

GOVERNING LAWS

(CONCERNING OUR PARISH ASSEMBLIES ACCORDING TO THE BY-LAWS OF OUR DIOCESE )

A PARISH:

1. Members of the Armenian Church in each community, together with the clergy, shall form a parish of the Armenian Church of America. ( Art. 4 )

ELIGIBILITY OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

2. All persons who have been baptized and confirmed in the Armenian Church, who accept its doctrine, canons, and rites, and who fulfill their obligation to this church and community, will be members in good standing of the Parish Church and shall constitute the Parish Assembly. ( Art. 5 )

MINIMUM AGE OF DUES-PAYING MEMBERSHIP:

3. Every member of the Parish, 21 years of age or over, shall pay to his ( or her ) church as annual dues. The amount of which shall be determined by the Diocesan Assembly. Such amount may be increased, but not decreased, by its Parish Assembly. Dues are payable in advance on January 1, of each year. ( Art. 6 )

ELIGIBILITY OF VOTING AND OF HOLDING ELECTIVE OFFICE:

4. Members in good standing of a Parish Church, who are twenty-one years of age or over, may participate in the assemblies of the same parish and may vote, provided that at least six months have elapsed since the date of their dues registrations as members of the parish and their dues have been paid. They may be eligible for office one year after becoming members. ( Art. 7 )

PAYMENT OF DUES MUST BE UP - TO - DATE:

5. Members who fail to pay their dues for one or more years, automatically forfeit their right to vote at parish assemblies, or hold elective office within the parish. Such members may reinstate these rights by payment of their dues in arrears for at least the previous two years. ( Art. 8 )

PARISH ASSEMBLY:

6. A meeting of the members in good standing of the church, presided over by the parish priest, shall form the parish assembly which shall conduct such affairs as may come within its jurisdiction. ( Art. 11 )

ASSEMBLANCE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Parish Assembly shall be held regularly once a year during the month of January or February. Parish Assemblies shall be called with the approval of the Parish Council by the Parish Priest. ( Art. 13 )

DUTIES AND THE PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSEMBLY:

7. The duties of the Parish Assembly shall be:

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- a. To elect officers of the Assembly. ( Art. 14 a. )
- b. To elect a Nominating Committee. ( Art. 14 b. )
- c. To elect Diocesan Delegates from the Parish Membership. ( Art. 14 c. )
- d. To examine the Annual Reports of the Parish Priest, the Parish Council and their Subordinate bodies for all activities during the year, also the Assembly receives a report from the Diocesan Delegates, concerning the Annual Diocesan Assemblies. ( Art. 14 d. )
- e. To decide the budget estimate for the coming year. ( Art. 14 e. )
- f. To elect an Auditing Committee. ( Art. 14 f. )
- g. To elect the members of the Parish Council. ( Art. 14 g. )
- h. To render decisions and pass resolutions relative to questions that appear on the agenda, attached to the announcement of the meeting. ( Art. 14 I )
- i. To adopt resolutions to be submitted to the Diocesan Assembly. ( Art. 14 l )
- j. To report in writing on all decisions and resolutions of the Parish Assembly to the Primate and the Diocesan Council for Approval. ( Art. 14 m )

### INVITATION AND AGENDA:

8. The invitation to a Parish Meeting shall be in writing to each individual member at least one week before the meeting and shall include the agenda of the Assembly. The Agenda shall be prepared by the Parish Priest and the Parish Council, other matters of new business may be added by majority vote of the Assembly. ( Art. 16 )

### QUORUM:

9. The presence of a minimum of one third (1/3) of the eligible voting membership or fifty members shall constitute a quorum, and decisions shall be rendered by majority vote of members present and voting.

Should, however, the Assembly fail to form a quorum, the affirmative votes of the two-thirds ( 2/3 ) of the members present shall be considered sufficient to arrive at a decision. ( Art. 17 )

### PARISH PRIEST IS THE PRESIDENT:

10. The Parish Priest shall preside ex-officio over the Assembly. ( Art. 19 )

### VOTING PROCEDURES:

11. The election shall be carried by secret ballot and by plurality vote. Voting may take place only after the meeting has been called to order, all other matters shall be decided by a show of hands. ( Art. 21 )

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MANNER OF CASTING VOTES:

12. In the Assembly each member shall be entitled to one vote which is not transferable and must be cast in person. In case of a tie vote the presiding officer, namely the Parish Priest, shall cast the deciding vote or he shall authorize a second balloting. ( Art. 22 )

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