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I. FIRST SESSION - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1979

The first session of the 1979 General Assembly of the ACYOA was called to order at 8:45 p.m. by Central Council Chairman, Paul C. Pogharian. The Reverend Father Nersess Jebejian (Springfield) led the Assembly in prayer.

Roll call was taken. (Appendix 1) Of a possible 92 delegates, 48 of these were to have been elected by their respective chapters. A total of 58 delegates were in attendance. The chair noted that a quorum was present and that the Assembly could begin.

Mr. Pogharian stated that His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian had been delayed in New York and would arrive at the Assembly later that evening. (His Eminence entered the Assembly at 10:15 p.m.)

The Chair announced that the establishment of Committees had been completed during the course of delegate registration and would be announced during the Assembly. The Chair also reviewed the schedule of the Assembly (Appendix 2).

II. ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

The Chair then accepted nominations for the position of Chairman of the 1979 ACYOA General Assembly. Melanie Mamishian (Watertown) nominated Arthur Sabounjian (Boston). Second by Seth Bilazarian (Worcester). The General Assembly cast one ballot for Arthur Sabounjian.

The Chair then accepted nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the 1979 ACYOA General Assembly. Mark Hanamirian (Cheltenham) nominated Suzanne Minassian (Cheltenham). Second by Robert Borzakian, Jr. (Boston). The Reverend Father Karekin Kasparian (Westchester) nominated Harry Tavitian (Westchester). Second by Stephen Turekian (New York). The Assembly elected Harry Tavitian as Vice Chairman.

The Chair then accepted nominations for the position of Secretary of the 1979 ACYOA General Assembly. Seth Bilazarian nominated Deborah Stepanian (Evanston). Second by Deacon Michael Chevian (Waukegan). The General Assembly cast one ballot for Deborah Stepanian. The position of Assistant Secretary will be appointed by the Chairman, if necessary.

The officers of the Assembly assumed their responsibilities. The Chairman reviewed and reminded the delegates of the following points:

- a) During any vote, a majority of those delegates present was needed to accept or reject that being voted on.
- b) Delegates were advised to arrive at the meeting room approximately 15 minutes before the beginning of each session.
- c) Delegates were advised that if they left the meeting room while a motion was on the floor and then returned, they would not be allowed to vote on that motion.
- d) Each delegate should stand and address the Chair when speaking. Any delegate would be allowed to speak only once until other delegates also had voice.
- e) Delegates were encouraged to read the Central Council Year in Review Report.

Having concluded his review of the Rules of Procedure, the Chair then appointed Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) as Parliamentarian.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Appendix 3)

The Chair entertained motions to accept the agenda. Deacon Michael Cheviaan moved to adopt the agenda. Second by Seth Bilazarian.

Nancy Malkasian (Detroit) recommended that "e. Discussion of New Youth Director" be added under New Business. George Tashjian, Youth Director, and Michael Zeytoonian (Central Council) both recommended that this discussion be put higher on the agenda because the outcome of this discussion could affect the decisions of some members wishing to run for Central Council positions. The Chair, however, accepted a recommendation that this discussion be heard immediately following the Youth Director's Address (XI on the Agenda) and therefore be numbered as XI.a.

Michael Yapchaian stated that the Rules of Procedure and the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure had been consolidated and that items VII and IX would be out of order if the agenda were accepted. Mr. Yapchaian recommended that items VII and IX become one item on the agenda. The Chair accepted this recommendation.

The motion to accept the agenda, as amended, was called to a vote. The motion was carried.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1978 MINUTES

Paul Pogharian distributed the corrections to the 1978 General Assembly Minutes (Appendix 4). Additional corrections included the following: Nancy Malkasian stated that under "Retreats", page 10, the first sentence should read, "Most regions held a retreat during 1978." Marianne Hovsepien (Detroit) stated that Ron Godoshian's name had been misspelled, page 62.

Richard Gergerian (Evanston) moved to accept the Minutes of the 1978 General Assembly, as corrected. Second by Harry Krikorian (Lawrence). The motion was carried.

V. ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE AND RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE (Appendix 5)

The Chairman noted that under No. 4 of these Rules, the order of this Assembly's business had already been revised.

As a result of their appointment at the 1978 General Assembly to draft Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, The Reverend Father Dajad Davidian (Watertown) and Michael Yapchaian submitted the attached Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for General Assembly's henceforth.

Richard Gergerian questioned No. 26 of the procedures - "If a delegate is a past Central Council member, may he still have a vote?" The Chairman answered in the affirmative. Ron Godoshian (Detroit) recommended that a No. 27 be added stating that all ACYOA members in good standing have a voice but no vote. Father Jebejian stated that this was not done at the Diocesan Assemblies and in later years when more members were in attendance, it would be difficult to distinguish who an actual ACYOA member was. It was noted that previous Central Council members should be allowed to speak because of their past experience with the organization. Melanie Mamishian questioned the use of the word "member" as used in 14.a. - did this mean a "member" of the General Assembly or of the ACYOA? Michael Yapchaian stated that the words "member" and "delegate" had been used interchangeably. He further recommended that No. 26 be deleted.

Father Kasparian moved that No. 26 read: "Past Central Council members in good standing may have voice but not vote." Second. Motion is defeated.

Ron Godoshian recommended that a No. 27 be added to read "At the discretion of the Assembly Chairman, any ACYOA non-delegate member may have voice, but no vote." This recommendation was rejected by Michael Yapchaian.

Richard Gergerian recommended that No. 26 be deleted from the Report. Michael Yapchaian accepted this recommendation. A vote by the Assembly defeated this recommendation.

Michael Zeytoonian moved to accept the Rules of Procedure and Rules of Parliamentary Procedure as written. Second by Brian Bogosian (Lawrence). The motion was carried.

VI. WELCOMING ADDRESS

The Very Rev. Shnork Kasparian, Pastor of St. John Armenian Church, Greenfield, Wisconsin, welcomed the Assembly to Milwaukee. He gave his blessings and encouragement to each delegate and participant of the General Assembly/Sports Weekend.

Committee and convener assignments were then announced to the Assembly delegates (Appendix 6). Each committee was to meet that evening and prepare its report for presentation during the following sessions of the Assembly. The first session recessed at 10:50 p.m.

SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1979

The Assembly reconvened at 9:30 a.m. with all delegates participating in prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Suzanne Minassian (Cheltenham) was appointed Sargent-at-Arms.

VII. YOUTH DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

George Tashjian addressed the Assembly concerning the success of the Diocesan Youth Camp which was held at Camp Nubar the first two weeks of July (1979). He answered questions concerning the workings of the camp and noted that better advertisement in remote Armenian communities was needed. He stated that he had received many good reports from the camp participants and their parents and was eager for this success to continue. Mr. Tashjian emphasized that recruitment into the Church and ACYOA must start with the 4 and 5 year olds if we are to flourish. He also spoke of each member's potential vs. his actuality and stressed that we must each 1) have confidence in ourselves; 2) be disciplined; and 3) "do our homework". Mr. Tashjian concluded by thanking everyone for the support, encouragement and love he had received during the past two years as Youth Director.

VIII. ADDRESS BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

His Eminence began his address by introducing The Very Reverend Yeznig Balian, Deacon Onnig Terzian and Varoujan Faroundjian, all of whom will be attending General Theological Seminary in New York this Fall.

His Eminence stated that our Church could stand or fall because of the work of the ACYOA. He encouraged each participant to take the initiative to serve his Church through teaching Christian education, choir, ACYOA, etc., and stated that nothing gets done through indifference and apathy.

His Eminence announced that His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, would be coming to the United States this year and that he will be pleased to see the progress that our Church and ACYOA have made since his last trip in 1968.

His Eminence praised and thanked George Tashjian for his excellent work during the past two years as Youth Director and especially for his commitment to the Diocesan Youth Camp.

His Eminence also announced that an ACYOA Junior Youth Director had been appointed.

His Eminence concluded by stating that we should not fear what needed to be done but should strive to accomplish whatever we could and plan for those who will follow us.

IX. NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Paul Pogharian opened discussion concerning the need for a new Youth Director to fill the position of George Tashjian who will be returning to the field of education. Paul thanked George for his dedicated service and loyalty to the ACYOA. Paul noted the memorandum dated August 29, 1979 (Appendix 7) which specifies the qualifications necessary for the position of Youth Director. It was noted that four applications had been received for the position, however, no decision

had been made. The Assembly then discussed the merits of setting a deadline for the replacement of our Youth Director or hiring or assigning a clergyman or other qualified person as temporary Youth Director. Delegates questioned why this employment process had not begun sooner since it was known that Mr. Tashjian would be resigning after two years of service to the ACYOA. How the applicants were being screened, clearer qualifications and who made the final decision were of concern to the members of the Assembly. Mr. Tashjian was asked to summarize his qualifications and give his opinion on the situation. Paul concluded the discussion by stating that the Central Council and the Diocese were interested in a mature person who could build on what has begun. Paul stated that he had conducted the preliminary interviews, however, the final decision would be made by the Central Council and the Diocese together.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report of Central Council - Paul C. Pogharian, Chairman

Paul Pogharian accepted comments' concerning the Central Council Report (Appendix 8) as follows:

Retreats: Father Karekin suggested that there be specific guidelines drawn up concerning retreats and that a clergyman should be assigned to the committee concerning retreats. Deacon Michael was interested in what the guidelines were and who determined them. Father Nersess suggested that a retreat manual be prepared by the Central Council and Youth Director for use by clergy in conducting retreats. Father Karekin recommended that retreats be mandatory for each region.

Mission Program: Deacon Michael questioned the success of the Mission Programs. Paul Pogharian stated that the Mission Programs had difficulty getting started because the Central Council did not give it enough attention and did not follow through. Discussion followed concerning the Rochester and Palos Heights areas that were to host the Mission Programs in 1979. Arthur Sabounjian pointed out that in fairness to the Central Council, this was only one Central Council program that had not succeeded compared to the many that had succeeded.

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Armenian Studies Program: A delegate asked who chose the leaders of the ASP trip and what qualifications were necessary. Paul explained that the Central Council and the Diocese select the ASP leaders together.

Publications: Robert Borzakian, Jr. recommended that on the form entitled "Chapter Report" a question be included asking whether materials for publication had been sent to the KEGHARD and if not, why?

Martyr's Day: The Executive Committee of each chapter was encouraged to notify their respective area legislatures as to the activities planned concerning Martyr's Day observances.

Miscellaneous: Father Nersess noted that this was the International Year of the Child and asked if the ACYOA could observe it in some way.

B. Financial Reports - Karnig Durgarian (Central Council)

Typographical errors were corrected on pages 2, 3, 10 and 11 of the Financial Reports (Appendix 9) distributed by the Central Council. Karnig answered questions concerning the Reports.

C. Auditing Committee Report - Anna Garabedian

Anna Garabedian presented the findings of the Audit Committee (Appendix 10). The Assembly heard further discussion concerning the Lowell Chapter's 1976 Sports Weekend books. Paul Pogharian recommended that this matter be left up to the discretion of the Central Council and the Primate to resolve.

Father Nersess moved that the Central Council Financial Report, as corrected, and the Auditing Committee Report, be accepted. Second by Michael Zeytoonian. The motion was carried.

D. Constitution Committee Report - Michael Yapchaian

The Constitution Committee for the General Assembly is comprised of the Constitution Standing Committee (CSC) and the following delegates: Marguerete Akgulian, Marianne Hovsepian and Melanie Mamishian.

The following are proposed amendments to the Constitution submitted by the Diocesan Council, Central Council, individual Chapters and the Constitution Standing Committee (Appendix 11).

The article as it presently reads is stated (S) first, then the recommended (R) change and finally the consideration given to the suggested change:

ARTICLE 6 - SECTION 5

S The Pastor in charge of the local Parish shall be President of the Chapter. In case of a tie in any voting, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

R Delete and incorporate in a new Article 8, Section 8.

Father Karekin moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to delete and incorporate this section in a new Article 8, Section 8. Second by Paul Parnagian (Providence). The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 7 - SECTION 3

S The functions of the Chapter 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.

R The functions of the Chapter Annual Membership Meeting shall be:

- a. To elect the Chapter Executive Committee, and to elect the 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.

Richard Gergerian moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC as amended. Second by Michael Zeytoonian. After discussion by the Assembly, Richard Gergerian withdrew his motion. There were no objections. Further lengthy discussion was held. Father Nersess moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC as amended. Second by Marianne Hovsepian. The motion was defeated.

ARTICLE 7 - SECTION 8

S The President of the Chapter shall have the responsibility of insuring that all action taken by the Chapter or any of its committees is consistent with the objectives and policies of this Constitution. In the event the Parish has no Pastor, the Chairman of the Parish Council shall have this responsibility.

R Delete and incorporate in a new Article 8, Section 8.

Father Karekin moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to delete and incorporate this section in a new Article 8, Section 8. Second by Seth Bilazarian. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 8 - SECTION 3

S The term of office of the members of the Chapter Executive Committee shall be one year and shall coincide with the fiscal year.

R The term of office of the members of the Chapter Executive Committee shall be one year.

Michael Zeytoonian moved to accept the recommendation of Central Council as amended. Second by Marianne Hovsepian. The question was called by Sona Yazijian (Central Council). The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 8 - SECTION 4

S No member shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years. No member shall serve on the Chapter Executive Committee for more than four consecutive years.

R No member shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.

The CSC made no recommendation. Vahan Janjigian (Evanston) moved to accept the section as amended. Second by Brian Bogosian. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 8 - SECTION 6

S A member of the Chapter Executive Committee shall be disqualified to serve on the Committee during the current term if absent from a total of four Chapter Executive and Monthly Meetings without reasonable cause.

R A member of the Chapter Executive Committee shall be disqualified to serve on the Committee during the current term if absent from a total of four Chapter Executive or Monthly Meetings without reasonable cause.

Mark Kazanjian (Lawrence) moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to accept the proposed amendment of the Watertown Chapter. Second by Melanie Barsamian (Worcester). The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 8 - SECTION 7

S The Pastor and Parish Council, or where applicable, the Primate and the Parish Council, shall have the power to review and act upon any officer of the Chapter Executive Committee who proves to be incapable of carrying out the responsibilities of the office.

R The Pastor and Parish Council, or in the absense of a Parish Priest, the Primate and the Parish Council, shall have the power to review and act upon any officer of the Chapter who proves to be incapable of carrying out the responsibilities of the office.

Michael Zeytoonian moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to accept this section. Second by Sona Yazijian. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 8 - SECTION 8

R The President of the Chapter shall be the Pastor in charge
New of the local Parish. The President of the Chapter shall have the responsibility of insuring that all action taken by the Chapter or any of its committees is consistent with the objectives and policies of this Constitution. The President shall preside over the annual Chapter Membership and Monthly Meetings. In case of a tie in any voting, the President shall cast the deciding vote. In the event the Parish has no Pastor, the Chairman of the Parish Council shall have these responsibilities. In the event there is no local Parish or Parish Council, the Chapter Chairman and the Central Council shall have these responsibilities.

Father Nersess moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to accept this new article. Second by Mary Ann Kalian (Providence). The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 10 - SECTION 2

S The number of delegates a Chapter may send to the General Assembly shall be:

5 - 10 members	1 Delegate
11 - 25 members	2 Delegates
26 - 50 members	3 Delegates
51 - 100 members	4 Delegates

And one more delegate for any fraction of each additional 50 members. No Chapter shall have more than seven delegates.

R The number of elected delegates a Chapter may send to the General Assembly, based on the total number of dues paid members from the past fiscal year, shall be:

5 - 10 members	1 Delegate
11 - 25 members	2 Delegates
26 - 50 members	3 Delegates
51 - 100 members	4 Delegates

And one more delegate for any fraction of each additional 50 members. No Chapter shall have more than seven delegates.

Sona Yazijian moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to accept the amendment as stated. Second by Stephen Turekian. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 10 - SECTION 3

R (New) Delegates shall be elected no more than 4 months and no less than 2 months prior to the General Assembly at a Chapter Monthly Meeting. 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. A majority of the members in good standing of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum for the election of delegates. 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.

Marianne Hovsepien moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to accept this new article. Second by Paul Parnagian. After discussion by the Assembly, the motion was defeated.

ARTICLE 10 - SECTION 6

S Each delegate shall present credentials signed by the President, Chairman, and the Recording Secretary of the Chapter to the Secretary of the General Assembly.

R Each delegate shall present credentials signed by the President, Chairman and the Recording Secretary of the Chapter to the Central Council.

Melanie Barsamian moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to accept the amendment as stated. Second by Suzanne Minassian. Sona Yazijian made a friendly amendment to remove the words "Secretary of the". The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 10 - SECTION 7⁶

S If an elected delegate is unable to attend the General Assembly, an alternate elected at the Chapter Annual Membership Meeting shall assume the responsibilities of the delegate.

R If an elected delegate is unable to attend the General Assembly, an alternate delegate elected at the Chapter Annual Membership Meeting shall assume the responsibilities of the delegate.

Sona Yazijian moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to accept the section as amended. Second by Brian Bogosian. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 10 - SECTION 10⁹

S The Chairman and Secretary of the General Assembly shall be elected from among the delegates by majority vote. Those receiving the next highest number of votes shall be designated as the Vice-Chairman and Assistant Secretary.

R The Chairman and Secretary of the General Assembly shall be elected from among the delegates by plurality vote. Those receiving the next highest number of votes shall be designated as the Vice-Chairman and Assistant Secretary.

Michael Zeytoonian moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to accept the section as amended. Second by Brian Bogosian. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 10 - SECTION 12¹¹

S Any Chapter that has not met its financial obligations to the ACYOA thirty days prior to the General Assembly shall not be entitled to have voting representation at the General Assembly.

R Any Chapter that has not met its financial obligations to the ACYOA for the past fiscal year thirty days prior to the General Assembly shall not be entitled to have voting representation at the General Assembly.

Brian Bogosian moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to reject the section as amended. Second by James Totovian (Watertown). The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 10 - SECTION 13 ¹²

S The duties of the General Assembly shall be:

- a. To receive the report of the Central Council on the activities and financial status of all the Chapters and on the progress of the ACYOA as a whole.
- b. To receive the report of the activities and the financial transactions of the Central Council.
- c. To determine the budget for the ensuing fiscal year and the manner in which the funds of the ACYOA shall be administered by the Central Council.
- d. To determine the manner and the amount of contribution which each Chapter shall make to the ACYOA.
- e. To discuss and act upon all matters relating to the activity of the ACYOA submitted to it or placed on its agenda.
- f. To elect the members of the Central Council, the Nominating Committee, the Auditing Committee, and other standing committees which it may create.
- g. To decide the place of the next General Assembly.

R The duties of the General Assembly shall be:

- a. To receive the report of the Central Council on the activities and financial status of all the Chapters and on the progress of the ACYOA as a whole.
- b. To receive the report of the activities and the financial transactions of the Central Council and the ACYOA for the past fiscal year.
- c. To determine the budget for the ensuing fiscal year and the manner in which the funds of the ACYOA shall be administered by the Central Council.
- d. To determine the manner and the amount of contribution which each Chapter shall make to the ACYOA.
- e. To discuss and act upon all matters relating to the activity of the ACYOA submitted to it or placed on its agenda. Matters not submitted to the General Assembly or placed on its agenda, in compliance with Article 11 Section 9, shall be considered upon a 3/4 vote of the Assembly.
- f. To elect the members of the Central Council, the Nominating Committee, the Auditing Committee, and other standing committees which it may create.

- g. To decide the time and place of the next General Assembly.

Brian Bogosian moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to accept the section as amended. Second by Stephen Turekian. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 11 - SECTION 9

S All amendments 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.

R a. All amendments 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.

b. 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.

Seth Bilazarian moved to accept the recommendation of the Constitution Committee to reject the proposed amendment of the Diocesan Council. Second by Father Karekin. The motion was defeated.

Father Karekin moved that this motion be tabled. Second by Melanie Mamishian. Motion was carried. Father Karekin stated that he wanted the record to show that the Central Council will be fully informed as to the logic of this by the Diocesan Council.

ARTICLE 11 - SECTION 10

S An agenda along with all amendments and proposals intended to be considered shall be sent by the Central Council to the Chapters thirty (30) days prior to the General Assembly.

R a. An agenda along with all amendments intended to be considered shall be sent by the Central Council to the Chapters thirty (30) days prior to the General Assembly.

b. An agenda along with all proposals intended to be considered shall be sent by the Central Council to the Chapters thirty (30) days prior to the General Assembly.

Brian Bogosian moved to accept the recommendation of the Constitution Committee to reject the proposed amendment of the Diocesan Council. Second by Stephen Turekian. The motion was defeated.

Father Nersess moved that discussion on this motion be tabled. Second by Deacon Michael. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 13 - SECTION 7

S Any deficit of the national budget shall be apportioned to the Chapters by dividing equally among all potential number of delegates of the General Assembly.

R Any deficit of the national budget shall be apportioned to the Chapters by dividing equally among all potential delegates of the General Assembly.

Melanie Barsamian moved to accept the recommendation of the CSC to accept the section as amended. Second by Michael Zeytoonian. The motion was carried.

E. Proposals - Michael Yapchaian

Following are proposals (P) which were submitted to Central Council followed by the consideration given each. (Appendix 12)

1. Detroit Chapter: One year prior to their eligibility to Senior membership, Juniors could be invited to fully participate in Senior activities on a local level.

Richard Gergerian moved to accept the proposal. Second by Suzanne Minassian. Father Karekin made a friendly amendment to the proposal so that it read as follows:

One year prior to their eligibility to Senior membership, Juniors could be invited to fully participate in Senior activities on a local level with no vote or full membership privileges.

The proposal was carried.

2. Watertown Chapter: In order to provide the means of complete review and reference, it is proposed that the Appendixes to the Minutes of the ACYOA General Assembly include all original Constitutional Amendments, Proposals, and Resolutions, etc. in addition to the reports of these committees.

Melanie Mamishian moved to accept the proposal. Second by Sona Yazijian. The proposal was carried.

3. Springfield Chapter:

P Add to Sports Weekend Rules and Guidelines

Any chapter that accepts to host a Sports Weekend, will submit the Sports Weekend emblem design for that year, within two-three months of the acceptance of the bid, to the Central Council for approval.

Melanie Mamishian moved to accept the proposal. Second by James Totovian. The Springfield Chapter accepted a friendly amendment to the proposal so that it read as follows:

Any chapter that accepts to host a Sports Weekend, will submit the Sports Weekend emblem design and motto for that year, within three months of the acceptance of the bid, to the Central Council for approval.

The proposal was carried.

4. Central Council Proposals for changes to the Sports Weekend Rules and Guidelines

S Article 2 - Section 1: 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 90 days prior to the Sports Weekend.

P Article 2 - Section 1: 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 no later than 30 days prior to Sports Weekend.

Rob Dogramajian (Central Council) moved to accept the proposal. Second by Father Karekin. The proposal was carried.

S Article 2 - Section 3: Chapters will be allowed to combine for Sports Weekend competition upon the approval of Central Council and the Primate, provided no one chapter has a membership of 50 or more. The total number of this combined chapter shall not exceed 60 members. Requests must be made in writing no later than 90 days prior to the Sports Weekend.

P Article 2 - Section 3: Chapters will be allowed to combine for Sports Weekend competition upon the approval of Central Council and the Primate, provided no one chapter has a membership of 50 or more. The total number of this combined chapter shall not exceed 60 members. Requests must be made in writing no later than 30 days prior to the Sports Weekend.

Mark Kazanjian moved to accept the proposal of Central Council. Second by Richard Yerganian (Watertown). Father Nersess made a friendly amendment so that the proposal read as follows:

Article 2 - Section 3: Chapters will be allowed to combine for Sports Weekend competition upon the approval of Central Council, provided no one chapter has a membership of 50 or more. The total number of this combined chapter shall not exceed 60 members. Requests must be made in writing to Central Council no later than 30 days prior to the Sports Weekend.

The proposal was carried.

S Article 3 - Section 1: 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 the Sports Weekend. Associate members are not eligible to participate in sporting events.

P Article 3 - Section 1: All athletic participants must be dues paid members or Members at Large of the ACYOA and must be recognized by the ACYOA for the fiscal year ending prior to Sports Weekend. Dues and new applications must be received by Central Council sixty days prior to Sports Weekend. (June 30th end of fiscal year) Associate members are not eligible to participate in sporting events.

Sona Yazijian moved to accept the proposal of Central Council. Second by Nancy Malkasian. Melanie Mamishian made a friendly amendment to delete the words "or Members at Large" so that the proposal read:

Article 3 - Section 1: All athletic participants must be dues paid members of the ACYQA and must be recognized by the ACYQA for the fiscal year ending prior to Sports Weekend. Dues and new applications must be received by Central Council sixty days prior to Sports Weekend. (June 30th end of fiscal year) Associate members are not eligible to participate in sporting events.

The proposal was carried.

S Article 3 - Section 3: 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. Accompanying this registration will be an entry fee per team event and per individual event dependent upon each chapters cost with the approval of Central Council.

P Article 3 - Section 3: Each chapter shall submit its intent to participate in athletic events to the Sports Weekend Athletic Committee no later than 30 days prior to the Sports Weekend. Accompanying this registration will be an entry fee per team event and per individual event dependent upon each chapters cost with the approval of Central Council.

Stephen Turekian moved to accept the proposal of Central Council. Second by Christine Mooradian (East St. Louis). The proposal was carried.

S Article 3 - Section 4: All teams and individual rosters must be submitted to the Sports Weekend Athletic Committee 30 days prior to the Sports Weekend.

P Article 3 - Section 4: All finalized team and individual rosters must be submitted at such time as designated to the Sports Weekend Athletic Committee.

Stephen Turekian moved to accept the proposal of Central Council. Second by Richard Yerganian. Central Council accepted a friendly amendment to the proposal so that it read as follows:

Article 3 - Section 4: All finalized team and individual rosters must be submitted at such time as designated by the Sports Weekend Athletic Committee.

The proposal was carried.

S Article 3 - Section 9: Illegal players constitute forfeiture.

P Article 3 - Section 9: Illegal players constitute forfeiture. Excessive misconduct may result in an individual being banned from further competition by the Sports Weekend Athletic Committee.

Stephen Turekian moved to accept the proposal of Central Council. Second by Melanie Barsamian. The proposal was defeated.

S Article 3 - Section 10: 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. If there are an odd number of teams entered, one team will receive a bye, by random drawing.

P Article 3 - Section 10: Consolation brackets may be set up to determine 3rd place, if time allows. If there are an odd number of teams entered, one team will receive a bye, by random drawing.

Seth Bilazarian moved to accept the proposal of Central Council. Second by Richard Gergerian. Central Council accepted a friendly amendment to the proposal so that it read as follows:

Article 3 - Section 10: Consolation game may be set up to determine third place, if time allows. If there are an odd number of teams entered, one team will receive a bye, by random drawing.

The proposal was carried.

S Article 4 - Section 1: The following is a list of events which will be offered at the Sports Weekend. This list may be expanded or limited in accordance with Article Three, Section VI.

<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. Single's Table Tennis - Men's	2
6. Single's Table Tennis - Women's	2
7. Double's Table Tennis	1 set
8. Single's Tennis - Men's	2
9. Single's Tennis - Women's	2
10. Double's Tennis	1 set
11. Golf	2
12. Track & Field	
a. Team - 1 event	4
b. Individual - 3 event	3
13. Chess	2
14. Tavloo	2
15. Co-ed Volleyball	12

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b. Individual - 3	3
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3. Men's Basketball	12
4. Women's Basketball	12
5. Single's Table Tennis - Men's	2
6. Single's Table Tennis - Women's	2
7. Double's Table Tennis	2 teams
8. Single's Tennis - Men's	2
9. Single's Tennis - Women's	2
10. Double's Tennis	2 teams
11. Golf	3
12. Track & Field	
a. Team - 2	As many as required
b. Individual - 3	3
13. Chess	2
14. Tavloo	3
15. Co-ed Volleyball	12

Father Nersess moved to accept the proposal of Central Council. Second by Richard Gergerian. Father Nersess made a friendly amendment that "Tavloo" be changed to "Nard/Backgammon". Stephen Turekian made a friendly amendment that the number 12 be changed to 15 regarding team membership for Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball and Co-ed Volleyball. Father Nersess amended his motion by stating that each item regarding Article 4, Section 1 be taken separately. Second by Brian Bogosian. The amended motion was defeated. The Assembly then voted on the original proposal, including friendly amendments. The proposal was defeated. Father Nersess against asked that "Tavloo" be changed to read "Nard/Backgammon" and his suggestion was accepted.

Brian Bogosian moved to reconsider Article 4, Section 1. Second by Seth Bilazarian. The motion was defeated.

S Article 4 - Section 2: A second division in any sport or event may be scheduled provided there is ample time and interest.

P The proposal is to delete this section.

Seth Bilazarian moved to accept the proposal. Second by Rob Dogramajian. The proposal was defeated.

P Article 4 - Section 5: There will be an award given to the individual displaying the most sportsmanlike conduct.

Mary Ann Kalian moved to accept the proposal of Central Council. Second by Suzanne Minassian. The proposal was carried.

P Article 4 - Section 6: Any additional annual award presentations must be approved by the General Assembly.

Marianne Hovsepian moved to accept the proposal of Central Council. Second by Richard Gergerian. The proposal was carried.

5. Cheltenham Chapter:

P An Archbishop's Trophy Tournament Committee be selected by the ACYQA Central Council. The Committee would serve as representatives of the Central Council in regulating the games during the basketball tournament.

The responsibilities of the said committee would be:

- 1) Scheduling
- 2) Making certain the guidelines and game rules are strictly enforced and understood by coaches and team members.
- 3) Making certain coaches' meetings are held during the tournament if discrepancies arise.
- 4) Keep coaches informed as to status and game scheduling prior to and during the tournament.

Changes to: Rules of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Award

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P Add 18. Changes in scheduling will be made only with unanimous consent of the participating coaches.

Brian Bogosian moved to accept the proposals of the Cheltenham Chapter. Second by Stephen Turekian. His Eminence suggested that all proposals concerning the Archbishop's Tournament be left to the discretion of the Central Council, therefore, the Assembly did not vote on these matters. Changes to Rules 6 and 13 were also proposed by Central Council. They were not discussed at the Assembly.

6. Chairman's Roundtable 1979 Proposal:

P WHEREAS, it is the objective of the ACYOA "to encourage its members to ... propogate the principles and teachings of the Christian Faith ... of the Armenian Church ... (and) to strengthen the social and spiritual bond of its members..." and

WHEREAS, a member of the ACYOA, Sam Nersesian, who recently died, naturally exhibited such virtues so perfectly and extraordinarily. Who while not himself being conscious of his virtues was a living example and guide to those around him ... and

WHEREAS, it is in keeping with the spirit of the ACYOA to recognize extra special members on the basis of their Christian virtues of love, humility, patience, understanding and practice,

We Propose:

- a. An annual award be given to an ACYOA member, male or female, based on the Christian virtues of humility, patience, understanding, and practice, called the "Sam Nersesian Award" to be presented at our yearly Sports Weekend, chosen by Central Council.
- b. At least one annual scholarship award be given to a member of the Armenian Church for the purpose of the Deacon's Training Program and/or the St. Nerses Summer Study Conference based on the same Christian virtues as stated above, called the "Sam Nersesian Scholarship Award" to be chosen by Central Council.

Melanie Mamishian moved to accept the proposal of the 1979 Chairman's Roundtable. Second by Deacon Michael Chevian. Father Karekin made a friendly amendment that the word "died" in the second paragraph be changed to read "met tragic death" as follows:

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The proposal was carried.

The Chairman then presented Mr. George Steveoff, Diocesan Council Representative, to the Assembly. Mr. Steveoff offered his best wishes to the delegates for a successful Assembly.

F. NATIONAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

(1) New Programs Subcommittee - Report

Committee Members:

Anita Souin - Chairperson
Toronto

Mark Kashgegian - Watertown
Bob Borzakian - Cambridge

Ron Godoshian - Detroit

Richard Gergerian - Evanston

Cynthia Paklian - Chicago

Rob Dogramajian - Central Council

Winter Weekend

The idea of a winter weekend was brought up again, but to make it a new proposal we had two suggestions.

- 1) Regionally: Winter Ski Weekend of some sort. Each region could plan a weekend in some centrally located spot to meet and have a weekend of fun and sports.
- 2) Nationally: 1981 would be the first feasible year for such a suggestion. This would be a week in the sun. Possibly in Floririda. We suggest Florida because it is warm!!! and it would also involve the Miami chapter in an event. This week would have various activities such as beach volleyball, swimming, basketball... Also as an added attraction we thought of a MISS and MR. ACYOA Pageant. There would be banquets and even a LOAU (loo-wow!)

Membership

Membership is a perenial problem for the ACYOA and because of this we have come up with the following suggestions.

A National Membership Drive: Designate a special day across the USA and Canada and on this day communicate nation wide putting the scores of new members on a Tote Board. It would be a social event, with a dance. A Membership Marathon.

Individual Chapters

- 1) Lectures - not the conventional type of lecture, but lectures on controversial topics. This could be incorporated into a Bible studies program where you discuss such topics as Abortion and where the Armenian Church stands. . .

- 2) Armenian Language classes to teach the American youth the language of their heritage. If you don't learn now you never will. Armenian History could be part of this, too.

National Ideas Bank

Lastly a National Ideas Bank could be set up where every chapter could participate in sending ideas or proposals of functions that worked for them. This is so that we could all learn from each other on how to improve ourselves. A quarterly report would be sent to each Chapter by the Central Council.

Anita Souin (Toronto) presented the report of the New Programs Subcommittee after which the Assembly discussed it.

Richard Gergerian moved to accept the proposal of the New Programs Subcommittee regarding regional winter ski weekends. Second by Rob Dogramajian. The motion was carried.

Mark Kashgegian (Watertown) moved to accept the proposal of the New Programs Subcommittee regarding membership. Second by Marguerite Akgulian (Wisconsin). The motion was carried.

Mark Kazanjian moved to accept the proposals of the Subcommittee regarding Individual Chapters and National Ideas Bank. Second by Rob Dogramajian. The motion was carried.

(2) Martyr's Day Subcommittee - Report

Committee Members:

Sona Yazijian - Chairperson
Chicago
Sue Boyajian - Wisconsin
Diane Ekizian - Westchester

Shahab Minassian - Cheltenham
Debbie Stepanian - Evanston

The Martyr's Day subcommittee of the National Events Committee strongly recommends that the ACYQA continue its nationwide effort to commemorate this event. The program should be in keeping with the religious, non-political nature of the organization and should be directed not only to the Armenian community but to the general public as well. Most importantly, it should place stress on the present accomplishments and future aspirations of the Armenian people rather than dwelling at length on past tragedies. The committee encourages chapters to schedule programs on the day of April 24th.

It was noted that many parishes in our Diocese already observe Martyr's Day in various ways and that chapters should have the option of combining their program with that of the parish (even though it may not coincide with April 24th). Should chapters choose this option they must endeavor to keep the program an ACYQA event.

Chapters should make a concerted effort to obtain media coverage such as television and newspapers to enlighten non-Armenians on this event. These efforts should be made as early as possible to give media members time to include the program in their schedules.

The committee recommends that Central Council send communications to local chapters listing these goals and offer assistance to them as to ideas for programs. Central

Council is also encouraged to look into the possibility of producing a slide program for all chapters to utilize in their programs.

Committee members also gave suggestions for possible programs. These include:

Programs of music, poems or pertinent readings.

ACYOA sponsored community walks.

Dedication ceremonies such as tree plantings or memorials.

Involving non-Armenian community churches in a program.

Having ACYOA members whose relatives had lived through the genocide relate how they survived this ordeal to attain their present status in the community.

Shahab Minassian (Cheltenham) presented the report of the Martyr's Day Subcommittee after which the Assembly discussed it. Father Nersess moved to accept the report. Second by Seth Bilazarian. The motion was carried.

(3) Keghard Subcommittee - Report

Committee Members:

Nancy Davidian - Hartford

Cynthia Paklaian - Chicago

Mary Ann Kalian - Providence

Paul Parnagian - Providence

Chris Mooradian - East St. Louis

James Totovian - Watertown

The committee wishes at this time to commend the Keghard editorial staff, especially Mike Zeytoonian, for their outstanding job over the last couple of years.

It can be assumed that whenever people get together to discuss any publication, such as a movie, a novel, or a play each person will read and see different opinions.

At no time did the committee discuss the abolishment of the Keghard or consider it to be a waste of paper and time. Instead we dissected it and came up with what we think will be useful in strengthening our publication.

The one single link between one ACYOA chapter and the rest of the chapters is the Keghard. It is our communication, your communication as an individual, as a chapter for expression.

And yet this opportunity is being used by a small percentage of the organization. The lackadaisical attitude of the majority of the membership is keeping this paper locked up.

Certainly within the organization there are qualified writers who can help. What of each chapters publicity directors? Maybe he or she is the missing stimuli.

There are questions to be raised. And the committee recognizes that it does not have all the answers. But we do have these suggestions.

1. The assignment of one person from each chapter to work on the staff of the paper. This person will also be responsible for one story per issue on what has gone on with his or her chapter over the last couple of months. This will be a so-called diary of the chapter.

2. A reader forum to encourage response from the organization on relevant issues to the church, ACYOA and young adults.

3. That each issue feature a region or a couple of the 28 chapters in the organization. We should let this paper familiarize us with each other to knit a web around us holding us together.

4. Let there be contained in the publication information which would be helpful to an ACYOA individual or young adult, i.e., financial aid assistance, scholarship funds.

5. The assembly should take into consideration the possibilities of a self-supporting publication through advertising.

As one can see there has been no mention to the cultural and educational pieces appearing in the Keghard. The committee applauds these and feels that they are beneficial to the organization as an effective tool in teaching about the Armenian church.

But surely there are more than a few members who are always submitting articles. When one considers that only four publications come out a year and at the most an individual may put into a story is two weeks, this small amount of individual time taken away from your other activities may be worth it. Is it really too much to ask?

6. And finally the consideration of seeking someone with the knowledge of newspaper design and layout. Many people are unaware of the importance of a balanced layout.

Again the committee commends the staff of the Keghard for the fine work they have been doing. We did not gather to condemn and/or ridicule the Kegard. These recommendations may not be the right answers but we hope they will stimulate the organization into giving the Keghard a chance to grow and be what we all want it to be.

James Totovian presented the report of the Keghard Subcommittee after which the Assembly discussed it. Father Karekin recommended that the month of October be declared by the ACYOA, in connection with Culture Month, the month of promoting the distribution of Keghard.

His Eminence suggested that a publicity person be chosen from each chapter and that person's name be submitted to the Keghard staff. That person would then be guided by the Keghard staff and informed of press dates, etc. It was decided, however, that the Keghard should not contain "gossip" type articles concerning the Chapters. Michael Zeytoonian commended Michelle Babikian of Chicago for sending information concerning the Chicago Chapter to the Keghard each month. He also stated that there was a great need for photographs of Armenia for use in the Keghard. Mark Kashgegian moved to accept the report of the Keghard Subcommittee. Second by Christine Mooradian. The motion was carried.

(4) Regionalization Subcommittee - Report

Committee Members:

Karen Avakian - Wisconsin
Berg Basmajian - Toronto
Brian Boghosian - Lawrence
Mark Kazanjian - Lawrence

Robert Kechian - St. Gregory
Nancy Malkasian - Detroit
Suzanne Minassian - Cheltenham
Richard Yerganian - Watertown

The committee started by reviewing some past material on regionalization. Once this was done each region was discussed separately and analyzed for its present state, what problems it may have and what possible solutions to these problems.

Midwest - The midwest region is comprised of six chapters: Wisconsin, Toronto, Detroit, Evanston, Cleveland, Greater St. Louis, Chicago.

Each chapter is represented at the regional meetings the same manner in which they are for the national assembly. There are two or three meetings held a year which are well attended. Major role of meetings to have communications between chapters and to evaluate and follow the aims and goals of ACYOA. Regional meetings are also important in preparing the region for the General Assembly. Major problems in this region arise from the distances that are in between chapters. Besides making it difficult for direct communication these distances prohibit chapters from interacting with one another on a more frequent basis. A suggestion this committee makes for this region is to hold two or three other regional weekend affairs besides the Regional Anniversary Ball. This weekend may combine a regional meeting with a major social function, thereby spawning interest in the regional interaction of the midwest ACYOA Chapters.

New England - The New England Region is composed of nine chapters: Boston, Hartford, Providence, New Britain, Lawrence, Lowell, Worcester, Springfield, Watertown.

The region is presently in a system where each chapter has two representatives to the regional council, the chapter chairman and an elected delegate. Also part of the regional council is the regional Tivan made up of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary whose jobs are to complete any administrative tasks such as preparing the minutes and running the regional meetings. The New England regional council takes bids each year on where the Anniversary Ball shall be, but has all other events run through a committee which only has members from the regional council. Regional meetings are also communication centers for all the chapters of the region. Major problem in New England is to get all chapters to participate actively. Possible solutions include combining meeting days with other activities and also to build up the small chapters.

New York - New Jersey - Penn - The NY-NJ-PENN Region is composed of four chapters: Bayside, St. Gregory's, Cheltenham, Westchester. *NY Pa. NY*

Although this region does not have a Tivan they are similar to New England in that they have the same type of chapter representation to the regional council. Two meetings have been in the last year and both were combined with dances following the same evening. Anniversary Ball was held this past year but it tended to be more of a chapter event more than a regional. Although distance is a part of the problem this region's two major problems are the lack of communication between chapters and the lack of leadership in the region. A possible solution to this region's problem would be the forming of a regional Tivan whose responsibilities should strengthen both of the mentioned problem areas.

Mid-Atlantic - This region is non-existent at this time. Suggest Central Council and Youth Director investigate the situation in that region.

Summary - Although the Midwest and New England regions are at different levels of regionalization both are doing well. At the same time the NY-NJ-PENN area does need a lot of work, but the potential is there for a strong region. Opinions of some smaller chapters are that regionalization is geared towards strong chapters. Perhaps this point should be investigated more thoroughly to determine if this is so, and if so, what can be done to correct the situation.

Richard Yerganian presented the report of the Regionalization Subcommittee after which the Assembly discussed it. Brian Bogosian moved to accept the report. Second by Shahab Minassian. The motion was carried.

(5) ACYOA Youth Camp Subcommittee - Report

Committee Members:

The Rev. Father Yeprem Kelegian - Chairperson - Watertown	John Hovagimian - Toronto Gary Hovhanessian - New Britain
Ann Ayrassian - Providence	Steve Turekian - St. Gregory
Donna Bagdigian - Hartford	

The ACYOA Seniors sponsored the Diocesan Youth Camp from June 30, 1979, to July 14, 1979, at Camp Nubar. Eligible were youth whose ages ranged from nine to sixteen. The cost of the two week period was \$275 per child, including transportation to and from the camp (located in upper state New York). For each additional child from the same family, a \$25 discount was awarded.

The official camp staff consisted of George Tashjian, Camp Director; Father Dajad Davidian (St. James, Watertown), Religious leader; Rose Aznavorian, Irene Eranosian, Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian, Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian and Zoveeg Devletian.

The camp curriculum included three hours of instruction of religion, language and culture in the morning and recreational activities in the afternoon.

The committee concluded that two areas required primary consideration - those being A) the contents of the program and B) publicity.

A) Contents of the Program

Their effectiveness of the program was extraordinary. Language instruction proved to be truly unique. The religious instruction exposed the youth to customs in the Armenian church, a deeper meaning of the Badarak, and ultimately, a greater understanding of the church. The attendees also learned traditional songs and dances. The program in general did an excellent job of orienting our youth to our religion, history and culture.

B) Publicity

It was recommended that the initial letters be sent to all ACYOA members as well as to all members of the Diocese. It was strongly suggested that this letter be signed by the Archbishop and might, perhaps, include reflections of past participants.

On the local level, camp committees composed of local ACYOA members for the purpose of disseminating information to parishioners, concentrating of parents of Sunday School and Armenian School children. Also, we would suggest that ACYOA members visit Armenian School and Sunday School classes.

Slides of past Camp Nubar camping experiences be made available by the Central Council accompanied by cassettes.

In the church publications, pictures of past camps should be supplied by Central Council. In addition, names of past local participants should be included.

We should continue to advertise on a regular basis in the Armenian Reporter and the Mirror Spectator.

Canadians

Regarding currency valuations we would suggest that the Canadian dollar be accepted as an American dollar regardless of valuations.

A bus should be considered for the Canadian parishes to camp.

Junior ACYOA

- A) A full-time director is needed!!
- B) Involve them in decision making on local level without a vote (perhaps an amendment to the Constitution is needed).
- C) Have joint programs (ie Palm Sunday, ACYOA dinner, Christmas caroling).
- D) Sponsor intramural sports among the juniors.
- E) Study group needed to investigate extending the constitution to include the juniors.

The Reverend Father Yeprem Kelegian (Watertown) presented the report of the ACYOA Youth Camp Subcommittee after which the Assembly discussed it. It was noted how well the camp was attended and how enthusiastic both instructors and campers were. There was a genuine need for a camp of this kind and this first successful year will be the base on which the future years of the camp will continue. John Hovagimian (Toronto) moved to accept the report of the ACYOA Youth Camp Subcommittee. Second by Seth Bilazarian. The motion was carried.

(6) Armenian Studies Program & ASP Reunion Subcommittee - Report

Committee Members:

Michael Zeytoonian - Chairperson Watertown	Cheryl Arslanian - Cleveland Anna Garabedian - Springfield Chris Nahabedian - Cambridge
The Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian - Springfield	
The Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian - Westchester	Larry & Alan Farsakian - California ACYO
Dn. Krikor Zamrootian - Toronto	

ASP

1972, 1973, 1974

The group included participants from the following trips: 1975, 1977, 1978 and 1979.

- A. Suggestions were offered on the program. The conclusion was that a critical study of the 10 years of programming should be made and necessary adjustments should be made.
- B. Possible other types of groups were explored. For example, in addition to the standard group, we might also consider:
 - 1. An older group of people or ASP alumni that would go with specific purposes of study and fact-finding.
 - 2. A junior age group - with the trip geared to that age group.

Also discussed was the possibility of sending groups at another time, such as when school is in session or during holidays.

Questions pondered by all members of the committee:

- 1. Why are suggestions made over and over only to not be acted upon effectively? Who is responsible for carrying out such adjustments?--Central Council? Primate? This is not clear. Perhaps a separate committee should be designated and formed to handle this special program.

2. How are the ASP directors determined? Is there an ongoing system? The group examined the pros and cons of specific clergy who are equipped to handle this vs. rotating of directors so that all clergy have a chance. The general consensus was that the few clergy who have the special skills to handle this program should do so and also train others. A rotation without training or consideration of what kind of clergyman is a detriment to the progress of the ASP. The leaders of the ASP make or break it.

The committee also discussed the following at length:

1. Screening of candidates
2. California participants
3. Staying in Erevan vs. staying in Haigashen
4. Improving classes
5. Canadian members and their participation

ASP ALUMNI AND REUNION

A brief report was given of the 1st Reunion Weekend which was held in May in Cambridge. Objectives were determined for future efforts as follows:

1. Cultivate the alumni group
2. Prepare and develop educational materials
3. Have an instructional purpose

Reunion weekends were discussed and the general feeling was that it would be best to hold both regional and national reunions. Perhaps a national reunion could take place every two years and three regional reunions be held annually (East, Midwest, California).

The many possibilities from these efforts were discussed for awhile, but with the hour being late, the committee made the following proposal:

The Committee directs the assembly to form a standing committee to develop and ASP Alumni and its reunion weekend program.

Furthermore, the committee discussed the general alumni program for the development of an ACYOA Alumni Association and also recommended that the Assembly direct the Central Council to pursue this.

Michael Zeytoonian presented the report of the ASP & ASP Reunion Subcommittee after which the Assembly discussed it. Questions were raised concerning the leaders of the ASP trips. His Eminence stated that he was in charge of determining each year's leaders. In the past Central Council had assisted His Eminence in making this decision. His Eminence stated that Central Council's assistance in making this decision would be discussed during a future Central Council meeting. Further discussion was held concerning the financial aspects of the ASP trips, the screening of participants, classes, reunions and an alumni association.

Arthur Sabounjian moved that we designate the Central Council to appoint a committee from amongst the alumni of the ASP to formulate the feasibility of establishing an ASP Alumni Association. Second by Deacon Michael. The motion was carried.

Father Karekin moved that the sum that was solicited so successfully and generously (\$4,000) be allocated and earmarked specifically toward the 1980 ASP trip. Second by Deacon Michael. Discussion followed concerning the use of this donated money. Father Karekin amended his motion to state that some of the earnings of the ASP trip be earmarked for future ASP trips and some to the Central Council General Fund. Accepted by Deacon Michael. The motion was defeated.

Further questions arose as to future solicitations for funds for future ASP trips and concerning the monetary gift presented to His Holiness.

Brian Bogosian moved to accept the report of the Armenian Studies Program Reunion Subcommittee. Second by Seth Bilazarian. The motion was carried.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report of the Nominating Committee - Brian Bogosian

Election of Central Council

The three members of the Central Council whose terms were ending were Rob Dogramajian, Sona Yazijian and Michael Zeytoonian. The Nominating Committee contacted, reviewed qualifications and nominated the following delegates for possible election to Central Council: Rob Dogramajian, Nancy Malkasian, Linda Minassian, Suzanne Minassian, Michael Yapchaian and Sona Yazijian. Karen Avakian, Arthur Sabounjian and Deborah Stepanian were nominated from the floor, however, all declined. Father Nersess moved to close the nominations. Second by Father Karekin.

1st Ballot - Michael Yapchaian
2nd Ballot - No majority
3rd Ballot - Nancy Malkasian
4th Ballot - No majority
5th Ballot - Sona Yazijian

Michael Yapchaian, Nancy Malkasian and Sona Yazijian will each hold two year terms of office. Linda Minassian is the first alternate.

Election of Auditing Committee

The Nominating Committee was unable to present nominees for election to the Auditing Committee. Harry Tavitian was nominated by Michael Zeytoonian. Second by Michael Yapchaian. Christine Mooradian was nominated by Janice Kaishian (Wisconsin). Second by Sona Yazijian. Michael Zeytoonian nominated Anna Garabedian (Springfield). Second by Father Nersess.

Rob Dogramajian moved to close the nominations. Second by James Totovian. The motion was carried. The General Assembly cast one ballot for Harry Tavitian, Christine Mooradian and Anna Garabedian.

Election of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee contacted, reviewed qualifications and nominated the following delegates for possible election to the Nominating Committee for the 1970 General Assembly: Michelle

Babikian and Mark Kazanjian. Father Nersess nominated Deacon Michael. Second by Seth Bilazarian. Michael Zeytoonian nominated Seth Bilazarian. Second by Father Nersess. Nancy Malkasian nominated Deborah Stepanian. Second by Deacon Michael. Seth Bilazarian moved to close the nominations. Second by John Hovagimian.

Richard Gergerian moved to suspend the Rules of Procedure and to allow a plurality vote rather than majority. Second by John Hovagimian. The Parliamentarian stated that since we had a whole day to complete what little business remained and we were ahead of ourselves on the agenda, the shortcut was unnecessary. Seth Bilazarian moved that the two nominees receiving the least number of votes be dropped. Second by Steven Parnagian. The motion was defeated.

1st Ballot - Deacon Michael Chevian and Deborah Stepanian
2nd Ballot - No majority
3rd Ballot - Seth Bilazarian
1st Alternate - Mark Kazanjian

B. Report of the Resolutions/Courtesies Committee

Seth Bilazarian presented the Report of the Resolutions/Courtesies Committee.

Sona Yazijian made a friendly amendment that the following addition be made following the "Whereas, Michael Zeytoonian" clause:

WHEREAS, Larry and Alan Farsakian of the ACYOC have traveled a considerable distance from California as representatives, be it resolved that we extend our gratitude for their attendance.

Steven Parnagian (Providence) made a friendly amendment that in the clause beginning "Whereas, the Wisconsin Parishes" Jan Avakian's title be changed to Sports Weekend "Chairperson".

Deacon Michael Chevian made a friendly amendment that the following be substituted for the clause beginning "Whereas, His Holiness":

WHEREAS, His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians 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.

Melanie Mamishian made a friendly amendment that the following addition be made following the "Whereas, George Tashjian" clause:

WHEREAS, the ACYOA Central Council has so tirelessly and unflinchingly devoted their energies to the growth and guidance of the ACYOA, be it resolved that the ACYOA express their sincere appreciation and continued support.

Father Yeprem made a friendly amendment that the following be added to the end of the clause that begins "Whereas, the Wisconsin Parishes": ". . .Sports Weekend Committee and to all the parishioners of the Wisconsin parishes to make the Weekend a success."

Richard Gergerian moved to accept the Courtesies Committee Report, including all amendments. Second by Richard Yerganian. The motion was carried.

Following is the report of the Courtesies Committee with all amendments included:

REPORT OF COURTESIES COMMITTEE

Committee Members:

Deacon Michael Chevian - Chairperson - Waukegan	Graceann Jeverjian - Detroit Jack Karakashian - Detroit
Seth Bilazarian - Worcester	Janice Kashian - Brookfield
Mark Hanamirian - Cheltenham	

WHEREAS, His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians 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 founder of our organization His Eminence Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan recently observed the Fiftieth Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, be it resolved that the members of the ACYOA extend to him our congratulations and filial love.

WHEREAS, the Diocesan Council and the 1979 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, 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, Joseph Clark.

WHEREAS, this assembly is being held in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, be it resolved that the ACYOA sends warm regards to Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus and Mayor Henry Maier.

WHEREAS, the Very Reverend Father Shnork Kasparian, Pastor of St. John Armenian Church of Greenfield, Wisconsin and President of the Wisconsin ACYOA, has guided the Wisconsin Chapter to a successful weekend, be it resolved that the ACYOA extends its gratitude for his hospitality.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Parishes and Parish Councils under the able leadership of Parish Council Chairpersons Harry Torosian, Greenfield, Nerses Nersesian, South Milwaukee, and Harry Cherkinian, Racine, have extended their hospitality to the ACYOA, be it resolved that this assembly expresses thanks and appreciation to the host chapter, Jan Avakian, Sports Weekend Chairperson, and to all of the members of the Sports Weekend Committee and to all the parishioners of the Wisconsin parishes to make the Weekend a success.

WHEREAS, Rev. Father Nersess Jebejian, Springfield; Rev. Father Karekin Kasparian, Westchester; Rev. Father Yeprem Kelegian, Watertown and Deacon Michael Chevian, Waukegan; have shown a sincere interest in the ACYOA by their attendance, be it resolved that the ACYOA express its appreciation for their interest.

WHEREAS, George Tashjian, having completed his two years of service as Diocesan Youth Director, sharing his creative abilities, brought insights and new direction to our organization, be it resolved that the ACYOA express to him its sincere gratitude.

WHEREAS, the ACYOA Central Council has so tirelessly and unfailingly devoted their energies to the growth and guidance of the ACYOA, be it resolved that the ACYOA express their sincere appreciation and continued support.

WHEREAS, the ACYOA acknowledges the service rendered to the organization by the three outgoing members of the Central Council, Rob Dogramajian, Sona Yazijian and Michael Zeytoonian, 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, Arthur Sabounjian, Boston; Harry Tavitian, Westchester; Deborah Stepanian, Evanston; of the Assembly Executive Committee, Parliamentarian Michael Yapchaian of Watertown and Sergeant of Arms Suzanne Minassian of Cheltenham have conducted this assembly in an outstanding fashion, be it resolved that the ACYOA express its appreciation for their services.

WHEREAS, Very Rev. Father Yeghishe Gizirian, Very Rev. Father Ghevont Samoorian and Nancy Basmajian led the 10th Armenian Studies Program to Armenia, be it resolved that the ACYOA express its appreciation for their time and efforts.

WHEREAS, Michael Zeytoonian, his editorial staff, and all contributors have produced with excellence the quarterly magazine "Keghard", be it resolved that the ACYOA commend their efforts and pledge our support to further literary contributions.

WHEREAS, Larry and Alan Farsakian of the ACYOC have traveled a considerable distance from California as representatives, be it resolved that we extend our gratitude for their attendance.

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

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee has provided excellent athletic facilities for the ACYOA, be it resolved that this assembly extends its sincere appreciation.

WHEREAS, the ACYOA is exhibiting continued growth and dedication towards the purpose and goals of the organization, as displayed by the enthusiasm and sense of responsibility of those attending this assembly, be it resolved that, as we embark on the work before us, we strive, with the help of Our Almighty God, to "increase in faith and knowledge" in order to reach greater horizons as members of the Armenian Church.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

After presentation of this report to the Assembly by Seth Bilazarian, Father Nersess moved to accept the recommendations of the Committee. Second by Anita Souin. After discussion by the Assembly, the Report read as follows:

WHEREAS, the United Nations has proclaimed 1979 as "The International Year of the Child", be it resolved that the ACYOA being a Christian youth organization and recognizing the importance of healthy Christian childhood development, supports and acknowledges the efforts of the World Council of Churches toward this International Year of the Child and will work towards this project along with the Diocese in 1980.

Father Nersess and Anita Souin accepted the amendments. The motion was carried.

Father Shnork made a friendly proposal to the Assembly concerning the observance of the 65th anniversary of Martyr's Day in 1980. He suggested that a blood drive be organized by the ACYOA in memory of the martyrs. The Chairman stated that the Central Council would take this under advisement.

The Chairman announced that His Eminence would be sending a telegram to His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, expressing our filial love and advising him of our accomplishments during the Assembly.

The Assembly recessed at 10:15 p.m.

THIRD SESSION - FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1979

The Assembly reconvened at 9:30 a.m. with all delegates participating in prayer led by His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

The Assembly recognized the hard work that the mothers of the Wisconsin Chapter members were doing. They had typed many of the reports for the committees and had done all of the duplicating. We appreciate each of their contributions.

C. Proposed Budget Report

Committee Members:

Karnig Durgarian - Chairperson
Springfield
Nick Akgulian - Wisconsin
Vahan Janjigian - Evanston

Harry Krikorian - Lawrence
Harry Tavitian - Westchester
Brian Yazigian - Detroit

PROPOSED BUDGET
July 1, 1979 - June 30, 1980

REVENUES:

Sports Weekend (including balance due "78")	\$ 4,000.00
Diocesan Subsidy	5,000.00
Dues	1,800.00
Anniversay Balls	1,200.00
Dividends from Stock	800.00
Proceeds from Archbishops Trophy Tournament	1,000.00
Keghard Subscriptions	200.00
ASP Reunion	300.00
	TOTAL
	\$14,300.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Youth Director--Travel/Accommodations/Meals/Telephone	\$ 5,000.00
Central Council & Regional Meetings--Travel/Accommodations/ Meals	2,000.00
Central Council Chapter Visitations--Travel/Accommodations/ Meals	400.00
Central Council Administrative--Telephone/Postage/Reproduction/ Stationery/Miscellaneous	2,500.00
General Assembly (Central Council)--Travel/Accommodations/ Meals	1,000.00
Sports Weekend Accommodations	700.00
Chairmen's Roundtable--Travel/Accommodations/Meals	900.00
Keghard	3,500.00
Standing Committees	500.00
Sam Nersesian Scholarship	300.00
	TOTAL
	\$16,800.00

The Proposed Budget was presented by Karnig Durgarian. After discussion by the Assembly, certain changes were recommended as follows:

Michael Zeytoonian asked that under the Revenues portion, "Keghard Subscriptions . . \$200" be changed to "Keghard . . \$500".

Michael Zeytoonian asked that under the Disbursements portion, "Keghard . . \$3,500" be changed to "Keghard . . \$4,000".

Seth Bilazarian moved to accept the proposed budget, as amended. Second by Richard Gergerian. The motion was carried.

D. Selection of 1980 General Assembly/Sports Weekend Site/Date

Gary Hovhanessian of the New Britain Chapter presented his Chapter's bid for the 1980 General Assembly/Sports Weekend. Slides were shown of Hartford, Connecticut, where our activities would take place.

Vaughan Totovian then presented the bid of the Watertown Chapter for the 1980 General Assembly/Sports Weekend. A professionally arranged slide/sound presentation was made to the delegates.

After vote by the delegates, the Watertown Chapter was announced as the host of the 1980 General Assembly/Sports Weekend.

E. Other New Business

(1) Michael Zeytoonian moved that up to \$2,000 of this year's ASP revenues be allocated to the ASP Reunion Weekend. Second by Deacon Michael Chevian. The motion was carried.

(2) Michael Zeytoonian asked whether the members of the ACYOC could participate during our Sports Weekend. George Tashjian stated that he would like the Central Council and the Primate to look into the feasibility of the Western Diocese being included in our Sports Weekend.

Rob Dogramajian moved that Central Council be directed to study the feasibility of allowing any ACYOC teams or individuals to compete in our Sports Weekend events and report by January 1, 1980. Second by Melanie Mamishian. The motion was carried.

(3) Michael Zeytoonian moved that Central Council be directed to look into the feasibility of converting the Chairman's Roundtable into a weekend workshop. Second by Mark Kazanjian. The motion was carried.

XII. GOOD AND WELFARE

(1) Michael Yapchaian asked the status of the following proposals that had been passed at the 1978 General Assembly:

- a. Survey of the membership: Central Council had discussed the idea of conducting a survey of the membership of the Church/ACYOA, but decided not to do it. The cost was determined to be too great and it was not clear what benefit the results would provide.
- b. Scholarship program: The Central Council had determined that concrete guidelines had not been provided and there were insufficient funds to promote a scholarship.
- c. Printing of Constitution: The Central Council determined that because of the numerous amendments to the Constitution, it would be too costly to print the Constitution in booklet form at this time.

(2) Melanie Barsamian asked whether the members of the Constitution Standing Committee would remain the same or whether new members would be added. The Chairman stated that with the Assembly's approval, he would contact the members of the Committee and make appointments as necessary. None of the delegates objected. Michael Yapchaian had been the chairman of this committee, however, because of his new Central Council position, he would be the liaison between the Committee and Central Council.

(3) Father Karekin expressed great concern about the total number of members the ACYOA has and stated that we should have a minimum of 3,500 people in the organization. Father Karekin felt that we were capable of growing and expanding greatly and strongly urged that this year there be a concentrated effort to gain members to our organization to at least 1,000.

(4) Chapter Reports (Appendix 13)
Chapter Report Results -- July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979

Chapters Reporting: Cambridge, Cheltenham, Cleveland, Hartford, Lawrence, Providence, Toronto, Watertown, Wisconsin, New Britain

Total number of chapters in ACYOA - 24

1. Membership

Number of dues paid members from July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979 -- Approximately 660
Number of dues paid members from January 1, 1978 - June 30, 1978 -- Approximately 386
Number of dues paid members from January 1, 1977 - Dec. 31, 1977 -- Approximately 480

2. Meetings

Average number of general membership meetings held - 11.1. How often? 1/month
Average number of executive committee meetings held - 8.5. How often? 1/10 weeks
Average number of members attending each membership meeting - 31.5%

--Reasons for good attendance: Planned agenda, short meetings, meeting coincided with other program or activity, reorganizational meeting, anticipation of up-coming major events.

--Reasons for poor attendance: No local leadership, school and work schedule conflicts, group is not planning minded, geography, weather.

Comments: Most chapters have developed their leaders from existing groups (clicks) within the local chapters. This is a good opportunity for those of you looking for experience in leadership. Working a one year term for ACYOA would not only serve God and your Church, but will prepare you for the future. A good leader must have a plan, be persuasive, be non-bias, kind, and be able to delegate his authority without overstepping his authority. Membership meetings are the time and place too for major decisions to be made only, executive committees may be able to make most chapter decisions. If decisions are unacceptable, the membership will let the executive committee know. Executive committees are the backbone of the local chapter, they are the major creators of new ideas, lead annual chapter functions, communicate with clergy and parish councils to help improve facilities and relations, set good examples. Everyone must do a fair share, special contributions should be recognized. Membership Drives are almost non-existent.

3. Chapter Functions and Programs

Average number of annual functions or programs - 3.7.

Annual functions and programs: ACYOA Day Banquet, Martyr's Day, Annual Dances, Cultural Program, Lenten and Spiritual Vigil, Parish Annual Activity, Charitables, Athletic Tournaments, Fund Raising.

--Reasons for success or failure of spiritual programs: It seems as though the ACYOA has had great difficulty in establishing a sustained drive to instill spiritual values within our members. Many of our youth still feel uneasy with clergy and praying. It seems that spiritual programs are being planned by those who need more experience in such programs. Those that are most experienced with spiritual activity, our clergy, must set goals and be imaginative.

- Reasons for success or failure of cultural programs: It seems as though the major drawback with cultural programs being established on an annual basis is the lack of facilities. Films, books, pictures, art, music, performing arts, dance, 1st generation, are just a few facilities we should strive to acquire.
- Reasons for success or failure for social programs: Early planning and timely publicity.

4. Parish Activity

Average number of meetings with parish councils - .85.

Number of chapters with a parish council liaison - 9.

Number of meetings with Junior ACYOA (if any) - 3.5.

Number of chapters having a liaison to the Juniors - 8.

Comments: Many chapters can improve their relations with parish councils, therefore, it would be advantageous for ACYOA representatives to meet at least annually with your parish council. Most parish councils welcome the opportunity to speak to representatives of the various church organizations. However, most parish councils do have heavy agendas and would prefer to speak to parish organizations on a specific topic. Any general requests or problems should be directed directly to the parish council liaison or parish council chairman. For most administrative decisions try not to involve clergy.

5. Publicity

Forms of publicity utilized: Parish newsletters, Keghard, flyers, phone, Armenian newspapers, radio, local town papers, chapter newsletters, membership meetings, weekly social gatherings.

Comments: It seems as though publicity to the membership, parish and public is the key to success for all kinds of activity. Planning well in advance is essential. Form phone groups, special mailing lists, and constant communication with your church office for a well-rounded publicity program. Assign more than one individual to cover all functions before, during and after. Good publicity will insure a proper image for your group and will help maintain proper records.

6. Finances

Many chapters feel they are operating to raise money for the church as a priority. Although it is important to strive for such goals, it is not priority. Financial goals must be established by executive committees just as any other goal must be established. Realistic goals should be announced to the membership in order to have the needed feedback. Among the various parish financial obligations all chapters should raise funds for sending representatives to regional and national functions, improve facilities, hire professional help when needed, acquiring certain things to reward the membership or special friends.

7. National and Regional Activity

Although our regional setup has improved, communication is still in the building stages. Chapters are no longer afraid to call upon each other for help or criticism. Regionalization should fit each region's needs. We know have Regional Anniversary Balls, retreats and socials.

8. How ACYOA can Improve

Special full-time concern for the youth by our Diocese, parishes and members. Hire the needed personnel to progress the organization. Make the youth of our church the priority for the next two years.

9. Conclusion

Concerned leadership is imperative to create the proper image to make our people realize the youth problem today is real and we must take steps to insure the future of our church now. Believe it or not, it is up to ACYOA.

Paul Pogharian reviewed the above Report with the Assembly. He stated that the problems with the organization were now at the local level. He urged the delegates to inform their Chapters not to let personal feelings interfere with the work and growth of the ACYOA.

XIII. PRESENTATION OF HOST BANNER/ADJOURNMENT

The Host Banner was presented by His Eminence to representatives of the Watertown Chapter. Deacon Michael Chevian moved to adjourn the 1979 ACYOA General Assembly. Second by Paul Pogharian. The motion was carried. The meeting concluded at 12:00 p.m. with His Eminence blessing the new and old members of Central Council and commending everyone for a successful Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH STEPANIAN
Secretary