

# Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

## Correction to 1978 General Assembly Minutes Refer to Supplement

Over the past four years the most difficult aspect of our General Assembly has been the difficulty of keeping accurate minutes. In the past years we have tried a few different methods of minute taking, each of which have been successful in one way but unsuccessful in another. This year the Central Council suggests two people taking minutes simultaneously throughout the entire General Assembly. Throughout the year suggestions have been made and will be taken into account, any further suggestions should be made to the Central Council Chairman.

1. page 5

under roman numeral VI add...

5. Report of the 1977 Minute Reading Committee..( Appendix 27)

2. page 29&30

under roman numeral XXIII add...

Ken Hagopian suggested the problem regarding the purpose of Committees during the General Assembly should be looked into. Ken reminded the Assembly that committee should be able to present all thier findings to the Assembly for action. The rule which does not allow new ideas to be presented cripples the progress of our organization. As it stands only ammendments and proposals submitted 60 days prior are eligible for action.

Der Dajad and Ken Hagopian suggested a standing committee be formed to study this problem along with the entire constitution and present thier findings to the 1979 General Assembly.

Without objection the Chair appointed Der Dajad, Michael Yapchaian, Melanie Barsamian, David Onanian, Ken Hagopian, and George Tashjian to act as the 1979 Standing Constitution Committee. The Chair instructed the committee to survey the Constitution in contents and format, and to report thier findings at the 1979 General Assembly.

3. ADD = Appendix 28 (Ammendments) and Appendix 29 (Proposals)

page 17 under roman numeral XV add... ...(Appendix 15 and 29)...

page 15 under roman numeral XIV add... ...(Appendix 14 and 28)...



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**July 30, 1979**

**To: ACYOA Chapters**

**From: Central Council**

**Subject: General Assembly Minutes 1978**

It has come to the Central Councils attention that the following Appendix had been omitted from the 1978 General Assembly Minutes. Please adjust your copies accordingly.



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ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1978 General Assembly

CORRECTIONS FOR 1977 MINUTES

1. page 1: I FIRST SESSION

add before adjournment (paragraph 4)

"Ed Kaiserian then appointed the "1976 Minutes" Reading Committee in order to save time at the next session.

2. page 3: VIII APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

strike:

"and one on the Nominating Committee". "Nominating Committee - Michael Zeytoonian, Westchester, New York".

(Reference should have been made to the 1976 Minutes. Michael was an elected member of the 1977 Nominating Committee. There was no need to appoint him again. Reference should have also been made to the 1976 Minutes during the election of the Auditing Committee; possibly the alternates were in attendance.)

Respectfully submitted,

1977 Minutes Reading Committee

Detroit Delegates,  
Fr. Paren Avedikian  
Nancy L. Malkasian, Chairman  
Marianne Hovsepian  
Semon Javizian  
Graceann Jevanjian  
Jack Karakashian  
Daniel Moynihan  
Ron Godoshian, Central Council

AMMENDMENTS SUBMITTED TO 1978 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 16 Section 1

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of two consecutive General Assemblies. Following initial approval, the proposed amendments will not be enacted until the time of second consideration. A second passage serves as ratification. ( Tabled by 1977 General Assembly)

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. (1977 Constitution Committee)

Article 4 Section 6:

Persons at least 18 years of age or high school graduates who are ineligible for membership but who are interested in the A.C.Y.O.A. may become associate members. Application for associate membership shall be made to the Chapter Executive Committee and if accepted is subject to a four month period of review. 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 associatemembers, in lieu of dues, shall be considered contributions to the Chapter. (Watertown)

Article 4 Section 6A

Those persons at least 18 years of age who are not communicate members of the Armenian Church but who are interested in A.C.Y.O.A. and are willing to subscribe to the objectives and policies of the Constitution become Associate members. Application for Associate membership shall be made to the Chapter Executive Committee and approved by Central Council. Associate members may participate in the activities of the Chapter 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. (Central Council) (1977)

Section 6B

After two years of associate membership a member may be accorded full fledged membership to A.C.Y.O.A. by Central Council and the Primate. (Central Council) (1977)

Article 4, Section 6

Persons at least 17 years of age or high school seniors who are ineligible for membership, but who are 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 Chapter, 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. (Bayside Chapter)

**Article 4 Section 3:**

(Request interpretation of the phrase "shall act" i.e. What constitutes appropriate action? Anticipating the response we propose the following:)

Within a period of one month after receipt of the written application, the chapter Executive Committee shall review and act upon the application.

(Definition: Review \_ to determine the benefits which the organization will receive and the intent of the applicant (to the best ability of the committee)  
(Watertown Chapter)

**Article 7 Section 9:**

All Chapter elected officers shall be subject to removal from office for excessive absenteeism, misconduct, or irresponsibility. (Watertown)

**Article 8 Section 1:**

Each Chapter at its Annual Membership Meeting shall elect by secret ballot five to eleven members who along with the President shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers as necessary. (Watertown Chapter)

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. (1977 Constitution Committee)

**Article 8, Section 6**

A member of the Chapter Executive Committee shall be disqualified during the current term if absent from a total of four Chapter Executive and/or Monthly meetings without reasonable cause. (Bayside Chapter)

**Article 8 Section 6;**

A member of the Chapter Executive Committee shall be disqualified to serve on the Committee during the current term if absent from four Chapter Executive and/or Monthly Meetings without reasonable cause. (Watertown Chapter)

**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. (1977 Constitution Committee)

Article 10 Section 12 a h

To receive the reports of the Standing Committees and act on their recommendations of proposals. (1978 Central Council)

Explanation: Such an ammendment would provide a legal ground for the presentation of Standing Committee reports and thus permit their proposals to be acted on by the General Assembly, by-passing the sixty day submission rule. The absence of such a section has hung two General Assemblies already.

However, this would not apply to the Constitutional Ammendments Standing Committee since the constitution can be changed only in accordance with Article 16.

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 mininum of 4 and a maximum of 8 meetings shall be called per year. (1977 Constitution Committee)

REPRINT

Article 11 Section 9

All proposals intended to be presented at the General Assembly by the membership shall be submitted in writing to the Central Council not less than sixty days prior to the Assembly. (1978 Central Council)

Explanation: Presently section 9 deals with resolutions and not proposals. Resolutions are group actions of the Assembly, for example; deronstrations of respect for the church officials, government, etc. Proposals, however, direct the policies and programs of the organization for the upcoming year.

These need thorough discussion (e.g. they generally consider items which demand budgeting)

Delete Article 11, Section 9 and in its place:

An agenda along with all amemdments and proposals intended to be considered shall be sent by the Central Council to the Chapters thirty days prior to the General Assembly. (1977 Constitution Committee)

Article 11 Section 9

All amemdments and Proposals intended to be presented at the General Assembly by the membership shall be submitted in writing to the Central Council not less than sixty days prior to the Assembly. (Watertown Chapter)

Article 11 Section 10

An agenda along with those proposals which shall be distributed to the chapters by the Central Council thirty days prior to the General Assembly. (1978 Constitution Committee)

Delete Article 12 Section 1 and in its place

The fiscal year shall be from January first to December thirty-first. (Detroit Chapter)

Delete Article 16 Section 1 and in its place

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of two Consecutive General Assemblies. The proposed amendment shall be enacted for a one year trial period. Following said trial period and upon second approval, the amendment will be ratified. (Detroit Chapter)

Article 16 Section 4

New or modified amendments can be presented to the General Assembly by the Constitution Committee for consideration. (Watertown Chapter)

Article 16 Section 5

Change the current Article 16 Section 4 to Article 16 Section 5. (Watertown Chapter)

## PROPOSALS

### CENTRAL COUNCIL 1978

No proposals but rather Central Council has set up a standing committee which shall propose future programs for A.C.Y.O.A. regarding the Church directly. This will be brought up under New Business.

#### Watertown Chapter:

1. A glossary and index be added to the Constitution and that the Constitution be printed in **LOOSE LEAF** form.
2. Propose that the Central Council be directed to study the feasibility of a National A.C.Y.O.A. Junior Youth Organization .
3. Propose that the Central Council be directed to study the feasibility of a National Scholarship Program **FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**.
4. Propose that the Central Council be directed to study the feasibility of organizing a local and/or national Employment Register and Referral Service.
5. The A.C.Y.O.A. Annual General Assembly be held at a time and site other than the same year's Sports Weekend.
6. In order to provide a guideline in determining a means of achieving the goals and direction of the A.C.Y.O.A. , the Central Council shall organize and conduct through appropriate means a survey of all Armenian youth eligible for A.C.Y.O.A. membership which should include personal data and interests, as well as other data which is pertinent to achieving this objective and that this survey be conducted, compiled and be made available by June 1980.
7. (The proposal which follows concerns the synchronizing of the award presentation with the fiscal year for which it is presented. It also allows for a relatively equitable period for retaining the award with respect to the length of the period for which it is awarded. Following the proposal a table attempts to summarize its procedure.)

#### Proposal:

WHEREAS, During the 1977 General Assembly it was proposed and accepted that an annual award be presented by the Central Council to the chapter which best exemplifies the aims and goals of the A.C.Y.O.A. ,and

WHEREAS, The Central Council determines eligibility for this award by reviewing each chapter's Annual Report, obligations, activities, and programs, and

WHEREAS, The Central Council having made this review of calendar year 1976 Annual Reports, obligations, activities, and programs, did make a presentation of this award during 1977 General Assembly/Sports Weekend, and

WHEREAS, The Central Council has requested the calendar year 1977 Annual Report, etc, which is the only complete information available, and



WHEREAS, Article 13 Section 1 of the Constitution states the fiscal year of operation which was approved by the 1977 General Assembly so that the Annual Reports, etc. which are presented during that year's General Assembly may be in their entirety,

THEREFORE, Proposed

That the Central Council synchronize the requesting of Annual Reports, etc. for determining the chapter's eligibility for award with the fiscal year of the organization according to the following procedure:

- a. Based on the 1977 Annual Reports that were requested, Award presentation for 1977 should be made at the 1978 General Assembly, and Sports Weekend.
- b. In order to adjust from the calendar year to a fiscal year, the Central Council will request a report for the period Jan. 1978 - June 1978 and based on these reports, Award presentation for 1978 should be made at the Chairman's Roundtable Meeting during the Diocesan Assembly.
- c. Having covered this interim period, the Central Council will request a report for the period July 1978 - June 1979 (one fiscal year) and based on these reports, Award presentation for 1979 should be made at the 1979 General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

TABLE

Year of Report	Reviewed During	Award Year	Award Period (months)	Retention Period	Award Ratio
1/76-12/76	9/77	76	12	12	12/12 = 1.000
1/77-12/77	9/78	77	12	8	8/12 = .667
1/78-6/78	5/79	78	6	4	4/6 = .667
7/78-6/79	9/79	79	12	12	12/12 = 1.000
7/79-6/80	9/80	80	12	12	12/12 = 1.000

Explanation - 'Award Ratio' This ratio is to show the relative equitable period for retaining the award with respect to the length of the period for which it is awarded (if we are inclined to go so far as to express it in ration form)

PROPOSALS cont.

8 Detroit Chapter

1. ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Article One

Aims and Goals

Section 1

Realizing that through athletic competition and conditioning, the valuable attributes of physical coordination and moral intellectual maturity can be developed, the objective of the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament shall be to encourage athletic participation among A.C.Y.O.A. members on a national level.

Section 2

To create an atmosphere of fellowship among the various A.C.Y.O.A. Chapters, social activities shall be coordinated by the host Chapter.

Article two

Policies

Section 1

Any chapter wishing to host the Tournament shall submit a bid to the Central Council at the General Assembly.

Section 2

The site of the Tournament will alternate among the various A.C.Y.O.A. regions. The new Central Council will determine the location at their first meeting. The region hosting the following year's Sports Weekend will be excluded.

Section 3

All activities shall be co-sponsored with the Central Council. Half of the net proceeds shall be sent to the Central Council by the host chapter.

Section 4

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

Article Three  
Regulations

Section 1

All athletic participants must be dues paid members of the A.C.Y.O.A. and must be recognized by the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council through written membership application thirty (30) days prior to the Basketball Tournament. Associate members are not eligible to participate in the Tournament.

Section 2

All team rosters must be submitted to the host chapter thirty (30) days prior to the Tournament. Accompanying these rosters, will be an entry fee per team. The entry fee shall be determined by the host Chapter with the approval of the Central Council.

Section 3

The host Chapter shall send to all Chapters a schedule of times and dates no later than ten (10) days prior to the Tournament.

Section 4

There will be two divisions; Men's and Women's. At least four registered Chapters in each division are necessary to compete for the trophy. If there are less than four teams, competition may be held but the Trophy will not be at stake.

Section 5

Each Chapter shall provide and make known to the Tournament Director, the name of an individual who will work on a Tournament Council and will assist in selecting each division's All-Star Team and Most Valuable Player of the Tournament.

Section 6

Officials, Judges, and Marshalls for the Tournament shall be Professionals or people of equal experience.

Section 7

Ineligible players constitute forfeiture.

Section 8

All team eliminations shall be single elimination. Consolation brackets may be set up if time is allowed; no points will be given. If there is an odd number of teams entered, one team will receive a bye, by random drawing.

Section 9

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

Article Four

Rules

Section 1

All teams shall consist of at least five (5) players and not more than twelve (12).

Section 2

All games shall be governed by college rules.

Section 3

All preliminary and championship games shall consist of two halves, stop time, and the length of time shall be determined upon final scheduling.

Section 4

Two individual technical fouls shall constitute that individual's disqualification of that game and suspension of the following game.

Article Five

Awards

Section 1

The Tournament Trophies shall be presented to the winning Chapter(s). Individual trophies shall be given to the All-Stars and Most Valuable Players.

Section 2

The list of winners and records shall be recorded and kept as a permanent part of the Tournament.

9. Springfield Chapter PROPOSALS cont.

RE: The possible purchase of an A.C.Y.O.A. camp.

The Springfield Chapter of the A.C.Y.O.A. would like to present the proposal that the A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council select a committee to investigate the feasibility of purchasing a camp for the organization. Such a committee would decide whether or not the group would support financially and morally (through attendance) such a camp, and if such a camp would be available to suit our organization's needs.

If said camp was to be purchased, it might be used as the location for yearly convocations and other A.C.Y.O.A. functions. When choosing the site for this camp, the demographic distribution of A.C.Y.O.A. chapters across the country should be kept in mind.

We hope that this proposal will be considered and such a committee formed in the hopes of acquiring a meeting place for A.C.Y.O.A. members in this country.