

V. FIFTH SESSION - Friday, August 31st, 1984

A. Opening Prayer Service.

The Opening Prayer Service was officiated by the Primate, and officially opened the fifth session of the Assembly at 9:30 a.m. Melina Spinuzza chaired the session.

B. Minutes of Previous Session

Assistant Assembly Secretary, George Jevarjian, read the Minutes of the previous session. Corrections were made.

Motion to accept the Minutes by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - seconded by Arda Nazerian (Central Council). Minutes accepted.

C. Continuation of Consideration of General Proposals:

#4 Submitted by ACYOA Central Council: (3/4 vote of Assembly needed for consideration - passed)

"That the ACYOA make a donation to the Diocesan Commemorative effort for the 70th Anniversary of the Victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915. The donation would be on the advisement of the Primate."

The Proposals Committee accepted the idea of the proposal, but did not recommend the wording as presented. They proposed a similar, re-worded, proposal.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on Proposal #4.

DEFEATED.

#4A Re-worded Proposal by Proposals Committee (3/4 vote of Assembly needed)

"That the General Assembly direct the ACYOA Central Council to make a donation to the Diocesan Commemorative effort for the 70th Anniversary of the Victims of the Genocide of 1915. The donation would be on the advisement of the Primate. And that it encourage its local chapters to make similar donations to their respective parishes."

Motion to consider Proposal #4A by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - Seconded by Nora Ovassapian - Motion passed.
(EVANSTON)

Arda Nazerian (Central Council) moved to accept Proposal #4A - seconded by Sona Palvetzian (Central Council).

PROPOSAL PASSED.

#5 Submitted by Proposals Committee (3/4 vote of Assembly needed - passed)

"This Committee recommends the adoption of the position drafted by the 1982 Diocesan Assembly condemning terrorism and all its forms."

Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) moved to place this proposal under "Resolutions" - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown)

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

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#6 Submitted by the Religious Program Committee (3/4 vote of Assembly needed)

"That the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide, and distribute material to all parishes necessary for a Winter retreat to be held some time in January of 1985, using the topic "Lonliness", and Father Yeprem Kelegian as the resource. It is suggested that it be an overnight retreat, if possible using the facilities of an official retreat center."

Motion to consider the proposal by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - seconded by Peter Babigian (Watertown) - motion passed.

Motion to accept the proposal by Belinda Amerigian (Detroit) - seconded by Nora Ovassapian (Evanston).

Discussion included clarification on intent. Each parish is to have its own retreat.

PROPOSAL PASSED.

#7 Submitted by the Religious Program Committee (3/4 vote of Assembly needed)

"That the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide and distribute material to all parishes for a Spring retreat to be held some time in May of 1985, using the topic "Hassles", and Father Yeprem Kelegian as the resource. It is suggested that it be an overnight retreat, if possible using the facilities of an official retreat center."

Motion to consider the proposal by Belinda Amerigian (Detroit)-seconded by Nora Ovassapian (Evanston)- motion passed.

Motion to accept proposal by Peter Babigian (Watertown) - seconded by Lisa Kazanjian (Wynnewood).

PROPOSAL PASSED.

#8 Submitted by the Religious Program Committee (3/4 vote of Assembly needed)

"That the ACYOA Central Council and Executive Secretary promote, provide and distribute material to all parishes to have "Lenten Dialogues", held once a week during Lent, using Arthur Sabounjian as the resource."

Motion to consider the proposal by Peter Babigian (Watertown) - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - motion passed.

Motion to accept proposal by Peter Babigian (Watertown) -seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown).

PROPOSAL PASSED.

The Chair then requested of the Assembly any other general proposals for consideration. No other proposals were made.

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D. Consideration of
Constitutional Amendments (2/3 vote needed to pass)

Submitted by the Watertown ACYOA Chapter: Article 8 - Section 8

"The President of the Chapter shall be the Pastor in charge of the local parish or such representative delegated by the Pastor and employed by the parish for youth activities. The President of the Chapter shall have the responsibility of insuring 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 Chapter Annual Membership and monthly Membership Meetings. In case of a tie in any voting, the President shall cast the deciding vote. In the event there is no local Pastor or Parish Council, the Chapter Chairman and ACYOA Central Council shall have these responsibilities."

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) serving as spokesman for the Constitutional Amendments Committee, explained that the Committee did not recommend the amendment as worded, and suggested that the words "employed by" be replaced with the word "serving".

Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) asked if this amendment was against the Diocesan By-Laws.

The Primate advised the Assembly that the proposed amendment was in violation of the Diocesan By-Laws in that it released a Pastor from duties that are clearly defined by the Diocesan By-Laws. The amendment would have to be re-worded.

The amendment was not considered as initially worded, or as re-worded by the Constitutional Amendments Committee.

A re-wording of the amendment was introduced by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown).
Article 10 Section 5:

"The Parish Youth Director, duly employed by the Parish for youth activities shall be an ex-officio delegate to the ACYOA General Assembly with the powers of an elected delegate."

Motion made to consider the amendment (3/4 vote of Assembly needed) made by Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) - seconded by Sona Palvetzian (Central Council) - passed.

Motion made to accept the amendment by Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) - seconded by Peter Babigian (Watertown). Discussion.

Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) said that the reason for the words "duly employed" are to prevent someone from being appointed at the last minute for the purpose of gaining voting privileges at the ACYOA General Assembly.

The Primate stated that several parishes are interested in employing youth directors, and that His Eminence is in favor of the idea of the amendment, and especially in its strict wording. His Eminence also said that parishes should be encouraged to spend money to employ youth directors.

A 2/3 vote of the Assembly needed for Constitutional Amendments was not received.

AMENDMENT NOT ACCEPTED.

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At a later time, after suspended agenda, this proposed amendment was again brought to the Assembly floor.

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) read an amended version of the proposed amendment:

"The Parish Youth Director who is appointed by a parish or group of parishes to serve the youth of the parish(s) on a regular basis shall be an ex-officio delegate to the General Assembly of the ACYOA with the powers and privileges of an elected delegate."

Peter Babigian (Watertown) moved to accept the proposed amendment - seconded by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) - discussion.

Questions were raised regarding guidelines for qualified Youth Directors, and the opportunity of large parishes to employ, versus small parishes who cannot.

A 2/3 vote was not received for the proposed amendment.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

E. Consideration of National Budget

Vaughan Totovian, ACYOA Central Council Treasurer, presented the Proposed National ACYOA Budget which was reviewed by the Assembly Budget Committee.

Motion made by Scott Najarian (Worcester) to accept the Proposed National Budget - seconded by Shake Ajamian (Bayside) - discussion.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) moved to amend the budget by decreasing the "Educational Workshops" line item from \$700.00 to \$500.00 - seconded by Steve Sarkisian (Watertown) - amendment PASSED.

Fr. Nersess Jebejian (Houston) moved to amend the budget by removing the \$100.00 allocated to "Scholarships & Awards" - seconded by Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) - discussion.

It was noted that usually the allotment for Scholarships and Awards is over \$300.00. This year, no applications were received for the scholarships, and thus no money will be given in this area. Thus, a figure of \$100.00 was placed for the line item to appear in the National Budget. The following year, the amount could be adjusted.

It was suggested that "asterisks" be placed on the line item to indicate the need next year, allowing the money to be used elsewhere.

Vote taken, amendment to budget PASSED.

Miles Couyoumjian (Detroit) moved to amend the proposed budget by adding a new line item "Miscellaneous" and placing \$300.00 there - seconded by Belinda Amerigian (Detroit) - amendment PASSED.

Arda Nazerian (Central Council) moved to accept the National Budget as amended - seconded by Scott Najarian (Worcester).

BUDGET ACCEPTED AS AMENDED (see attachment of final budget figures)

F. Report of Resolutions and Courtesies Committee

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown) presented the report of the Assembly Committee on Resolutions and Courtesies.

Motion by Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) to accept the Report and extend the courtesies of the Assembly - seconded by Shake Ajamian (Bayside) - discussion.

Scott Najarian (Worcester) moved to amend the Courtesies to include the clergymen who attended the participated in the ACYOA Assembly - seconded by Kirk Noraian (Detroit) - amendment PASSED.

A voice vote was taken to accept the Report and extend the Courtesies as amended.

PASSED. (This Report included the adoption of the 1982 Diocesan Resolution condemning terrorism.)

G. Report of the Nominating Committee - Elections

Nominations for:

1. ACYOA Auditing Committee (3 positions)

Stephen Sarkisian (Watertown)
Robert Shamgochian (Worcester)
Lisa Manoogian (Wynnewood)

There being no other nominations, Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) moved to have the Secretary cast one vote for the nominees. Accomplished.

2. ACYOA Nominating Committee (3 positions)

Scott Najarian (Worcester)
Diane Kapikian (Bayside)
Kathy Terzian (Detroit)

There being no other nominations, Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) moved to have the Secretary cast one vote for the nominees. Accomplished.

3. ACYOA Central Council (2 positions)

Shake Ajamian (Bayside) - elected
Susan Boyajian (Palos Heights) - elected
Charles Cholmakjian (Detroit) - alternate

H. Selection of Site and Date for the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly

ACYOA Central Council Chairman, Arda Nazerian, reported that there were no bids to host the 1985 General Assembly to date, however several Chapters had indicated their willingness to take on the project. The ACYOA Central Council will pursue the most qualified Chapters and their abilities to handle the event, which includes hosting the National Sports Weekend immediately following the Assembly. A decision will be reached before November 1st.

Fifth Assembly Session (con't)

I. GOOD AND WELFARE

A question was raised as to exactly what "good and welfare" is.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) explained that this agenda item gives a chance for anyone to say something on the good and welfare of the Organization.

Kirk Noraian congratulated Melinna Spinuzza on chairing the Assembly, this being her first Assembly as a delegate.

Peter Babigian (Watertown) asked about the slide presentation at last year's Assembly on Jerusalem, and if a title had been selected yet. Mr. Magarian, ACYOA Executive Secretary, explained that no title had been selected, and that a considerable amount of editing was yet to be done, as well as dividing the long program into separate short programs.

Arthur Sabounjian (Watertown) said that we need to be positive and move ahead.

Miles Couyoumjian (Detroit) said that he was concerned about ideas brought up and chaired (?) until the following year.

Michael Yapchaian (Watertown) said that everyone should review the constitution of the ACYOA and the rules of order so that the process here will move along better.

George Jevarjian (Detroit) extended thanks to those who had served the Assembly as Secretary - Virginia Semerdjian, Arda Nazerian and Sona Diorio.

The Primate encouraged all delegates to promote and participate where possible in the Youth Festival to be held in Yerevan in August, 1985. Handouts with information were distributed.

J. Announcements

George Jevarjian (Detroit) announced the "INSIGHTS" seminars that will take place during the Weekend, and encouraged everyone to attend.

A bible study will take place later at 2 p.m. in room 503.

Kevin Giragosian, Host Committee Chairman for the National Sports Weekend, welcomed everyone to Palos Heights and said that complimentary T-shirts and official Weekend tumbler-glasses will be given to all participants on the package plan.

K. Adjournment and Final Blessing

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the Assembly - moved by George Jevarjian (Central Council) - seconded by Nancy Chobanian (Wisconsin) - Motion PASSED.

All members of the ACYOA Central Council, outgoing and incoming members as well, were asked to come forward for a blessing by the Primate.

The Primate blessed the Council members and led the entire Assembly in a closing Prayer.

The Assembly closed at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Virginia Semerdjian, Arda Nazerian, Sona Diorio, George Jevarjian

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ACYOA National Budget - 1984-85

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>'83-84</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>'83-84</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>'83-84</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>'84-85</u>
Membership Dues	\$ 2000.00	\$ 1030.34	11.4 %	\$ 2200.00
Nationl Sports Wkdn.	4000.00	1811.15	20.0	4000.00
Dividends & Interest	2000.00	1521.91	16.8	2000.00
Armenian Studies Prgms.	3500.00	3500.00	38.6	3000.00
Regional Anniversary Balls	100.00	0.00	----	225.00
Camp Program	500.00	500.00	5.5	-----**
Archbp's Basketball Tourney	750.00	406.50	4.5	1500.00
Donations	0.00	43.00	0.5	100.00
Fund Raising	500.00	----	----	0.00
MagMoney	0.00	244.16	2.7	-----**
TOTALS	\$13350.00	\$9057.06		\$13025.00

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ACYOA National Budget - 1984-85

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>'83-84</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>'83-84</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>'83-84</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>'84-85</u>
Central Council Meetings	\$ 3000.00	\$ 3723.42	31.2	\$ 4000.00
Central Council Adminstr.	2500.00	2021.42	16.9	2500.00
Chapter Visitations	800.00	1490.33	12.5	1500.00
Gen.Assembly/Spts.Wknd.	2000.00	1779.16	14.9	2000.00
Leadership Seminar	300.00	213.72	1.8	250.00
Publications	1500.00	907.33	7.6	1100.00
Archbp's Basketball Tourney	0.00	0.00	---	200.00
Standing Committees	100.00	0.00	---	100.00
Scholarships & Awards	400.00	370.00	3.1	0.00*
Mission Program	1200.00	232.69	1.9	-----**
Audio-Visual Programs	400.00	743.93	6.2	400.00
Donations	100.00	25.00	0.2	100.00
Program R & D	1000.00	53.75	0.4	-----**
Service Charges	0.00	85.58	0.7	75.00
MagMoney (Refunds)	0.00	284.25	2.4	-----**
Educational Workshops	----	----	---	500.00***
Miscellaneous	----	----	---	300.00
TOTALS	\$13300.00	\$11930.58		\$13025.00

* No applications for Scholarships - Will need budget for 1985-86

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*** New Program

LIST OF OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS AND DELEGATES

1. His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church
2. James Magarian, ACYOA Executive Secretary
3. Arda Nazerian, Central Council
3. Vaughan Totovian, Central Council
4. Sona Palvetzian, Central Council
5. George Jevarjian, Central Council

6. V. Rev. Fr. Varoujan Kabaradjian, Evanston
7. Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian, Houston
8. Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Wisconsin
9. Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian, Worcester
10. Rev. Dcn. Semp Aljalian, Diocese

11. Shake Ajamian, Bayside
12. Diane Kapikian, Bayside
13. Lucine Arslanian, Cleveland
14. Charles Arslanian, Cleveland
15. Cheryl Arslanian, Cleveland
16. Belinda Amerigian, Detroit
17. Charles Cholmakjian, Detroit
18. Myles Couyoumjian, Detroit
19. Kirk Noraian, Detroit
20. Roseann Manoogian, Detroit
21. Kathy Terzian, Detroit
21. Nor Ovassapian, Evanston
22. Melina Spinuzza, Evanston**
23. Ari Doghramadjian, Montreal
24. Alain Tchaderjian, Montreal
25. Peter Bogosian, Palos Heights
26. Susan Boyajian, Palos Heights
27. Gail Giragosian, Palos Heights
28. Kevin Giragosian, Palos Heights
29. Craig Eranosian, Providence
30. John Harpootian, Providence
31. Lily Tossounian, Toronto
32. Peter Babigian, Watertown
33. Arthur Sabounjian, Watertown
34. Stephen Sarkisian, Watertown**
35. Michael Yapchaian, Watertown**

36. Nancy Chobanian, Wisconsin
37. Scott Najarian, Worcester**
38. Robert Shamgochian, Worcester**
39. Diana Ahakinian, Wynnewood
40. Lisa Kazanjian, Wynnewood
41. Lisa Manookian, Wynnewood
42. Mary Odabashian, Wynnewood

- GUESTS

43. Nina Barsamian, Houston
44. Ani Mavoulian, Houston
45. John Yaldezian, Western Diocese
46. Tory Topjian, Western Diocese

- SECRETARIES

47. Virginia Semerdjian
48. Sona Diorio

** indicates Assembly Officer