.00
(16 students @ \$200.00) to the Etchmiadzin Fund; .. 3,200.00
and also an outstanding debt of \$67.27 for
Central Council members travel and telephone..... 67.27

DEFICIT \$ (2,602.23)

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FINANCIAL REPORT

1976 Sports Weekend Committee

INCOME

Reservations	\$31,743.00
Clambake	771.00
Dinner-Dance	3,663.00
Banquet	3,218.25
Picnic	3,456.51
Souvenirs	1,080.00
Booklet	2,336.00
Savings interest	50.73
Donation/Stationary	775.00
Donation/Postage	270.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Hotel facilities	\$34,175.00*
Athletic facilities	300.00
Entertainment	
Roger's allstars	1,150.00
Hye Dughas band	240.00
Cultural	
Choral group	560.00
Phillips organ	75.00
Picnic expenses	1,135.00
Athletics	
Officials/referees	268.00
Trophies	1,063.30
Public relations	
Printing	1,000.00
Materials	230.85
Advertising	633.00
Postage	854.23
Stationary	775.00
Services & Utilities	
Audio System	775.00
Transportation	350.00
Telephone	230.00
Security Police	50.00
Booklet	
Special Accommodations	3,270.00
Souvenirs	239.24

TOTAL INCOME \$47,363.62

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$47,363.62

DEBTS OUTSTANDING

Printing	205.02
Foodstuffs	858.15
Souvenirs	2,710.76
Transportation	135.00

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Booklet sales	
Souvenirs	500.00
Tax Rebate*	2,432.00

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SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE - \$53.50

Travel \$ 53.50

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS - \$1,412.39

Accommodations 357.74
Travel 822.51
Meals 55.00
Telephone 177.14

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES - \$18.36

Postage and Supplies 16.11
Telephone 2.25

SPORTS WEEKEND - \$17.75

Telephone 17.75

CHAIRMAN'S ROUNDTABLE - \$609.07

Accommodations 57.28
Travel 419.63
Meals 53.00
Telephone 79.16

CHAPTER VISITATIONS - \$145.14

Travel 94.62
Telephone 50.52

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Telephone 26.30
Postage and Mailing 22.64
Supplies .53
Xerox 15.81
Hotel Deposit 50.00

APPENDIX #10

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

1977 General Assembly

The National Events Committee opened its meeting with the reading of the 1976 National Events Committee Minutes.

Topics discussed included: Last year's Proposals, together with the 1977 Proposals, randomly.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

I. WINTER WEEKEND: Possibilities were discussed as to where, when, and by whom the weekend should be held. Also discussed were accommodations and feasibility.

The Committee Proposes:

- a. To have a winter weekend.
- b. The time being on or around New Year's.
- c. Hosted by an assigned chapter or chapters.
- d. A low cost and informal weekend.
- e. Stress would be on cultural workshops, rap sessions, sports and social events.

II. PUBLIC RELATIONS: The Committee proposes that the issue of Public Relations be redirected so that it falls under the jurisdiction of the Youth Director.

III. NEWSLETTER: The Committee discussed the idea and practicality of having one Chapter assume responsibility for the publication. After further discussion it is proposed that a publication committee working out of the New York area would be more advantageous for the following reasons:

- a. Must operate within the allocated budge of \$4,000.00.
- b. Published quarterly.
- c. Will consist of:
 1. Calendar of events
 2. Chapter news
 3. Editorial
 4. Open forum
 5. Cultural and educational matter
 6. Etc.
- d. Minimal fees will be required for advertising, no charge for articles or entries in the calendar of events.

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IV. MANAGEMENT AND FUND RAISING BOOKLET: The Committee proposes that Chapters that have had success in management and fund raising efforts prepare a guide booklet for the benefit of other Chapters. Furthermore, we designate the Detroit Chapter to prepare such a guide for larger Chapters and the Richmond Chapter to prepare such a guide for smaller Chapters.

V. MISSION PROGRAM: We propose that the ACYOA establish a Mission Program. The purpose would be to visit parishes that would benefit by the program. The parishes visited would be designated by the Primate and the Central Council. This program consists of:

- a. Bible study
- b. Home and hospital visitation
- c. Meeting with auxiliary organizations
- d. Presenting programs of a cultural and religious nature

We suggest that this program take place during the summer or during vacation. This Mission team would consist of a clergyman and Senior ACYOA Members. The Central Council will designate a committee in conjunction with the Seminary and the CRE.

VI. ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM: The Committee strongly urges that the Youth Director follow-up in letter form. This follow-up concerns the contribution of the Studies' participants after they return (i.e. slides, lectures, dance groups, etc.); this contribution should be required of A.S.P. participants.

VII. GENERAL ASSEMBLY - SPORTS WEEKEND: The question of holding the General Assembly separate from the Sports Weekend was addressed by the Committee. The Committee was split and recommended that the issue be brought before the General Assembly.

VIII. POST SPORTS WEEKEND YEARBOOK: The Committee addressed the issue of a post Sports Weekend Booklet to be published by the Sports Weekend Host Chapter. Our committee supports the idea fully and would like to see it implemented into the Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations. Implementation shall be further carried out by the Sports Weekend Rules and Guides Committee.

NATIONAL EVENTS - REGIONAL BASIS

I. RETREATS: The Committee proposes that the Central Council oversee a regional retreat program. At least one retreat per year shall be held in each region. Three regions shall be: Midwest, Mid-Atlantic and New England. We suggest that these Retreats be held during Lent.

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NOTE: We suggest that local retreats be held for isolated Chapters.

II. ANNIVERSARY BALL: We propose that each region hold an Anniversary Ball annually. These Anniversary Balls shall be the responsibility of the regional Central Council Representative to oversee.

NATIONAL EVENTS - LOCAL BASIS

I. ACYOA DAY: We urge each Chapter to hold an annual ACYOA Day Event. The carrying out of this event shall be the responsibility of the Chapter. The Central Council Representative to that Chapter shall oversee the ACYOA Day Event.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Pogharian, Watertown
Myron Mikaelian, Wisconsin
Karnig Durgarian, Springfield
Mark Kazanjian, Lawrence
Michael Zeytoonian, Westchester
Gary Tateosian, Providence
Greg Ajemian, Bayside
Brian Yazejian, Detroit

APPENDIX #11a

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

AMENDMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 1977 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From the 1976 General Assembly:

1. Delete Article 3, Section 4
2. Article 4, Section 1 - to be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1 - All persons 18 years of age or older as of December 31st of that year who are communicant members of the Armenian Church are eligible for membership.

3. Delete Article 4, Section 6:

Add in its place Sections 6a, 6b, 6c:

Section 6a - Communicant persons ineligible for membership, but who are interested in the A.C.Y.O.A. may become associate members. Applications for associate membership shall be made to the Chapter executive committee. Associate members may participate in chapter executive committee. Associate members may participate in chapter activities of the local chapter only, but may not vote or hold elective office. Annual contributions equal to membership dues by associate members in lieu of dues shall be considered contributions to the chapter.

Section 6b - Persons of Armenian lineage who are not communicant members of the Armenian Church, but who are interested in the A.C.Y.O.A. may become prospective members. Prospective members may participate in the activities of the chapters, but may not hold office or vote.

Section 6c - Persons ineligible but interested in A.C.Y.O.A. may become restricted members. Restricted members may participate in Chapters local activities only and may not vote or hold elective office.

4. Article 5, Section 3 be added:

Membership dues are payable from September 1st of each year.

5. Delete Section 5, Article 8 and add:

Section 5, Article 8 - An election shall be held at the next regular chapter general body meeting in order to fill any vacancy in the Chapter Executive Committee.

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6. Article 8, Section 6:

A member of the Chapter Executive Committee shall be recalled (reviewed) during the current term if absent from four Chapter Executive and/or Monthly Meetings without reasonable cause.

7. Article 9, Section 3 will be amended to say:

The presence of 20 percent or 25 members whichever is least of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any Chapter Monthly Meeting, and decisions shall be taken by the majority vote of those present.

8. Article 11, Section 1:

Proposed Amendment No. 1:

From among the members of the A.C.Y.O.A., the General Assembly shall elect five members to constitute the Central Council. Only one person from any chapter may be elected to the Central Council in any given year.

Proposed Amendment No. 2:

From among the members of the A.C.Y.O.A., the General Assembly shall elect five members to constitute the Central Council. Only one person from any chapter may be elected to the Central Council, however, the number of nominees from each chapter may be unlimited.

9. Article 11, Section 3 be amended:

In case of a vacancy in the Central Council created by resignation or otherwise, an election shall be held to complete the unexpired term.

10. Article 11, Section 4 be amended:

The Central Council shall determine the place of its meetings. Meetings should be held at the Diocesan Headquarters or the home towns of current Central Council members or in a location designated by the Primate. A minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 meetings shall be called per year.

11. Article 4, Section 5 be amended:

Any chapter wishing to host a National function shall present a detailed outline 60 days prior to the General Assembly to the Central Council.

Former Articles 5, 6, 7 will read as Articles 6, 7, and 8 respectively.

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12. Article 16, New Section 3:

The dissolution of the A.C.Y.O.A. may only occur at the General Assembly with a three-fourths vote in favor of dissolution of all potential delegates to the General Assembly. In case of dissolution, all assets, records and properties are to be turned over to the Primate and the Diocesan Council.

There are two proposed changes for the restructuring of Article 16. They have not yet been finalized and each Chapter will receive an update.

13. Article 11, Section 15:

That Section 15 include the following words:

"ACYOA", said applicant to be re-evaluated biannually by the General Assembly.

FROM THE WATERTOWN CHAPTER

- Article 1: no additions or corrections
- Article 2: no additions or corrections
- Article 3: no additions or corrections
- Article 4: no additions or corrections
- Article 5: no additions or corrections
- Article 6: no additions or corrections

Article 7:

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS to be changed to: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

Section 1: The members of a Chapter shall hold an Annual Membership Meeting called by the Chapter Executive Committee in the final quarter of the fiscal year. A written notice shall be sent by the Chapter Executive Committee to all members at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting, stating the agenda of the meeting.

Section 2: The majority of the members in good standing of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum at an Annual Membership Meeting. If such a quorum is not obtained, a second meeting shall be called in the same manner. At this subsequent meeting, the number of members present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3: The Chapter Executive Committee shall establish the agenda of the Annual Membership Meeting.

Section 4: Annual Membership Meetings shall be presided over by the President and conducted by the Chairman.

- Article 1: no additions or corrections
- Article 2: no additions or corrections
- Article 3: no additions or corrections
- Article 4: no additions or corrections
- Article 5: no additions or corrections
- Article 6: no additions or corrections

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Section 5: The functions of the Annual Membership Meeting shall be:

- a) To elect the Chapter Executive Committee, to elect delegates and alternates to the General Assembly, and to elect Nominating and Auditing Committees.
- b) to examine, approve or otherwise pass upon the Chapter Annual Report, the report of the Auditing Committee, and the financial transactions of the Chapter, including the portion of the annual net proceeds to be contributed to the local parish.
- c) to decide on the amount and the manner of any Chapter financial contributions other than to the local parish, provided that the consent of the Pastor and Parish Council is obtained for such appropriation.
- d) to decide on all matters submitted by the Chapter Executive Committee or the Membership.

Section 6: The Parish Council shall be invited to all Annual Membership Meetings.

Section 7: (New) All Chapter elected officers shall be subject to recall procedures for excessive absenteeism, gross misconduct, or irresponsibility.

Section 8: No additions or corrections

Section 9: Special Membership Meetings may be held to pass upon urgent resolutions. Special Membership meetings shall be called by the Chapter Executive Committee with at least one week's written notice upon a majority vote of the Chapter Executive Committee or upon the written request of at least one-third of the members in good standing, presented to the Chapter Executive Committee.

Article 8: CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: Each Chapter at its Annual Membership meeting shall elect by secret ballot a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers as necessary. These members along with the President shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee.

Sections 2 - 5: No additions or corrections

Section 6: A member of the Chapter Executive Committee may be recalled during the current term if absent from four Chapter Executive and/or Monthly Meetings.

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Sections 7 - 16: No additions or corrections

Article 9: CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING - no additions or corrections

Article 10: GENERAL ASSEMBLY - no additions or corrections

Article 11: CENTRAL COUNCIL

Section 1: From among the members of the A.C.Y.O.A., the General Assembly shall elect five members to constitute the Central Council. Only one person from any Chapter may be elected to the Central Council, however the number of nominees from each chapter may be unlimited.

Sections 2 - 14: No additions or corrections

Section 15: The Primate and the Diocesan Council in consultation with the Central Council may appoint an Executive Secretary when and if deemed necessary to work with the Central Council under the direction of the Primate for the advancement and the efficient functioning of the A.C.Y.O.A. Said appointment to be reevaluated biannually by the General Assembly.

Article 12: (New) NATIONAL FUNCTIONS

Section 1: All National Functions shall be held under the name of the A.C.Y.O.A.

Section 2: All National Functions must be submitted to the General Assembly for its approval.

Section 3: Upon the approval of the General Assembly, a Guidelines Committee shall be formed to develop guidelines for each National Function. Said guidelines shall state all policies, rules, regulations, and requirements for the hosting of and attendance at that National Function and, upon the approval of the General Assembly, shall be subordinate to this Constitution.

Section 4: Any Chapter wishing to host a National Function shall present a detailed outline of place and activities, including prices, and should be submitted to the Central Council sixty (60) days prior to the General Assembly.

Section 5: Any Chapter hosting a National Function must hold its costs within the best interest of the organization.

Section 6: For National Functions, it is mandatory that a separate fee for accommodation be available apart from a package plan which would include cultural, social, and athletic events and meals, and that neither fee be obligatory for participation in a National Function.

Section 7: For National Functions, an attempt should be made to derive income primarily from most functions open to the public.

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- Article 13: FUNDS - (change Article 12 to Article 13)
No additions or corrections
- Article 14: ELECTIONS - (change Article 13 to Article 14)
No additions or corrections
- Article 15: BY-LAWS - (change Article 14 to Article 15)
No additions or corrections
- Article 16: AMENDMENTS - (change Article 15 to Article 16)
No additions or corrections
- Article 17: DISSOLUTION - (change Article 16 to Article 17)

FROM THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

AMENDMENT 1 - Article 5, Section 2:

Members who fail to pay their dues for one or more years automatically forfeit their rights and privileges as members. Such members may reinstate these rights by payment of their dues in arrears for at least the previous two years.

AMENDMENT 2 - Article 11, Section 1A:

From among the members of the ACYOA, the General Assembly shall elect two additional members to the Central Council, thereby creating a seven member Central Council.

AMENDMENT 3 - Article 11, Section 2A:

Upon ratification of Article 11, Section 11A, the General Assembly shall elect to the Central Council one member serving a two-year term, and one member serving a one-year term. Thereafter, as terms of office expire, the vacancies shall be filled by members elected for two-year terms.

AMENDMENT 4 - Article 11, Section 3:

While in office, a Central Council member may not serve as Chairman of a Chapter Executive Committee.

AMENDMENT 5 - Article 11, Section 9:

Revise to read: "A tentative General Assembly agenda shall be sent by the Central Council thirty days prior to the General Assembly."

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AMENDMENT 6 - Article 15, Section 1:

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of two consecutive General Assemblies. Following initial approval, the proposed amendment will be enacted until the time of the second consideration. A second passage serves as ratification.

AMENDMENT 7 - Article 8, Section 3:

The term of office of the members of the Chapter Executive Committee coincide with the fiscal year.

AMENDMENT 8 - Article 12, Section 1:

The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30.

AMENDMENT 9 - Article 11, Section 1:

Add: The Central Council term of office shall commence following the confirmation of the election by the Primate and the Diocesan Council.

AMENDMENT 10 - Article 5, Section 2:

Add: Dues become delinquent with the start of the fiscal year.

FROM DETROIT CHAPTER

1. Article 11, Section 1

Alternative No. 1: From among the members of the A.C.Y.O.A., the General Assembly shall elect seven members to constitute the Central Council.

Alternative No. 2: From among the members of the A.C.Y.O.A., the General Assembly shall elect nine members to constitute the Central Council.

2. Article 11, Section 10:

All Central Council members who are not delegates from their respective chapters, shall have the right of voice but not vote at the General Assembly.

APPENDIX #11b

A.C.Y.O.A. REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Committee suggests that the Assembly take the following actions:

From 1976 General Assembly:

Delete Article 3, Section 4 - REJECT

Article 4, Section 1 - as amended - TIE (open to the floor)

Delete Article 4, Section 6 - new Sections 6a, 6b, 6c

The Committee recommendation is that the present section needs revising and the proposed amendments do not clarify it.
(open to the floor)

Article 5, Section 3 - with addition - ACCEPTED

Delete Article 8, Section 5 and add new Section - ACCEPTED with addition of:

"...provided that the member who had received the highest number of votes short of the election at the last Chapter Annual Membership Meeting be a nominee."

Article 8, Section 6 - REJECT

Article 9, Section 3 - Recommends that 20% be changed back to 25%

Article 11, Section 1 - ACCEPTED (Recommends that a procedure to clarify what happens when there are more than one member of a chapter elected to the Central Council)

Article 11, Section 1, #2 - REJECT

Article 11, Section 3 - REJECT

Article 11, Section 4 - ACCEPTS to read "The Central Council shall meet at the Diocesan Headquarters or the home towns of current Central Council members or in a location designated by the Primate. A minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 meetings shall be called per year."

Article 12, Section 5 - out of place; included in another amendment.

Article 16, New Section 3 - ACCEPTED

Article 11, Section 15 - included in another amendment.

From the Watertown Chapter:

Article 7 - ANNUAL Membership Meetings - ACCEPTED

Article 7, Section 1 - ACCEPTED

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Article 7, Section 2 - ACCEPTED
Article 7, Section 3 - ACCEPTED
Article 7, Section 4 - ACCEPTED
Article 7, Section 5 - ACCEPTED
Article 7, Section 6 - ACCEPTED
Article 7, Section 7 - REJECT
Article 7, Section 9 - ACCEPTED
Article 8, Section 1 - REJECT
Article 8, Section 6 - REJECT
Article 11, Section 1 - REJECT
Article 11, Section 15 - REJECT
Article 12: (New) NATIONAL FUNCTIONS - ACCEPTED
Article 12, Section 1: ACCEPTED
Article 12, Section 2 - ACCEPTED
Article 12, Section 3 - ACCEPTED
Article 12, Section 4 - ACCEPTED
Article 12, Section 5 - ACCEPTED
Article 12, Section 6 - ACCEPTED with correction - "either"
Article 12, Section 7 - REJECT

From the Central Council:

Article 5, Section 2 - REJECT
Article 11, Section 1A - REJECT
Article 11, Section 2A - REJECT
Article 11, Section 3 - ACCEPTED
Article 11, Section 9 - REJECT
Article 15, Section 1 - REJECT

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Article 8, Section 3 - ACCEPTED (should read: The term of office of the members of the Chapter Executive Committee shall be one year commencing with the fiscal year.)

Article 12, Section 1 - REJECT

Article 11, Section 1 - ACCEPTED

Article 5, Section 2 - REJECT

From the Detroit Chapter:

Article 11, Section 1 (Alternative No. 1) - ACCEPTED

Article 11, Section 1 (Alternative No. 2) - REJECT

Article 11, Section 10 - ACCEPTED

APPENDIX #12

A.C.Y.O.A. SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE STUDY

Article One

AIMS AND GOALS

Section I.

Realizing that through athletic competition and conditioning, the valuable attributes of physical coordination and moral intellectual maturity can be developed, the objective of the ACYOA Sports Weekend shall be to encourage athletic participation among ACYOA members on a national level.

Section II.

To make available various cultural, religious, and historical events during the weekend so that ACYOA members and citizens of the hosting city may become better aware of the Armenian heritage.

Article Two

POLICIES

Section I.

Chapters will be allowed to combine for Sports Weekend competition upon the approval of Central Council and the Primate, provided that no one chapter has a membership of 50 or more. This combined chapter shall not exceed 60 total members. Requests must be made in writing no later than 90 days prior to the Sports Weekend.

Section II.

Chapters wishing to combine for sporting events must combine for all events.

Section III.

Members at Large who wish to participate will be combined by Central Council. Members at Large must submit their intent to participate in writing to Central Council ninety (90) days prior to Sports Weekend.

Section IV.

Provisions for Sunday Badarak must always be made. No other event may be scheduled during the time of Badarak.

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Article Three

REGULATIONS

Section I.

All athletic participants must be dues paid members or Members at Large of the ACYOA and must be recognized by the ACYOA Central Council through written membership application 45 days prior to Sports Weekend. Associate members are not eligible to participate in sporting events.

Section II.

All athletic participants must be registered with the Official Sports Weekend Registration Committee and thereby be registered on the Sports Weekend Meal-Hotel Package Plan or Meal Package Plan.

Section III.

Each chapter shall submit its intent to participate in athletic events to the Sports Weekend Athletic Committee no later than 60 days prior to the Sports Weekend.

Section IV.

All teams and individual rosters must be submitted to the Sports Weekend Athletic Committee 30 days prior to Sports Weekend. Accompanying these rosters will be an entry fee per team event and per individual event dependent upon each chapters' cost, with the approval of Central Council.

Section V.

The host chapter shall send to all chapters a schedule of sporting event times and dates no later than 15 days prior to the Sports Weekend.

Section VI.

At least four registered chapters are necessary for an event to be included in the Sports Weekend Athletic Events.

Section VII.

Each athletic event shall have its own coordinator. The coordinator's workers shall be responsible for the efficient coordination and operation of the athletic event. The coordinator shall set up schedules and give reports to the Sports Weekend Athletic Director.

Section VIII.

Officials, Judges and Marshalls for all events shall be professionals or people of equal experience.

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Section IX.

Ineligible players constitute forfeiture.

Section X.

All team and individual eliminations in athletic events shall be single elimination. Consolation brackets may be set up if time is allowed; no points will be given.

Section XI.

It is the team and individual's responsibility to report to their scheduled game or event ON TIME. A ten minute (10) grace period shall be used in all games and events concerning waiting times, after which that team or individual shall forfeit. This shall be enforced and upon confirmation by the Athletic Director all forfeitures become final.

Section XII.

Individuals are responsible for reporting time conflicts to the respective events coordinators, for possible consideration and rescheduling. Considerations of time conflicts and rescheduling shall be left to the scrutiny of the Athletic Director.

Section XIII.

Each chapter shall provide and make known to the Athletic Director the name of an individual who will work on a Sports Weekend Athletic Council chaired by the Sports Weekend Athletic Director during Sports Weekend. Said individual will act as a representative from his chapter at regularly scheduled meetings whose work will be to facilitate athletic events and to further vital communications during the Sports Weekend.

Section XIV.

A list of winners, winning and record times shall be recorded and kept as a permanent part of the Sports Weekend records.

Article Four

EVENTS

Section I.

The following is a list of events which may be offered at Sports Weekend. This list may be expanded or limited in accordance with Article Three, Section Seven.

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<u>ATHLETIC EVENTS</u>	<u>CHAPTER REPRESENTATION IN EACH EVENT</u>
1. Aquatics	
a. Team - 2	4 per team
b. Individual - 3	3
2. Badminton	2
3. Men's Basketball	12
4. Women's Basketball	12
5. Paddle Ball - Men's	2
6. Paddle Ball - Women's	2
7. Single's Table Tennis	2
8. Double's Table Tennis	1 set
9. Single's Tennis - Men's	2
10. Single's Tennis - Women's	2
11. Golf	2
12. Co-ed Volleyball	12
13. Track	
a. Team - 1 event	4
b. Individual - 3 events	3
14. Pocket Billiards	2
15. Chess	2
16. Tavloo	2

Section II.

A second division in any athletic event may be added if four or more chapters can field a team.

Section III.

There will be an overall award for the Chapter accumulating the most points during the Sports Weekend.

Section IV.

There will be an award given to the chapter exhibiting the Best Sportsmanship attitude.

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Article Five

BREAKDOWN OF ATHLETIC EVENTS

Section I.

The number of events shall be chosen according to chapter response.

Section II.

AQUATICS

- a. Men's and Women's free-style
- b. Men's and Women's back-stroke.
- c. Men's and Women's breast-stroke
- d. Men's free style relay (4 person)
- e. Women's free style relay (4 person)

Section III.

TRACK

- a. 60 ~~yard~~ dash
- b. 100 ~~yard~~ dash
- c. 220 ~~yard~~ dash
- d. 440 ~~yard~~ dash
- e. 440 ~~yard~~ relay (4 person)
- f. 880 ~~yard~~ relay (4 person)
- g. Mile relay (4 person)
- h. Mile run

*** Field events may be added if interest is shown and facilities are available.

Section IV.

BADMINTON

- a. Standard rules

Section V.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- a. All teams shall consist of at least five players and not more than twelve.

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- b. All games shall be governed by college rules.
- c. All preliminary and championship games shall consist of two halves, stop time, and the length of time shall be determined upon final scheduling.
- d. Two individual technical fouls shall constitute that individual's disqualification of that game and suspension of the following game.

Section VI.

PADDLE BALL

- a. Standard rules.

Section VII.

TENNIS AND TABLE TENNIS

- a. Standard rules.

Section VIII.

GOLF

- a. U.S.G.A. rules.

Section IX.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

- a. Co-ed volleyball shall be determined by each team having at least two female and at least two male players on the playing court during the entire game.
- b. All teams shall consist of at least six players and no more than twelve.
- c. Standard rules.

Section X.

POCKET BILLIARDS

- a. Standard Rules.

Section XI.

CHESS

- a. Upon final scheduling, if a time limit must be imposed, the winner shall be determined according to the standard point system.

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Section XII.

TAVLOO

- a. Standard rules.

Article Six

POINT SYSTEM

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>POINT VALUE PER CHAPTER ENTERED</u>
1. Aquatics	
a. Team Event	2
b. Individual Event	1
2. Badminton	1
3. Men's Basketball	4
4. Women's Basketball	4
5. Pocket Billiards	1
6. Chess	1
7. Golf	1
8. Paddle Ball	1
9. Tavloo	1
10. Single's Table Tennis	1
11. Double's Table Tennis	2
12. Single's Tennis	1
13. Double's Tennis	2
14. Track	
a. Team Events	2
b. Individual Events	1
15. Co-ed Volleyball	4
16. Second Division Teams	0

NOTE: The value of each event is determined by the number of teams and individuals competing, i.e. Women's Basketball - 4. Five teams entered = 20 total points (4 x 5 = 20). First place shall receive 20 points, second place shall receive 10 points, third place shall receive 5 points. Breakdown is: 1st - 100%
2nd - 50%
3rd - 25%

This shall apply to all events.

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Article Seven

FAREWELL EVENTS

Section I.

Informal sports competitions shall be held at Sports Weekend farewell. These events are purely for fun and fellowship on the final day of Sports Weekend.

Section II.

Suggested events:

- a. Tug-of-war
- b. Horse Shoes
- c. Arm Wrestling
- d. Three legged race.
- e. Frisbee throwing.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Madanian, Watertown
Chairperson

Ron Godoshian, Detroit
P. David Onanian, Lowell
Janet Takvorian, Bayside

APPENDIX #13

1977 General Assembly

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee of the 1977 General Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, have examined the financial statements of the ACYOA Central Council as of June 30, 1977. Our examination included detail testing of the cast receipts and disbursements for the period September 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977.

As noted last year, the Diocesan Office has not made available the records of other ACYOA assets. Accordingly, we have not examined those records and cannot express an opinion on their current balances. Still outstanding are fees for postage, due the Diocese, which has not as of December 31, 1976 presented Central Council with the bill.

An audit of the Armenian Studies Program for 1977 is incomplete pending full disclosure of the records. We believe the handling of the finances of the Armenian Studies Program by the Treasurer of the Central Council would help alleviate this lack of information. Our partial audit did disclose a discrepancy of \$0.10 in the account of an outstanding debt listed on the 8th Armenian Studies Program. Financial Statement for 1977 reducing this debt from \$67.27 to \$67.17. The practice of using monies from the Armenian Studies Program solely for the program itself and for Central Council purposes should be continued.

The Financial Statements of the 1976 Sports Weekend as presented to the General Assembly cannot be accepted until completion of the Audit which is tentatively scheduled to take place after October 1, 1977 pending the receipt of the books and records from the Lowell Chapter.

With the limitations denoted in this opinion, the Financial Statements reviewed present fairly the cash position of the ACYOA Central Council as of June 30, 1977.

Auditing Committee
1977 ACYOA General Assembly

Anna Garabedian, Springfield, MA
Alex Kouyoumdjian, Watertown, MA
Rosalind Hewsian, Westchester, NY
Brian Yazejian, Detroit, MI

APPENDIX #14a

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Proposals to be Considered - 1977 General Assembly

From 1976 General Assembly:

1. Propose that during national functions (ex. the National Sports Weekend, etc.) family attendance be encouraged whenever possible.
2. Delegates to the General Assembly should state, in writing to the Central Council, their choice of committee assignment 60 days prior to the General Assembly.
3. A glossary and index be added to the Constitution and that the Constitution be printed in small booklet form.
4. Steps be taken to establish a standardized Sports Weekend Logo.
5. That General Assembly/Sports Weekend sites and dates be selected 2 years in advance, therefore in 1977 the next General Assembly/Sports Weekend sites for 1978 and 1979 shall be chosen. (Insert "and dates" after sites)
6. That ACYOA Chapters take an active involvement in the Martyr's Day Commemoration.
7. That the ACYOA establish another national function to be held a reasonable time from the Sports Weekend.
8. In order to provide a guideline in determining in means of achieving the goals and directions the Central Council shall organize and conduct a survey of all Armenian youth eligible for ACYOA membership which should include personal data and interests demographic background, geographics locality, as well as other pertinent data and that this survey be conducted, compiled and be made available by June 1978.
9. It is proposed that Central Council investigate and consider various regionalization proposals in order to facilitate communication and representation, as well as investigate the situation of Members-at-Large, and report their findings to the General Assembly.

From the 1976 Special Assembly:

1. (Cheltenham Chapter)

Each chapter be supplied with a listing of all National Chapters by Church, address, Parish Priest, name and home address of Chapter Chairman and Secretary.

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2. (Cheltenham Chapter)

Central Council institute regional events, at least one per region, the implementation of which should be the responsibility of the individual chapters in that region. The specific event must be worked out by one of the regional chapters hosting it.

3. (Watertown Chapter)

The ACYOA Annual General Assembly be held at a time and site other than the same year's Sports Weekend.

4. (Watertown Chapter)

The Delegates to the Annual General Assembly be elected by the Chapter Membership Meeting not more than four months and not less than two months before the Annual General Assembly.

5. (Watertown Chapter)

The Annual General Assembly elect a commission of three persons to be known as the Sports Commission. Each commissioner will be elected for a term of three years. The purpose of the Sports Commission will be to adopt and implement guidelines for sports activities at the Sports Weekend, as well as to govern the sports activities at the Sports Weekend. The host Chapter will make necessary arrangements at the direction of the Sports Commission. All decisions of the Sports Commission will be final.

6. (Central Council)

That an annual award be presented by the Central Council to the Chapter which best exemplified the aims and goals of the ACYOA the past year; this award to be known as the "A" award.

7. (Central Council)

Anniversary Balls hosted in 1978 shall be considered regional functions.

8. (Central Council)

The initiation fee for fiscal year 1978 shall be \$1.00. Annual dues for fiscal year 1978 shall be \$5.00.

9. (Detroit)

All ACYOA members in good standing shall have a voice at the Annual ACYOA Assembly.

APPENDIX #14b

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION

OF AMERICA

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

9. The Annual General Assembly elect a commission of three persons to be known as the Sports Commission. Each commissioner will be elected for a term of two years. The purpose of the Sports Commission will be to adopt and implement guidelines for sports activities at the Sports Weekend, as well as to govern the sports activities at the Sports Weekend according to the guidelines.

12. The Central Council encourage each Chapter to donate the proceeds from one Chapter annual event to Saint Nersess Theological School for a national deacon's training program.

13. Each Chapter investigate and acquire, with the assistance of the Pastor and Parish Council, the services of a voluntary or paid Youth Director.

APPENDIX #15

ACYOA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1978

JANUARY 1, 1978 - DECEMBER 31, 1978

REVENUES

Sports Weekend '78	\$ 2,000.00
Interest from Bonds	800.00
Dues	1,000.00
Chapter obligations from Anniversary Balls	900.00
Diocesan Subsidy	30,000.00
National Quarterly Publication	1,000.00
Discretionary Account	630.24
Assessment to Chapters (\$30.96 x 41)	<u>1,269.76</u>
	\$37,600.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Central Council Meetings (3)	\$ 1,800.00
Sports Weekend Meeting with Host Chapter	400.00
Executive Secretary Travel	2,000.00
Chairmen's Roundtable	700.00
Administrative Expense	1,500.00
General Assembly Travel & Lodging Expense	700.00
Postage and Stationary	1,500.00
Executive Secretary Salary	25,000.00
National Quarterly Publication	<u>4,000.00</u>
	\$37,600.00

FOOTNOTE: Projected figure for Cash on Hand for December 31, 1977 is \$640.00. If this figure is realized, then the Assessment to Chapters figure will be \$629.76 (\$15.36 x 41).

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEPTEMBER 2, 1977

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	\$ 1,513.05
Stocks & Bonds (approximate value)	15,000.00
Interest from Bonds	780.00
Accumulation of excess funds from past Armenian Studies programs	1,181.98
Proceeds from '71 Sports Weekend	1,500.00
Balance from '77 Armenian Studies Program	<u>665.04</u>
TOTAL	\$20,640.07

LIABILITIES

Etchmiadzin Fund	\$ 2,534.96
Earmarked for Armenian Studies Programs	1,181.98
Excess of Assets over liabilities	<u>16,923.13</u>
TOTAL	\$20,640.07

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August 31, 1977

COMPARATIVE BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u> <u>1976</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>1976</u>
Sports Weekend (Miami - 1975)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,648.66
Anniversary Ball	1,500.00	76.29
Diocese	28,500.00	2,000.00
Stocks & Bonds (Interest)	1,000.00	231.25
Savings (Interest)	---	---
Armenian Guardian	400.00	---
Dues	600.00	982.00
Misc.	---	1.00
	<u>\$34,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,939.20</u>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
Executive Secretary	\$15,000.00	\$ ---
Secretary	8,500.00	---
Executive Travel	2,000.00	---
Sports Weekend Meetings (July/August 1976)	---	256.52
Central Council (4 meetings)	2,500.00	2,191.08
Administrative Expenses (Central Council)	1,500.00	1,303.32
Armenian Guardian Quarterly	4,000.00	---
Mission Program	1,000.00	---
Scholarship	1,000.00	---
Chairmen's Roundtable	---	695.96
Chapter Visitations	---	437.46
General Assembly	---	511.39
Special Assembly	---	318.88
Sports Weekend Meetings - 1977	---	116.75
	<u>\$35,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,831.36</u>

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January - June, 1977

COMPARATIVE BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGETED 1977</u>	<u>ACTUAL 1977</u>
SPORTS WEEKEND (Lowell - 1976)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00
ANNIVERSARY BALL (3 Regional)	1,500.00	0.00
DIOCESE	25,000.00	2,000.00
STOCKS AND BONDS (Interest)	1,000.00	0.00
SAVINGS (Interest)	0.00	14.36
ARMENIAN GUARDIAN	0.00	0.00
DUES	1,000.00	0.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$31,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,014.36</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	\$15,000.00	\$ 000.00
SECRETARY	7,500.00	000.00
EXECUTIVE TRAVEL	2,000.00	000.00
SPORTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE	000.00	53.50
CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS	2,500.00	1,412.39
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	1,500.00	18.36
SPORTS WEEKEND MEETINGS	250.00	17.75
ARMENIAN GUARDIAN QUARTERLY	750.00	000.00
CHAIRMAN'S ROUNDTABLE	1,000.00	609.07
CHAPTER VISITATIONS	1,000.00	145.14
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY	000.00	115.28
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$31,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,371.49</u>

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Chapters hosting a National function should submit in detail, an audited financial statement.
2. That a chapter or chapter bidding for Sports Weekend present a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 as a minimum guaranteed income for Central Council when formally presenting their bid for Sports Weekend.
3. That Sports Weekend should realize a minimum profit of \$4,000.00.
4. It is recommended that ACYOA allocate from present investments as follows:
 - a. \$10,000.00 to be placed in a Certificate of Deposit for not less than a six year term at the highest interest bearing rate.
 - b. The balance to be placed in a passbook account at the highest available daily interest rate.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Fr. Paren Avedikian
Glen Kashgeghian
Jim Kazarian
Kathy Mekjian
Susan Minasian
Ron Godoshian

APPENDIX #16

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Members: Deacon Michael Chevian - Providence, Rhode Island
Denise Derdarian - Bayside, New York
Nancy L. Malkasian - Southfield, Michigan
Debbie Stepanian - Evanston, Illinois

WHEREAS, we extend our most humble and sincere greetings to His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians and whereas His Holiness has continuously shown his paternal love and concern for the Armenian youth in America, be it resolved that on this occasion we extend our warm 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 his love and interest in the ACYOA through his tireless efforts as its President and has offered us his able leadership and guidance, be it resolved that the members of the ACYOA extend their appreciation and deep respect to him and pledge continued support and loyalty to His Eminence and to our Diocese.

WHEREAS, the Diocesan Council and the 1977 Diocesan Assembly have pledged their support to the ACYOA, be it resolved that the ACYOA acknowledges their support and is grateful for their efforts.

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

WHEREAS, George Tashjian has taken on the responsibility of Youth Director of the Diocese, be it resolved that we extend a warm welcome to him and pledge our confidence in him to lead our youth.

WHEREAS, North America has become the home of many, including those of Armenian ancestry, be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its good wishes to the government of the United States and to President Jimmy Carter and to the government of Canada and its Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

WHEREAS, this assembly is being held in the City of Southfield, State of Michigan, be it resolved that the ACYOA sends warm regards to Governor William Milliken and Mayor Donald F. Fracassi.

WHEREAS, the Very Rev. Paren Avedikian, Pastor of St. John's Armenian Church of Southfield, Michigan and President of the Greater Detroit ACYOA, the Rev. Michael Buttero, assistant Pastor, and the Very Rev. Baret Yeretzian, Priest in residence, have welcomed the ACYOA to their parish and have guided the Detroit Chapter to a successful weekend, be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its gratitude for their hospitality.

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WHEREAS, Father Paren Avedikian, Father Ghevont Samoorian, Father Baret Yeretzian, Father Michael Buttero, Detroit; Father Arshen Aivazian, Cheltenham; Father Nersess Jebejian, Springfield; Deacon Bedros Sarkissian, New York; ~~Deacon~~ Arthur Sabounjian, Westchester; Deacon Hagop Rustemian, Bayside; Deacon Michael Chevia, Providence; and Sub-Deacon Michael Zeytoonian, Westchester, have shown a sincere interest in the ACYOA by their attendance, be it resolved that the ACYOA express its appreciation for their interest.

WHEREAS, Father Karekin Kasparian and Father Arshen Aivazian led the 8th Armenian Studies Program to Armenia, be it resolved that the ACYOA expresses its appreciation for their time and efforts.

WHEREAS, the ACYOA acknowledges the services rendered to the organization by the three outgoing members of the Central Council Edward Kaiserian, Lisa Mooradian, and Brian Boghosian, on the occasion of the completion of their term in office, be it resolved that heartfelt appreciation is extended to them for their devoted services and accomplishments.

WHEREAS, the ACYOA acknowledges the services rendered to the organization by two members of the Central Council, Kerry Kaysserian and Janet Takvorian, who for personal reasons are resigning from office, be it resolved that our appreciation is extended to them for their devotion and accomplishments.

WHEREAS, the Bayside Chapter, Holy Cross Chapter, and Westchester Chapter worked diligently in preparation for the Special Assembly that was to be hosted by these Chapters in New York, be it resolved that we express our appreciation to all those who were involved in the planning of this assembly for their dedication and efforts.

WHEREAS, the Greater Detroit Parish and Parish Council under the able leadership of Parish Council Chairman Harry Terzian have extended their hospitality to the ACYOA, be it resolved that this assembly expresses its gratitude to them.

WHEREAS, the 1977 General Assembly and Sports Weekend of the ACYOA is being hosted by the Greater Detroit Chapter, be it resolved that this assembly expresses thanks and appreciation to the host chapter, Brian Yazejian, Sports Weekend Chairman, and to all of the members of the Sports Weekend Committee.

WHEREAS, Deacon Arthur Sabounjian of Westchester, Richard Takvorian of Watertown, Karen Basmajian of Westchester, and Debbie Boghosian of Watertown of the Assembly Executive Committee, Parliamentarian Michael Yapchaian of Watertown, and Sargent at Arms David Onanian, have conducted this assembly in an outstanding fashion, be it resolved that the ACYOA expresses its appreciation for their services.

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WHEREAS, the Michigan Inn has provided excellent accommodations for the ACYOA, be it resolved that this assembly extends its sincere appreciation to the hotel management and staff.

WHEREAS, a new awareness and sense of purpose and direction has been displayed by those attending the assembly, be it resolved that when we leave this assembly we will rededicate ourselves to the goals and ideals set forth by the ACYOA and return to our Chapters with renewed enthusiasm.

APPENDIX #17

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE

1977 CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

1. Delete Article 8, Section 5 and in its place:

In case of a vacancy in the Chapter Executive Committee, an election shall be held at the next regular chapter general body meeting. The member who had the highest number of votes short of the election at the last Chapter Annual Membership Meeting shall be a nominee.

2. Article 9, Section 3 will be amended to say:

The presence of 25% or 25 members whichever is least of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any Chapter Monthly Meeting, and decisions shall be taken by the majority vote of those present.

3. Delete Article 11, Section 4 and in its place:

The Central Council shall meet at the Diocesan Headquarters or the home towns of current Central Council members or in a location designated by the Primate. A minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 meetings shall be called per year.

4. Delete Article 11, Section 9 and in its place:

An agenda along with all amendments and proposals intended to be considered shall be sent by the Central Council to the Chapters thirty days prior to the General Assembly.

5. Delete Article 4, Section 6 and in its place:

Persons of Armenian lineage who are ineligible for membership but are at least 17 years of age, and interested in the A.C.Y.O.A. may become associate members. Application for associate membership shall be made to the Chapter Executive Committee. Associate members may participate in the activities of the local Chapter only, but may not vote or hold elective office. Annual contributions equal to membership dues by associate members, in lieu of dues, shall be considered contributions to the Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Arshen Aivazian - Cheltenham, PA
Nick Ahgulian - Wisconsin
Susan Derirjian - Cambridge, Mass
Marianne Hovsepian - Detroit, MI
Joyce Minassian - Providence, R.I.
Michael Yapchaian - Watertown, Mass

